



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**April 19, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

## 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. [22-0461](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, March 10, 2022.
2. [22-0459](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, January 26, 2022.
3. [22-0460](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, February 9, 2022.
4. [22-0449](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 2, 2022.
5. [22-0450](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 16, 2022.
6. [22-0462](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 23, 2022.

7. [22-0463](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 23, 2022.
8. [22-0464](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, March 30, 2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40949](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice, in the amount of \$303,790, accepting and depositing said sum into the Neighborhood and Community Services Special Revenue Fund, for external contracts that support community violence interventions and the City's transformation efforts, retroactive to October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2024.  
[Vicky McLaurin, Community Wellness Program Manager; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40949.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40949. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [22-0457](#) Proclaiming Friday, April 22, 2022, as Earth Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Friday, April 22, 2022, as Earth Day and presented the proclamation to Lauren Choi, Sustainability Specialist, and Luis Zepeda-Chavez, Sustainability Intern, Environmental Services; and Melissa Malott, Executive Director, Communities for a Healthy Bay.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:09 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Cheryl Kopec, speaking on Ordinance No. 28811.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 28810 and 28811.
3. Daisha Gomillion, speaking on Ordinance No. 28811.
4. Michelle Riche, speaking on Ordinance No. 28811.

Public Comment ended at 5:17 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

11.     [RES40950](#)     A resolution authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to City Central to remove a property clearing on the title, located at 4041 Tacoma Mall Boulevard. [Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Jeffrey Jenkins, Interim Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40950.**

**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

12. [RES40951](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tacoma Land Investments LLC, for the development of 306 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 1924 Yakima Avenue, 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. 40951.**

**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

13. [RES40952](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with VDR Land, LLC, for the development of 132 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 506 North 4th 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. 40952.**

**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

## **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

14. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28809. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

15. [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]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28810.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**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: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28810. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

16. [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]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28811, as amended. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28812](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges, by amending Section 12.01.010, entitled “Utility services establishment”, to establish a temporary, two-year waiver of certain disconnection and reconnection fees, effective through May 31, 2024.  
[John Hoffman, Assistant Customer Services Manager; Steve Hatcher, Customer Services Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28812 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 the success of the 14th Annual South Sound Sustainability Expo, noting over 70 environmentally focused organizations and 1,500 community members attending on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from the Tollefson Plaza to the Prairie Line Trail on the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) campus; and expressed appreciation to the City's Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability. She concluded by sharing information that the Tacoma Police Department released regarding a jury duty warrant scam, noting that no government agency accepts money through Zelle, gift cards, or other methods in lieu of cash, check, or charge in their official capacity; and that the scam entails telling people that they have missed their jury duty calls and that there is a warrant for their arrest.

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

### **Community Vitality and Safety Committee**

Deputy Mayor Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee, reported at the March 24, 2022, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development and concluded the discussion on a recommendation to the full City Council regarding camping on public property; and on April 14, 2022, the Committee conducted interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA). She continued by stating CVS Committee members have begun attending the meetings of the six committees, boards, and commissions that are overseen by the CVS Committee on a quarterly basis, noting she attended the March meeting of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities (TACOD), where they heard a presentation on a feasibility study to create an accessible transportation model for people with disabilities in Tacoma, and that TACOD also sent a letter regarding concerns related to having non-law enforcement persons respond for mental health issues; Council Member Blocker attended the March meeting of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA), where they discussed next steps for the TCRA-owned Pacific property and completed a board member orientation. She concluded by stating the next CVS Committee meeting will be held on April 21, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include additional interviews for CIRA and a presentation on the Washington House Bill 1590 spending plan.

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Council Member Hines announced that Litter Free 253 occurred over the past weekend from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. all across the City, and that he joined groups at Jefferson Park, Puget Park, and in the neighborhood of 6th Avenue and Orchard Street.

Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation for Litter Free 253 and all of the volunteers who participated, and further expressed appreciation for City staff and UWT for the South Sound Sustainability Expo. She continued by announcing that the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department presented Council Member McCarthy with a plaque and public recognition for his leadership. Mayor Woodards concluded by expressing appreciation for Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, for her leadership and commitment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk