



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**June 06, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Rumbaugh

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:01 p.m.

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived at 5:42 p.m.

## 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

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:01 p.m.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0548](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, January 11, 2023.
2. [23-0549](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, February 8, 2023.
3. [23-0550](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, March 8, 2023.
4. [23-0572](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, January 25, 2023.
5. [23-0573](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee,

February 8, 2023.

6. [23-0536](#) Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, April 14, 2023.
7. [23-0560](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, May 10, 2023.
8. [23-0561](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, May 10, 2023.
9. [23-0557](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, January 18, 2023.
10. [23-0556](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, February 15, 2023.
11. [23-0558](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees special meeting, April 17, 2023.
12. [23-0559](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees special meeting, April 29, 2023.

## **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

13. [23-0586](#) A letter from the City Council supporting Tacoma Municipal Court's Therapeutic Courts.
14. [23-0585](#) A letter from the City Council supporting Wellfound Behavioral Health Hospital's bargaining efforts.

## **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

15. [RES41203](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Tacoma-Pierce County Employment and Training Consortium Interlocal Government Agreement with Pierce County, to comply with federal law. [Charles Lee, Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES41204](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Dirtworks Northwest LLC, in the amount of \$684,275.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from the Solid Waste and Surface Water funds, for rehabilitation of stormwater ponds in various areas, for a projected contract total of \$786,916.25 - Specification No. ES23-008F. [Kevin Sorum, Associate Civil Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

## RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES41205](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 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 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]

## PAYMENTS

18. [23-0568](#) Date Range - 05/08/2023 to 05/21/2023  
Payroll in the amount of \$20,147,495.73; Payments in the amount of \$19,619,717.62; for a total of \$39,767,213.35.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41203 through 41205.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41203 through 41205. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:02 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Ordinance No. 28887.
2. Eric Musica, speaking on Ordinance No. 28887.
3. Michelle Mood, speaking on Resolution No. 41205.
4. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 28887 and 28888.

Public Comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

19.     [RES41206](#)     A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the City Events and Recognitions Committee.  
                          [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41206.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

20. [RES41207](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Planning Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41207.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

21. [RES41208](#) A resolution reappointing Elly Claus-McGahan to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2023, to expire June 30, 2028.  
[Deputy Mayor Walker and Council Members Bushnell, Hines, and Rumbaugh]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41208.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

## **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

22. [ORD28883](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to Sprint Communications Company, L.P., to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system in City right-of-way areas.  
[Jeff Lueders, Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28883.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

23. [ORD28886](#) An ordinance declaring the public necessity for, and providing for the acquisition by eminent domain of certain properties located between McKinley Avenue and Portland Avenue, to construct the pedestrian, signal safety, and road improvements in connection with the East 64th Street, Phase 2 Improvement Project.  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28886 was set over for final reading next week.**

24. [ORD28887](#) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.190, entitled “Drug Crimes”, and repealing in its entirety Chapter 8.29, entitled “Drug Paraphernalia”, to comply with state law.  
[Keith Echterling, Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28887 was set over for final reading next week.**

25. [ORD28888](#) An ordinance amending the non-exclusive 20-year franchise agreement with Rainier Connect North LLC, to transfer the agreement to Alphaboost Purchaser, LLC, to construct, operate, maintain, and provide cable television services in the City.  
[Jeff Lueders, Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28888 was set over for final reading on June 27, 2023.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

26. [23-0554](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2023 and 2024-2029.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

The public hearing began at 5:32 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received two written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Eric Musica, resident.

- 2. Laura Svancarek, Downtown On the Go.
- 3. Yvonne McCarty, Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council.

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived here, at 5:42 p.m.

- 4. April Smith, resident.
- 5. Cathie Urwin, resident.

The public hearing ended at 5:45 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the May 11, 2023, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Human Services Commission and received a presentation on the City's community safety plan; and on May 25, 2023, the Committee received a presentation on the Rental Housing Code. She concluded by stating that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on June 22, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include a Welcoming Interactive report out and presentations on the Minimum Building and Structures Code and animal control on managed intake.

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Council Member Ushka announced that the City will be receiving a \$100,000 "Our Town" grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support creative placemaking in the McKinley Hill Neighborhood, noting it is one of 57 grants awarded nationwide; provided information about what the creative placemaking grants support; and expressed appreciation to the McKinley Hill neighbors and Planning and Development Services staff for their work on the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan.

Council Member Rumbaugh reported on Mi Centro's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Conference, noting the event was for first responders and non-profits to talk about domestic violence, there was participation from various parts of the community, there was a panel discussion, and a survivor shared their story. Council Member Diaz relayed feedback received about the Conference, noting appreciation for how the City included both the judicial system and law enforcement in the conference.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk