



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**July 16, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:30 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

### Briefing Items

1. [24-0743](#) State of the Court  
[Drew Henke, Presiding Judge; Steven Krupa; Judge; Dee Sonntag, Judge Randall Hansen, Court Commissioner; Tacoma Municipal Court]  
  
At approximately 12:30 p.m., Drew Henke, Presiding Judge, Tacoma Municipal Court, provided a brief overview of the state of the court and introduced Steven Krupa and Dee Sonntag, Judges, and Randall Hansen, Court Commissioner. Together they presented an agenda; court team; achievements over the past year, including 2023 traffic filing data, Enterprise Justice, Mental Health Court, Community Court, and access to justice progress; future vision, noting recovery navigators; and community connection and outreach.  
  
Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for staff, noting their commitment to the community; support for Mental Health and Community Courts and the evolution of the court system; Community Court, including youth charges, pending referrals, and new Library location; alternative response; and court capacity and funding.
2. [24-0745](#) Proposed Charter Amendments Review  
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Mayor Woodards]

At approximately 1:05 p.m., Mayor Woodards provided opening remarks on the proposed City Charter amendments, including the order for amendments to appear on the ballot, concerns regarding amendments fitting on one page of the ballot, and consideration for forwarding less than eight amendments. She

concluded with the process options for Council to determine the order.

Discussion ensued regarding future ballot options, next steps, current draft order, and length of ballot titles.

3. [24-0761](#) Council Appointment Process  
[Mayor Woodards]

At approximately 1:19 p.m., Mayor Woodards provided information on the District No. 4 Council appointment process and timeline, noting that motions to consider each applicant will be made until an applicant receives the majority vote.

## Other Items of Interest

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Mayor Woodards stated the Charter Review Committee's proposed amendments the City Council is redirecting will come as a resolution at tonight's meeting, including clarifying processes.

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3A. [24-0774](#) A letter from the City Council to Enterprise Community Partners in support of the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center application.  
[Mayor Woodards]

Council Members Daniels and Walker presented a letter to Enterprise Community Partners to support the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center's application for the Health and Safety Renovation-Early Learning Facilities Grant.

Discussion ensued regarding Enterprise Community Partners and next steps.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [24-0746](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, July 11, 2024  
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, and one change is expected to tonight's agenda, adding the

letter of support for the Multiculture Child and Family Hope Center.

## **Executive Session - Potential Litigation & Evaluate the Qualifications of a Candidate for Appointment to Elective Office**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h) to discuss potential litigation and evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker**

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

**Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards**

The City Council convened to executive session at 1:37 p.m.  
Chris Bacha, City Attorney was present.

The executive session was extended by 15 minutes at 2:07 p.m. and 2:23 p.m. and by 10 minutes at 2:40 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 2:52 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Andrea Tison  
for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole  
Nicole Emery, City Clerk