



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126
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April 12, 2022
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Daniels

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

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member McCarthy 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 McCarthy.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Detective Kimberly Cribbin.

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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0430](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, December 7, 2021.
2. [22-0431](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, January 18, 2022.
3. [22-0432](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 1, 2022.
4. [22-0433](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 15, 2022.

5. [22-0434](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, March 1, 2022.
6. [22-0411](#) Minutes of the joint Transportation Commission and Planning Commission meeting, February 16, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. [22-0415](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 1, 2022.
8. [22-0413](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 8, 2022.
9. [22-0414](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 15, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40943](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, April 26, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for Housing, Community and Economic Development, and public services.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28777](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of the North Narrows Drive right-of-way at North 26th Street to facilitate future residential development on abutting, undeveloped real property.
(Paul and Deidra Miller; File No. 124.1416)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40943 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28777.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40943 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28777. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12. [22-0436](#) Proclaiming April 10-16, 2022, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 10-16, 2022, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week and presented the proclamation to Sambath Eat, Program Director, Cambodian American Community Council of Washington; Chandara Sos, Board Member, Khmer Voice for Democracy; and Savong Lam, Administrative Coordinator, Khmer Anti-Deportation Advocacy Group.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:21 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

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- 13. [22-0435](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Theresa Evans.

Mayor Woodards recognized Theresa Evans, Community Advocate, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Evans.

- 14. [22-0429](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Environmental Services Department’s racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services (ES). Slevin introduced Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Management Division Manager, ES, and provided background information on ES's strategic plan, and equity and transformation efforts. Griffith presented the ES departmental transformation highlight, including solid waste education outreach and engagement, noting the City Council priority area regarding access to services, context, actions, and transcreation; and equitable outreach and engagement, noting the City Council priority area regarding access to services, and the Recycle Reset Community Ambassador Program.

Griffith further reviewed how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of ES employees, the ES Equity Team, and the team's recruitment and retention subcommittees; purposeful outreach and engagement; equitable service delivery; and the departmental look forward, noting ongoing efforts. City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments, upcoming items, and the transformation timeline and history.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 6:20 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28811, regarding attendance at unlawful exhibitions of speed.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation.
2. Alton McDonald, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40945 and 40946.

Public Comment ended at 6:27 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

15. [RES40944](#) A resolution authorizing the establishment of an Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee to monitor compliance of the Equity in Contracting program. [Kacee Woods, Program Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40944.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

16. [RES40945](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Royal Construction Group, LLC, for the development of 11 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 7624 Pacific Avenue, in the Upper Pacific Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40945.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

17. [RES40946](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tacoma Town Center Parcels LLC, for the development of 222 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 506 South 21st Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40946.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

18. [RES40947](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with Teamsters Local 313, regarding an incentive payment for certain employees in the classification of Sewer Worker.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40947.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

19. [RES40948](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$12,000, to fund grants that support community engagement programs sponsored through South Sound Together.
[Council Member Blocker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40948.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28809](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement compensation for employees represented by Teamsters Local 313.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28809 was set over for final reading next week.

21. [ORD28810](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for a new classification entitled Police Chief of Staff.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28810 was set over for final reading next week.

22. [ORD28811](#) An amended ordinance amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Model Traffic Ordinance, by adding a new Section 11.05.133, entitled “Unlawful exhibition of speed attendance prohibited”, relating to prohibiting attendance at unlawful exhibitions of speed.
[Council Member Rumbaugh]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to amend Ordinance No. 28811 on page 1, line 22, to replace the number “90” with “30,” to read as follows:

“WHEREAS any person who operates a motor vehicle in or during an unlawful exhibition of speed is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to 30 days in jail, up to a \$1,000 fine, or by both such imprisonment and fine, and”

He further moved to amend Exhibit “A” of Ordinance No. 28811 on page 4, line 16, to replace the number “90” with “30,” to read as follows:

“A. Any person (1) who has actual or constructive knowledge that he or she is in attendance of an unlawful exhibition of speed; and (2) who has actual or constructive knowledge that an unlawful exhibition of speed is occurring, has occurred, or is about to occur; and (3) was there with the intent to observe or support or encourage the unlawful exhibition of speed, is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to 30 days in jail, up to a \$1,000 fine, or by both such imprisonment and fine.”

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28811, as amended, was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 7:08 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received seven written comments for Community Forum regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma, and the Home in Tacoma Project.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Alton McDonald, regarding the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) and Manuel Ellis.
2. Malachi Fournillier, regarding Ordinance No. 28811.
3. Heidi Stevens, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
4. Athena Brewer, regarding neighborhood councils and a Litter Free 253 event.
5. Barbara Church, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
6. Michelle Mood, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
7. Les Pogue Jr., regarding Community Forum format, Ordinance No. 28811, and the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
8. Resident, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
9. Jamie Fiano, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
10. Lukas, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma, transformation, and equity.
11. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma and a community forum at the Evergreen State College Tacoma campus.
12. April Smith, regarding permits related to cutting trees and the Litter Free 253 event.
13. Stacy Oaks, regarding racism and the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
14. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the recent protest incident, Ordinance No. 28811, and the TPD.
15. Oneida Arnold, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
16. Emily Hernandez, regarding Ordinance No. 28811, street racing, and the Litter Free 253 event.

Community Forum ended at 7:38 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 Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the March 9, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code and the Transportation Commission's annual update; and on March 23, 2022, the Committee received presentations on the Downtown to Defiance: Schuster Parkway Project and the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program annual amendment. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on April 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on the Occidental Chemical cleanup site and the Home in Tacoma Project - Phase 2 work program.

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Council Member McCarthy addressed comments from Public Comment regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.

Council Member Hines invited everyone to participate in the Litter Free 253 event on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at various locations in Tacoma.

Council Member Walker invited everyone to attend the 14th Annual South Sound Sustainability Expo on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on the University of Washington Tacoma campus' Prairie Line Trail and in Tollefson Plaza; and stated more information can be found at southsoundsustainabilityexpo.org. She further informed everyone that the Downtown On the Go bike ride to the South Sound Sustainability Expo will begin at the Tacoma Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk