



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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October 11, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Council Members Bushnell, Daniels, and Rumbaugh participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member 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 Council Member Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of the Russ Blount, Deputy City Manager, City of Fife.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-1089](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, June 21, 2022.
2. [22-1090](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, July 5, 2022.
3. [22-1102](#) 2023-2024 Proposed Biennial Operating and Capital Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41039](#) A resolution setting Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of South Pine Street public right-of-way, for extended property area and potential extended business use. (LBA LVF VII-COMPANY XXIII, LLC; File No. 124.1438)
[Britany Avila, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28833](#) An ordinance repealing Substitute Ordinance No. 28807 in its entirety at the Petitioner's request to cancel the request for Street Vacation No. 124.1425 to vacate a portion of an alley right-of-way, abutting and lying south of East 30th Street, between East "K" Street to the west, and Valley View Terrace to the east, to allow for expanded residential yard use.
[Britany Avila, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41039 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28833.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41039, and setting Ordinance No. 28833 over for final reading next week. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [22-1095](#) Proclaiming October 15-20, 2022, as Moorish American Convention Week.
- Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 15-20, 2022, as Moorish American Convention Week and presented the proclamation to Wazira C Bey El, National Wazir Al Rais, Moorish Science Temple of America 8 Palouse.
7. [22-1096](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Georgette Watje.
- Mayor Woodards recognized Georgette Watje, Owner and Barber, The Barber Collective, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Watje.
8. [22-1109](#) Due to budget discussions, the Systems Transformation presentation will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:22 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 212 written comments for Public Comment on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, regarding use of public property.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Ed Jacobs, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
2. Jan Runbeck, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
3. Doug Collins, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
4. Jeffrey Boyce, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
5. Michele Reich, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
6. Janeen Provazek, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
7. Theresa Power-Drutis, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
8. Amelia Escobedo, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
9. Christopher Escobedo, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
10. Oneida Arnold, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
11. Barbara Church, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
12. Sarah Howe, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
13. Cathy Pick, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
14. Heidi White, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
15. Venus Durgan, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

16. Steve Jones, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
17. Bethany Jones, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
18. Esther Day, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
19. Carmela Saxxy, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
20. Kristen Wynne, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
21. Alayna Linde, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
22. Joan Halley, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
23. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
24. April Smith, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
25. Aimee H., speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
26. Athena Brewer, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
27. Laurie Arnold, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
28. Dena Jones, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
29. Meagan Galacgac, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
30. Jude Gray, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
31. Ann Dorn, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
32. Adrian Nelson, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
33. Tara Ryan, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
34. Leo Maffea, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
35. Milo Hensley, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
36. Tio Lloyd, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
37. Ty Moore, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
38. Andrea Capere, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
39. Nathan Roemmich, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
40. Pastor Gregory Christopher, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
41. Jonathan Pottle, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
42. Kenzie Knapp, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
43. Seth Gebauer, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
44. Courtney Love, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
45. Alex Scheel, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
46. Brian Wolk, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
47. Licentia Immortalis, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
48. Docere Pharmakis, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
49. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
50. Michael Whalen, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
51. Andrea Haug, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
52. Gabe Chen-Turner, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
53. Alex Barnes, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

54. Bunchy Carter, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
55. Tanisha Antoine, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
56. Addo Aequitas, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
57. David Galazin, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
58. Cheryl Kopec, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
59. Melissa Ingalsbe, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:07 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

60. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
61. Toti Marshall, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
62. David Marshall, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
63. Tyler Sandness, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
64. Matt Estrada, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
65. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
66. Eric Herde, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
67. Catherine Lee, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
68. Dan Cederlund, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
69. Terrence Williams, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
70. Beverly Allen, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
71. Theresa Evans, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
72. Lauralee Cederlund, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
73. Patti Berry, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
74. Carlos Morales, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
75. Kaden Bolton, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
76. Zev Cook, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
77. Sean Arent, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
78. Keely Freudenstein, speaking on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

Public Comment ended at 7:56 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES41040](#) A resolution appointing and reassigning individuals to the City Events and Recognitions Committee.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41040.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41041](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Division Unit, consisting of 135 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41041.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

11. [RES41042](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,000, to support the Tacoma Urban League Empowerment Awards and ongoing efforts to create a more livable Tacoma.
[Council Member Blocker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41042.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28831](#) An amended Substitute Ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled “Use of Public Property”, to establish a ten-block buffer prohibiting camping and the storage of personal belongings on public property around temporary shelters, effective October 31, 2022.
[Council Member Hines]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Daniels

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 by amending Section 8.19.030 in Exhibit “A”, to add after “emergency and transitional housing,” to read as follows:

“provided that if the 10-block radius bisects a block or a public parcel, such as a park or a school, that the entire block or parcel shall be included in the prohibited area for camping.”

He further moved to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 by amending Section 8.19.040 in Exhibit “A”, to add after “emergency and transitional housing,” to read as follows:

“provided that if the 10-block radius bisects a block or a public parcel, such as a park or a school, that the entire block or parcel shall be included in the prohibited area for storage of personal property.”

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 28831. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Nays: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, as amended, by amending the "Be It Ordained" clause by adding a new Section 6, to read as follows:

“Section 6. By the end of April 2023, the City Manager shall provide an update to the City Council on progress towards a Mental Health Court and Community Court.

By the end of April 2024, the City Manager shall report and present the following information to City Council:

(1) Number of people offered services when this ordinance is implemented, and of those, the number of people who accepted services, before and after implementation, and delineated between the prohibited camping areas and non-prohibited camping areas;

(2) Number of temporary shelters or safe parking sites in the City, before and after implementation of this ordinance;

(3) Number of safety issues received by South Sound 911 in areas prohibiting camping and storage of personal belongings, before and after implementation of this ordinance;

(4) Number of 311 requests related to homelessness in areas prohibiting camping and storage of personal belongings, before and after implementation of this ordinance;

(5) Staffing levels of the HEAL Team, including number of FTEs on staff, budgeted FTEs, and hours worked, before and after implementation of this ordinance; and

(6) Statistics and data provided by the Tacoma Police Department on the enforcement of the ordinance.”

SECONDED BY: Council Member Diaz.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, as amended. The motion was declared adopted.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, as amended, by amending the “Be It Ordained” clause by adding a new Section 7, to read as follows:

“Section 7. That the City Manager shall work with staff to ensure that the least restrictive voluntary enforcement methods possible are used, prior to seeking involuntary compliance of this ordinance.”

She further moved to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, as amended, by amending Section 8.19.030 in Exhibit “A”, to add after “by both such fine and imprisonment” the following language:

“provided that, no less than two weeks prior to issuance of any infraction pursuant to this chapter, notice shall be posted at the location where camping or storage of personal belongings is occurring, so that the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness can be notified and interested non-governmental organizations and mutual aid groups can offer assistance and resources as needed at this location; Except that no posting of such notice, nor notice to any organization, is required when there is a reasonable belief there is significant risk to

life, public health or safety, or property due to the camping or storage of personal belongings at this location as prohibited herein.”

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, as amended. The motion was declared adopted.

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

MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, as amended, by amending pages 1 and 5, to strike October 31, 2022, and insert November 14, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, as amended. The motion was declared adopted.

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

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, as amended. The Amended Substitute Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Nays: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Ushka

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The City Council meeting recessed at 9:06 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

13. [ORD28832](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit, regarding the Pierce County Force Investigation Team for forensic services employees; and to create a new classification entitled Police Community Engagement Program Director. [Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28832.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28834](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Division Unit. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28834 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 9:17 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 23 written comments for Community Forum regarding the City budget, stormwater treatment, and South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Amendments.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Janeen Provazek, regarding the City budget and a mental health crisis response team.
2. Venus Durgan, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, Flett Creek cleanup, police substations, and a presentation of the crime report and plan.

3. Sean Arent, regarding homelessness, a crisis response team, and protection of biodiversity.
4. Jonathan Pottle, regarding homelessness; a non-police crisis response team; and a community town hall being held on Saturday, October 15, 2022.
5. Michele Reich, regarding Global Cat Day, National Feral Cat Day, the City budget, and tiny homes.
6. Matt Staley, regarding safety, crime, the need for more police officers, and having more RV parks in the City.
7. April Smith, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
8. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831; a crisis response team; a trauma response team; the City budget; a community town hall being held on Saturday, October 15, 2022; and a crisis petition.
9. Les Pogue Jr., regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and a non-police crisis response team.
10. Laurie Arnold, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, TacomaFIRST 311, the Homeless Engagement Alternatives Liaison Team, and homeless encampments.
11. Andrea Haug, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
12. Athena Brewer, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
13. Brian Wolk, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and homeless encampments.
14. Scott Nicholson, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and the City budget.
15. Cheryl Kopec, regarding transparency.
16. Kendall Burch, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

Community Forum ended at 9:46 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver announced that the Black Lives Matter mural in Tollefson Plaza was dedicated on Friday, October 7, 2022, noting that the mural is a tangible and visible way to demonstrate the City's ongoing commitment to anti-racism.

Mayor Woodards expressed her appreciation for Dionne Bonner, the team of artists, and for everyone who worked together to create a mural that reflects Tacoma.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

There was no report.

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Mayor Woodards announced that she is presenting a Council Consideration Request next week for \$5,000, to sponsor the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma (Commission) to travel to the National League of Cities conference, noting the Commission was established by Resolution No. 40502 in December of 2019; the Commission has engaged with students and organizations across Tacoma to address topics such as youth mental health, climate change, public safety in schools, and leadership development; the Commission has shown national leadership since its inception; and this funding will allow the City to send a few of the student leaders and a chaperone to the annual conference this fall, to engage with other youth commissions from across the country.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk