



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**August 08, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:02 p.m.

Mayor Woodards and Council Member Daniels participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Diaz 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 Council Member Diaz.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0788](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, July 12, 2023.
2. [23-0789](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, July 12, 2023.
3. [23-0794](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, June 21, 2023.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41253](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$598,175.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund and Surface Water Fund, for wastewater and stormwater improvements along East "C" Street and East 48th Street, for a projected contract total of \$687,901.25 - Specification No. ES23-0056F.  
[Jordan Ennis, P.E., Science and Engineering Civil Engineer;  
Michael P. Slevin III, Director, Environmental Services]
  
5. [RES41254](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$1,084,473.50, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from various departmental funds, for wastewater and stormwater sewer improvements along South Cushman Avenue, South 35th Street, and South Wright Avenue, for a projected contract total of \$1,247,144.52 - Specification No. ES23-0055F.  
[Jordan Ennis, P.E., Science and Engineering Civil Engineer;  
Michael P. Slevin III, Director, Environmental Services;  
Josh Diekmann, Interim Director, Public Works]

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28880](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of undeveloped South 35th Street, west of South "G" Street, to facilitate expansion of public school sports fields and parking.  
(Tacoma School District No. 10; File No. 124.1437)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41253 and 41254 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28880.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41253 and 41254 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28880. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards  
**Absent:** 3 - Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:02 p.m.

Public Comment began at 5:02 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received two written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28901, regarding amending the Future Land Use Map and Parks and Recreation Facilities Map for the Mor Furniture site.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Charlie Brown, speaking on Ordinance No. 28902.
2. Chris Heaton, speaking on Ordinance No. 28902.
3. Michele Reich, speaking on Ordinance No. 28902.
4. April Smith, speaking on Ordinance No. 28901.
5. Robert Neal, speaking on Ordinance No. 28900.

Public Comment ended at 5:11 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

7. [RES41255](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Louis Rudolph Homes LLC, for the development of 20 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 3579 South “G” Street, in the Lincoln Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41255.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Rumbaugh and Ushka

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

8. [ORD28900](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, to construct, operate, maintain, and provide cable television services in the City.  
[Jeff Lueders, Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28900 was set over for final reading on August 29, 2023.**

9. [ORD28901](#) An ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map for the Mor Furniture site, located at 1824 South 49th Street, to change from a Low-Scale Residential land use designation to a General Commercial land use designation, and amending the Parks and Recreation Facilities Map to remove the subject site, as part of the 2023 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28901 was set over for final reading next week.**

10. [ORD28902](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, to expand the allowed use of electric fences in association with outdoor storage in various zoning districts, with associated development standards, as part of the 2023 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28902 was set over for final reading next week.**

11. [ORD28903](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, to support the expanded use of shipping containers for temporary and accessory uses, as part of the 2023 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28903 was set over for final reading next week.**

12. [ORD28904](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 13.01 and 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Definitions and Zoning, to clarify delivery-only retail business use and standards, as part of the 2023 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28904 was set over for final reading next week.**

13. [ORD28905](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, by amending various sections to clarify commercial zoning design and development standards that would apply to projects seeking to utilize the Multi-Family Tax Exemption Program in neighborhood commercial areas, as part of the 2023 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28905 was set over for final reading next week.**

14. [ORD28906](#) An ordinance amending various chapters in Title 1, relating to Administration and Personnel, and Title 13, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code of the Municipal Code, to adopt minor code amendments, as part of the 2023 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28906 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 5:37 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding elected salaries, land use application LU21-0156, and cat declawing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding cat declawing.
2. Steven Bock, regarding gun violence.
3. Sue, regarding illegal taxicabs.
4. Robert Neal, regarding cable television services.
5. April Smith, regarding National Night Out, crime at Charlotte's Blueberry Park, homeless encampments, and the Larchmont District Green Infrastructure project.

Community Forum ended at 5:47 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Diaz, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the July 12, 2023, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Tacoma Recycles Right multi-family engagement study; on July 26, 2023, the Committee received presentations on the Facility Advisory Committee progress and project cost update for the City's General Government facility portfolio, and the Neighborhood Planning Program; and the August 9, 2023, meeting has been cancelled. She concluded by stating that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on August 23, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Transportation Commission and a presentation on the Urban Design Project Review Program.

### Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Blocker, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the July 27, 2023, meeting, the Committee received

presentations on Minimum Building and Structures Code compliance and the opioid settlement; and the August 10, 2023, meeting has been cancelled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on August 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities and a presentation on the managed intake overview for the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society and animal control.

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**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to excuse Council Members Rumbaugh and Ushka from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Rumbaugh and Ushka

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk