



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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September 26, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Ushka

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0918](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, April 18, 2023.
2. [23-0907](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, March 8, 2023.
3. [23-0921](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, April 26, 2023.
4. [23-0922](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, August 2, 2023.
5. [23-0923](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, August 16, 2023.
6. [23-0913](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, August 23, 2023.
7. [23-0914](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, August 23, 2023.

8. [23-0903](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, August 14, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PAYMENTS

9. [23-0916](#) Date Range - 08/28/2023 to 09/10/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$20,632,165.47; Payments in the amount of \$24,452,205.55;
for a total of \$45,084,371.02.

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [23-0930](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, September 26, 2023, as Chronic Disease Day.

Deputy Mayor Walker proclaimed Tuesday, September 26, 2023, as Chronic Disease Day and presented the proclamation to Johanna Wolf, Health Promotion Coordinator, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

11. [23-0944](#) Proclaiming October 2-8, 2023, as Week Without Driving.

Deputy Mayor Walker proclaimed October 2-8, 2023, as Week Without Driving and presented the proclamation to Anna Zivarts, Director of Disability Mobility Initiative Program, Disability Rights Washington; Krystal Monteros, Member, Empower Movement Washington; Amin "Tony" Hester, Chair, and Hayley Edick, Member, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities; and Maddi Loates, community member.

12. [23-0929](#) Proclaiming October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Deputy Mayor Walker proclaimed October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Patricia Flores, Executive Director, Catherine Place.

13. [23-0928](#) Proclaiming October 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Deputy Mayor Walker proclaimed October 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Emily Barahal, Program Specialist, Washington State Department of Services for the Blind.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:33 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Resolution No. 41274, regarding the Tacoma Tree Foundation.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on the Chronic Disease Day proclamation.
2. April Smith, speaking on the Chronic Disease Day proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 5:38 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

14. [23-0945](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s offer for full and final settlement in the amount of \$1,500,000 of all contract claims against the City by James W. Fowler Company, for additional compensation under its amended and restated progressive design-build contract to design and construct the Jefferson & Hood Street Surface Water Interceptor Project.

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to authorize the City’s offer for full and final settlement in the amount of \$1,500,000 of all contract claims against the City by James W. Fowler Company, for additional compensation under its amended and restated progressive design build contract to design and construct the Jefferson & Hood Street Surface Water Interceptor Project.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Ushka

APPOINTMENTS

15. [RES41273](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41273.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Ushka

RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES41274](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to support the Tacoma Tree Foundation in purchasing operational equipment for tree planting and maintenance in the City.
[Council Member Diaz]

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41274.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Ushka

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:46 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for Community Forum regarding tiny homes; Resolution No. 41226, relating to the review of a moratorium on the Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts; animal rights, the Iraq war, and crime and code enforcement.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on the September 11, 2001, tragedy, and the Iraq war.
2. Samantha Ball, speaking on crime and code enforcement.
3. Carole Sue Braaten, speaking on Rainier Connect and Click! cable television.
4. Joe Kunzler, speaking on the Week Without Driving and National Disability Employment Awareness Month proclamations, and Sound Transit.
5. April Smith, speaking on the City Charter Review process, and tree regulations.

Community Forum ended at 5:55 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the August 29, 2023, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee; on September 12, 2023, the Committee received a presentation on the Minority Business Development Agency program; and at today's meeting, the Committee received a presentation on business license fees. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and that currently no presentations are scheduled for this meeting.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the September 19, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the monthly budget update, a wholesale trading overview, and proposals to modify large load rate class structures. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include presentations on amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Title 6, and a cybersecurity briefing.

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MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to excuse Council Members Bushnell and Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Ushka

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Deputy Mayor Walker reminded everyone to participate in the Week Without Driving.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk