



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers  
Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/89496171192](https://www.zoom.us/j/89496171192) Passcode: 896569

**February 27, 2024**  
**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Hines called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:02 p.m. and Council Member Daniels arrived at 12:08 p.m.

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [24-0192](#) South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Moratorium Extension Public Hearing Debrief  
[Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner; Maryam Moeinian, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided opening remarks on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) moratorium extension public hearing debrief; and introduced Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, PDS; Dana de Leon, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services; Glen George, Civil Engineer, Tacoma Water; Scott Hallenberg, Operations Manager, Tacoma Water; Esther Beaumier, Program Manager, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD); and Kelsie Lane, Environmental Specialist, TPCHD.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:02 p.m.

Moeinian presented an overview of the February 20, 2024, public hearing; public comments; a summary of the moratorium, noting Amended Substitute Resolution No. 40985 and Ordinance No. 28872. Atkinson presented an overview of how public comments will be addressed in the work plan.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 12:08 p.m.

Atkinson continued by noting consideration to climate change and conducting a health impact assessment, and land use context. Moeinian concluded with review of what the moratorium does not do, noting existing uses and approved projects; reminders, including the existing moratorium expires March 20, 2024; and tentative schedule and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding impervious surfaces, noting studies and aquifer recharge standards; appreciation for community input; land use context map, noting City growth centers, tree canopies, parks and open spaces, and airport compatibility residential locations; and timeline.

### **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports given.

### **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**

2. [24-0193](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, February 22, 2024  
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, and Deputy Mayor Hines will be making a statement to Public Works; that no changes are expected to tonight's agenda; and that tonight's meeting includes community forum.

### **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

  
Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
Nicole Emery, City Clerk