



# City of Tacoma Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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**January 10, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

## SPECIAL MEETING

### Call To Order

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Daniels, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Woodards

**Absent:** 4 - Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh and Walker

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived at 1:10 p.m.

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Council Member Rumbaugh arrived here, at 1:10 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [25-0011](#) Budget Reduction and Revenue Strategy - Context Setting  
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance; Reid Bennion, Interim Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 1:10 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on today’s budget review and resources; and reviewed follow up questions from the January 7, 2025, study session, including a revenue growth comparison, noting business, utility, and sales taxes.

Discussion ensued regarding tax revenue, fee revenue, and City Council-controlled revenues.

The Committee of the Whole special meeting recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

2. [25-0016](#) Budget Reduction and Revenue Strategy - Current Programs and Services  
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance; Reid Bennion, Interim Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 1:37 p.m., City Manager Pauli presented strategy related to current programs and services, including General Fund service additions, resources for Council to review, General Fund programs, supported programs, non-departmental expenses, transfers, and reductions.

Discussion ensued regarding the General Fund versus the Internal Services Fund, and funded programs.


The Committee of the Whole special meeting recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:33 p.m.

City Manager Pauli continued with review of draft parameters and criteria for prioritizing, noting service impacts, legal mandates, funding sources, who or what services are provided for, service duplication with other jurisdictions, and service fees or taxes.

Discussion ensued regarding level of demand and quality of services, noting impacts, matching funds, current projects with future fund availability, data usage, staff resources, using technology to assist, and fees; and services related to senior wellness, homelessness, human resources, affordable housing, and facility and fleet maintenance.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk