



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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October 25, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Council Members Blocker and Daniels participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Bushnell 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 Bushnell.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-1158](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, September 12, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2. [RES41047](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 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 proposed Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2023.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

3. [RES41048](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, November 1, and Tuesday, November 15, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the dates for the first and second public hearings by the City Council on the proposed 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget, 2023-2024 Capital Budget, and the 2023-2028 Capital Facilities Program.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

4. [RES41049](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of \$310,110; and accepting and depositing said sum into the Neighborhood and Community Services Special Revenue Fund, for external contracts that support community violence interventions and the City’s transformation efforts, retroactive to October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2025.
[Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director; Allyson Griffith, Interim Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41047 through 41049.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41047 through 41049. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Daniels

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:05 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received four written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28838, regarding business license fees.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41047 and 41048.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 41049.
3. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Ordinance No. 28835.
4. Andrea Reay, speaking on Ordinance No. 28838.
5. Ben Ferguson, speaking on Ordinance No. 28838.
6. David Schroedel, speaking on Ordinance No. 28838.
7. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41049.

Public Comment ended at 5:22 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. [22-1154](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Allyson Griffith as Neighborhood and Community Services Director, effective October 26, 2022.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to confirm the appointment of Allyson Griffith as Neighborhood and Community Services Director, effective October 26, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41050](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41050.

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

7. [RES41051](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement and Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, 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. 41051.

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

8. [RES41052](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit, regarding wages for the classification of Tacoma Venues and Events Maintenance Chief.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41052.

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

9. [ORD28835](#) An ordinance authorizing the execution of a Water Supply Agreement with WestRock CP, LLC, through July 31, 2023, with the option to renew for additional one-year periods, with a final ending date not to exceed July 31, 2025.
[Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28835.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28836](#) 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, Supervisors' Unit, and Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28836 was set over for final reading next week.

11. [ORD28837](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.220 of the Municipal Code, relating to For-Hire Regulations, repealing the for-hire license requirements for transportation network companies and amending the taxi regulations.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28837 was set over for final reading next week.

12. [ORD28838](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.20 of the Municipal Code, relating to Annual Business License, by amending Section 6B.20.020, entitled “License fee”, to increase the license fee for businesses with annual gross income over \$12,000 and add new license tiers for businesses with annual gross income over \$1 million, effective January 1, 2023.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28838

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

Council Member Blocker withdrew his motion.

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28838 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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported that the October 13, 2022, meeting was cancelled; and concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., and will include presentations on anti-displacement strategy priority setting and the Landlord-Tenant Program.

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Council Member Rumbaugh addressed anti-semitic comments made by the entertainment industry and by politicians around the country, stating that when everyone stays quiet on these issues, antisemitism continues to happen and that is unacceptable.

Mayor Woodards congratulated Graduate Tacoma, which held their State of Public Education today, noting she had the opportunity to start the event off with walking in with a three year old and another person who has gone through the whole system and now owns a business in Tacoma; and concluded by stating she had the opportunity today to meet two additional children ages three and seven.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk