



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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August 15, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Deputy Mayor Walker and Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Rumbaugh 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 Rumbaugh.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0808](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 19, 2023.
2. [23-0809](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 3, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that a motion will be considered to substitute Ordinance No. 28907.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES41256](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a loan and grant agreement with the Washington State Public Works Board, including a loan in the amount of \$750,000, and a loan forgiveness grant in the amount of up to \$250,000, for a cumulative total of \$1,000,000; and accepting and depositing said sum into the Transportation Capital Fund, for the Union Avenue Bridge Emergency Fire Damage Repair Project. [Chris Storey, Principal Engineer; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

4. [23-0806](#) Date Range - 07/17/2023 to 07/30/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$20,819,516.42; Payments in the amount of \$28,714,721.22; for a total of \$49,534,237.64.

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41256.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41256. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:03 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Ordinance No. 28901.

Public Comment ended at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

5. [RES41257](#) A resolution reappointing Shennetta Smith to the Board of Commissioners of the Tacoma Housing Authority for a five-year term, beginning August 22, 2023, to expire August 21, 2028.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41257.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41258](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Braun Northwest, Inc., in the amount of \$2,847,889, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund, for the purchase of nine 2024 North Star 171-1 Ambulances - Savvik Purchasing Group, Contract No. PSAI 2020-04.
[Teresa Green, Business Services Manager; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41258.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41259](#) A resolution directing the Planning Commission to review Section 13.06.080 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Special Use Standards”, to consider modifications to home occupation standards for the purpose of expanding opportunities to microbusinesses. [Council Member Diaz]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41259.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [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]

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to amend Ordinance No. 28901 to condition any future rezone of the Mor Furniture site upon the prior recording of a restrictive covenant limiting uses that may develop, and to add language to the Comprehensive Plan regarding the risks to human health where housing is adjacent to freeways to provide guidance for future review of zoning and land use regulations.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28901, as amended. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

9. [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]

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28902

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28902. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

10. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28903.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

11. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28904.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

12. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28905.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

13. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28906.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28907](#) A substitute ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for nonrepresented classifications, to reflect the organizational structure.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28907.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ACTION: Substitute Ordinance No. 28907 was set over for final reading next week.

- 15. [ORD28908](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 8.30A of the Municipal Code, relating to Chronic Public Nuisance, by amending Section 8.30A.020, entitled “Definitions”, to add multiple state law crimes and to include violations of the City’s Rental Housing Code to the definition of a nuisance activity, and by amending Section 8.30A.040, entitled “Correction agreement”, to add an execution deadline.
[Keith Echterling, Deputy City Attorney; Avery Moore, Police Chief]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28908 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli shared that the City is ensuring that there is adequate hydration, shade, and periods of rest for field staff during the high temperatures; a message from the Tacoma Fire Department regarding the high threat of outdoor fire, noting suggestions provided to minimize risk; and that the Homeless Engagement and Alternatives Liaison Team has been distributing water, sunscreen, and information on how to access cooling centers to the homeless community members, noting a list of cooling center locations, hours, capacity, and the use of Pierce Transit buses or shuttles to receive a free ride to the locations.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

There was no report.

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MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to excuse Council Member Blocker from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk