



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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April 04, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

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

[23-0348](#) Remembrance photos.

In honor of Charles "Cap" Pearson and Bill Berry.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0291](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee, February 13, 2023.
2. [23-0308](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 14, 2022.
3. [23-0309](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 28, 2022.
4. [23-0310](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 12, 2022.
5. [23-0305](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 8, 2023.

6. [23-0306](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 8, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. [23-0300](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 18, 2022.
8. [23-0312](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 25, 2022.
9. [23-0302](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 15, 2022.
10. [23-0303](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 22, 2022.
11. [23-0307](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 29, 2022.
12. [23-0311](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 6, 2022.
13. [23-0321](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 13, 2022.
14. [23-0322](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 20, 2022.
15. [23-0323](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 3, 2023.
16. [23-0324](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 10, 2023.
17. [23-0325](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 24, 2023.
18. [23-0297](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, October 18, 2022.
19. [23-0304](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, November 22, 2022.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28867](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of South Pine Street public right-of-way, for extended property area and potential expansion of the existing business use. (LBA LVF VII-COMPANY XXIII, LLC; File No. 124.1438) [Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

PAYMENTS

21. [23-0299](#) Date Range - 2/27/2023 to 3/12/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$19,680,093.04; Payments in the amount of \$35,392,285.41; for a total of \$55,072,378.45.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28867.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28867. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

22. [23-0313](#) Proclaiming April 3-9, 2023, as National Public Health Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 3-9, 2023, as National Public Health Week and presented the proclamation to Ingrid Payne, Director of Finance and Operations, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

23. [23-0315](#) Proclaiming April 2023 as Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 2023 as Fair Housing Month and presented the proclamation to Adria Buchanan, Executive Director, Fair Housing Center of Washington; Aley Thompson, Director of Rental Assistance, Tacoma Housing Authority; and Nancy Shattuck, Equity Programs Consultant, and Russ Alarcon, Civil Rights Investigator, Office of Equity and Human Rights.

24. [23-0317](#) Proclaiming April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Chris Rogers, Client Services Program Manager, Rebuilding Hope.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:24 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Heidi Stephens, speaking on the National Public Health Week proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 5:26 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

25. [RES41164](#) A resolution awarding contracts to the following contractors:
- HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$2,600,000, plus applicable taxes;
 - Epic Land Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes;
 - Tierra Right of Way Services, Ltd., in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes; and
 - Commonstreet Consulting, LLC, in the amount of \$500,000, plus applicable taxes;

budgeted from various departmental funds, for on-call right-of-way acquisition and relocation services, for an initial contract period through January 1, 2026, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, for a projected total of \$5,100,000 - Specification No. PW22-0271F.

[Susie Rogers, Principal Real Property Officer; 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. 41164.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

RESOLUTIONS

26. [RES41165](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Local Development Council of Tacoma d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area (DTBIA), in the amount of \$1,683,600, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, for managing and providing the services included in the 2023-2024 DTBIA annual work plan and budget, for an initial contract period of one year - Direct Negotiation.
[Debbie Bingham, Business and Economic Development Program Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41165.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

27. [RES41166](#) A resolution designating the John F. and Edith MacFarlane house, located at 314 North Yakima Avenue, as a City Landmark and placing said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41166.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

28. [RES41167](#) A resolution designating the National Realty Building, located at 1117-1119 Pacific Avenue, as a City Landmark and placing said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41167.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

29. [ORD28878](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, by amending Chapter 6A.130, entitled “Local Solid Waste Customer Excise Tax”, to create an exemption for charges to customers who take solid waste to private solid waste disposal facilities consistent with the existing exemption for customers who take solid waste to public solid waste disposal facilities, retroactive to April 1, 2023.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28878.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:40 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received five written comments for Community Forum regarding housing; Native American genocide; Ordinance Nos. 28875 and 28876, relating to street vacations; and the Home in Tacoma Project.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding Native American genocide.
2. Heidi Stephens, regarding Ordinance Nos. 28875 and 28876.

Community Forum ended at 5:45 p.m.

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 March 9, 2023, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board and received a presentation on the 2023 Annual Action Plan; and that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on April 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Human Rights Commission and a presentation on the opioid settlements.

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Council Member Rumbaugh announced that Passover begins on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, noting the historical significance of the holiday, and wished the Jewish community a happy Passover, happy seder, and a happy holiday.

Mayor Woodards announced that the Tacoma Rainiers start their home open game series tonight. She continued by reminding everyone that T-Town will be held at the Tacoma Dome at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023, and Saturday, April 29, 2023, noting it's a free family friendly community event, it's an opportunity for the community to engage with City departments as well as showcase career and trade opportunities, it will be the 40th anniversary of the Tacoma Dome, and a trades and hiring fair will be held in the Exhibition Hall. Mayor Woodards concluded by informing everyone that the City Council attended the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference last week where they had the opportunity to learn and hear about issues that are pertinent to cities, to meet with the Interagency Council on Homelessness, to meet with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Director Hugh Clements, and to meet with Washington State's congressional delegates.

Deputy Mayor Ushka announced that her cancer journey isn't over, and that she is scheduled for surgery and will be out of office for four to six weeks beginning on Tuesday, April 11, 2023; and expressed her gratitude to family, staff, and the community for their support.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk