



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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February 22, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker
and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Council Member Blocker arrived at 5:04 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

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Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 5:04 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Ushka stated that we gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Ushka.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of those who have lost their lives to or have been impacted by COVID-19 and systemic racism.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [22-0205](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, December 14, 2021.
2. [22-0202](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, December 1, 2021.
3. [22-0203](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 7, 2021.
4. [22-0210](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 14, 2021.
5. [22-0223](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, December 21, 2021.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for Public Comment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jonathan Pottle, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
2. James Williams, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on File Nos. 22-0226 and 22-0227, and Ordinance No. 28806.
4. Jamie, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
5. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
6. Marie McDonald, speaking on File No. 22-0227.

Public Comment ended at 5:14 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. [22-0226](#) A motion may be considered to terminate the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 4, related to official City of Tacoma public meetings to be in virtual format.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to terminate the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 4, related to official City of Tacoma public meetings to be in virtual format.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

7. [22-0227](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 5, related to official City of Tacoma format for public meetings.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to confirm the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 5, related to official City of Tacoma format for public meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

APPOINTMENTS

8. [RES40918](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40918.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

9. [ORD28804](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of Sewer Revenue Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$105,000,000, to finance and/or reimburse the City for costs associated with the construction, improvement, and equipping of the City's municipal sewer system, and to pay costs of issuing the bonds; providing the form and terms of the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the method sale and the final terms of the bonds.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28804.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

10. [ORD28805](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of Solid Waste Revenue Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000, to finance and/or reimburse the City for costs associated with the construction, improvement, and equipping of the City’s municipal solid waste system, and to pay costs of issuing the bonds; providing the form and terms of the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the method sale and the final terms of the bonds.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28805.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28806](#) An ordinance allowing recruitment incentives for lateral police officers to adapt to current challenges in hiring.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28806 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management is coordinating the response to current cold weather forecasts and sharing information about available resources for homeless individuals, Pierce County staff estimates there are currently forty open beds in the shelter system, there are no plans to open additional inclement weather shelters at this time, the need for additional shelters will be reevaluated this week, and Pierce County is hosting a daily meeting with service providers and outreach teams to assess the community needs and to respond as needed. She concluded by stating the City's Homeless Engagement Alternatives Liaison Team is actively visiting encampments every day this week to encourage individuals to seek available shelter, the City is connecting with all of the City-funded shelter providers to assess their needs and offer supplies as needed, and the Lighthouse Activity Center continues to operate near capacity.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

There was no report.

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Council Member Hines expressed appreciation for his colleagues in the Government Performance and Finance Committee in providing the update for in-person meetings and for Claire Goodwin for her assistance in researching and compiling the information.

Council Member Bushnell addressed a comment made during Public Comment and stated there should be no disparaging remarks when people are giving comment, and stated that comments should be respectful, relevant, and on topic.

Mayor Woodards stated that she, along with Council Members Blocker and Walker, received a letter and signatures from several organizations asking the City to fully fund a non-police crisis response team, and that the letter contains six immediate demands, four demands for the 2023-2024 biennial budget, and over 500 signatures. She concluded by announcing that early Monday morning there was an apartment complex fire in the McKinley neighborhood, four units were completely destroyed displacing 13 residents, the American Red Cross is helping to shelter the displaced families, firefighters were on the scene and had the fire under control within an hour, there were no serious injuries, and the City is ready to support those families however needed; and expressed appreciation for firefighters and public safety officers who responded to the call and helped those families.

Deputy Mayor Ushka expressed appreciation for the Tacoma Fire Department for their promptness in responding to the apartment complex fire; announced that Parable is opening today to accept donations for the families that were affected; the Eastside Neighborhoods Advisory Council of Tacoma is meeting tonight, at 6:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will provide more information on how to support those that are displaced, and are coordinating with the American Red Cross; and there are GoFundMe accounts set up specifically for these families.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk