



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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January 25, 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, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels 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 Daniels.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of former Tacoma Public Utility Board Chair Woodrow Jones as well as those who have lost their lives to or have been impacted by COVID-19 and systemic racism.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0075](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, August 12, 2021.
2. [22-0076](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, August 26, 2021.
3. [22-0077](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, September 23, 2021.
4. [22-0079](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, July 20, 2021.
5. [22-0080](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 3, 2021.

6. [22-0083](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 17, 2021.
7. [22-0086](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, November 10, 2021.
8. [22-0068](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, August 25, 2021.
9. [22-0069](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 8, 2021.
10. [22-0070](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 22, 2021.
11. [22-0059](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, December 15, 2021.
12. [22-0049](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, December 13, 2021.
13. [22-0050](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, December 6, 2021.
14. [22-0047](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, November 17, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

15. [22-0037](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 24, 2021.
16. [22-0038](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 31, 2021.
17. [22-0046](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 14, 2021.
18. [22-0048](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 21, 2021.
19. [22-0066](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 28, 2021.
20. [22-0067](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 26, 2021.
21. [22-0074](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, November 9, 2021.
22. [22-0073](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, October 26, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

23. [RES40903](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of University Place and the City of Lakewood for the design of a joint project on South Orchard Street and Lakewood Drive, from South 56th Street to South 74th Street.
[Chris Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
24. [RES40904](#) A resolution accepting 30 grants from the Washington State Department of Transportation, Transportation Improvement Board, Puget Sound Regional Council, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, Washington State Department of Commerce, and Sound Transit, in the total amount of \$41,522,752; accepting and depositing said sum into various Capital Project funds, to fund various Public Works projects, including pedestrian facilities, trails, bikeways, safe routes to schools, roadway improvements, traffic signals, bridge, and other transportation infrastructure improvements.
[Chris Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40903 and 40904.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40903 and 40904. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

25. [22-0088](#) Proclaiming January 2022 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.
- Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2022 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month and presented the proclamation to Sarah DuBois, Chair, Pierce County Coalition Against Trafficking.

26. [22-0089](#) Recognizing Mike Ake, Interim Chief, Tacoma Police Department.

Mayor Woodards recognized Mike Ake, Interim Chief, Tacoma Police Department, and presented the recognition to Mr. Ake.

27. [22-0090](#) Recognizing Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, City Manager’s Office.

Mayor Woodards recognized Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office, and presented the recognition to Mr. Wille.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:42 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40905, regarding the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Emerald Bay Apartments, LLC.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 40905.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40905 and 40906.

Public Comment ended at 5:47 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

28. [22-0082](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Adam Cook as Tacoma Venues and Events Director, effective January 31, 2022.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to confirm the appointment of Adam Cook as Tacoma Venues and Events Director, effective January 31, 2022.

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

29. [22-0081](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Edward Coates, et al v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 17-2-08907-4, relating to the use of electric utility funds for Click! Network expenses and capital improvements, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$183,000, which will be paid through the City’s insurance coverage, and has been approved by the City’s insurers.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Edward Coates, et al v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 17-2-08907-4, relating to the use of electric utility funds for Click! Network expenses and capital improvements, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$183,000, which will be paid through the City's insurance coverage, and has been approved by the City's insurers.

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

RESOLUTIONS

30. [RES40905](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Emerald Bay Apartments, LLC, for the development of 82 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 1624 East 32nd Street, in the Lower Portland Avenue Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40905.

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

31. [RES40906](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with RKD 2542 LLC, for the development of eight multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 2542 South “I” 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. 40906.

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

32. [RES40907](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers - Transportation Division, Local 1977, Yardmasters, consisting of six budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40907.

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

33. [RES40908](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit, consisting of 27 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40908.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

34. [ORD28802](#) 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 Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers - Transportation Division, Local 1977, Yardmasters; and the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28802 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, provided the Economic Development Committee report.

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Mayor Woodards thanked Deputy Mayor Ushka for leading the study session earlier in the day; and stated that she has been working with City Manager Elizabeth Pauli and City staff on how to address concerns from community members and businesses across the City who have been impacted by COVID-19 and the increase in crime and vandalism; and shared that she plans to bring forward a package of programs at the February 1, 2022, study session to respond to business concerns, for initial discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk