



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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August 22, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Diaz

Council Member Diaz arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Council Members Diaz and Ushka participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Walker 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 Deputy Mayor Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0827](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, June 12, 2023.
2. [23-0818](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, June 5, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that a motion will be considered for a Second Substitute Ordinance No. 28907.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

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Council Member Diaz arrived here at 5:03 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3. [23-0834](#) Proclaiming Thursday, August 24, 2023, as Ukrainian Independence Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Thursday, August 24, 2023, as Ukrainian Independence Day and presented the proclamation to Tetiana Novokhatska, Volia Fund and Ukraine Association of Washington State; Svetlana Konotopchik, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department; Iuliia Didkivska, Ukrainian refugee and community member; and Stan Chain, Tacoma Slavic Christian Center.

- 4. [23-0832](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Klair Ethridge.

Mayor Woodards recognized Klair Ethridge, Executive Director, Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Ethridge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:21 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Michele Reich, speaking on the Ukrainian Independence Day proclamation.
- 2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 28907 and 28908.
- 3. April Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 41263.

Public Comment ended at 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

5. [RES41260](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.
[Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41260.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

6. [RES41261](#) A resolution appointing and confirming Anita Gallagher to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to fill an unexpired term, to expire June 30, 2026.
[Deputy Mayor Walker and Council Members Bushnell, Hines, and Rumbaugh]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41261.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

7. [RES41262](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Reed Trucking & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$3,896,692.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$4,481,195.80, budgeted from the Streets Initiative and Surface Water funds, for a grind and overlay of the roadway surface along all existing segments, storm sewer upgrades, catch basin install and maintenance, ADA ramps, new street trees, and residential sidewalk replacements - Specification No. PW23-0051F.
[Josh Lauer, Project Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41262.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

8. [RES41263](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with AVA 200 LLC, for the development of 171 multi-family market-rate rental housing units and eight live/work units, located at 4218 South Steele Street, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41263.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

9. [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: Deputy Mayor Walker moved as a substitute, Substitute No. 2 for Ordinance No. 28907.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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 Second Substitute Ordinance No. 28907. The Second 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. [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
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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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28908. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:42 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding drinking water sources, Downtown Tacoma parking and safety, and the Hilltop Street Fair.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and cat declawing.
2. Carole Sue Braaten, regarding liquefied natural gas.
3. Kit Burns, regarding the City's tree canopy.
4. Barbara Church, regarding the South Tacoma warehouse project.
5. April Smith, regarding abandoned shopping carts.
6. Steven Bock, regarding Rainier Connect.
7. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) working with federal agencies and the Alberta J. Canada Apartments.

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 Daniels, Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the August 8, 2023, meeting, the Committee reviewed applications for the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board and received a presentation on proposed revisions to the Green Jobs Tax Credit; and at today's meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Equity in Contracting code. She concluded by stating that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on August 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include interviews for the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the August 1, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the new Comcast Cable telecommunications franchise agreement and the Open Data Portal; on August 15, 2023, the Committee conducted interviews for the Public Utility Board and received a presentation on the Climate Commitment Act; and the September 5, 2023, meeting is cancelled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid

format on September 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include presentations on the monthly budget update and power trading 101.

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Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation to the TPD, sponsors, and volunteers for the Kids Health and Safety Fair that was held on Monday, August 21, 2023, at the People's Community Center, noting that the TPD partnered with over 40 community volunteers, the focus of the fair was to provide resources to kids, and over 1500 community members attended. She further stated that Wooden City Tacoma celebrated its fifth anniversary on Monday, August 21, 2023. She concluded by reminding everyone that the Hilltop Street Fair is on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way between South 9th Street and South 15th Street, with the theme of "Embracing the Future".

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to excuse Council Member Blocker from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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 6:03 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk