



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**June 07, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 2 - Hines and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Hines arrived at 5:02 p.m.

Council Member McCarthy 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

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0607](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, January 12, 2022.
2. [22-0608](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, February 9, 2022.
3. [22-0609](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, March 9, 2022.
4. [22-0621](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, May 11, 2022.
5. [22-0622](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, May 11, 2022.

- 6. [22-0629](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, April 11, 2022.
- 7. [22-0632](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission special meeting, April 30, 2022.
- 8. [22-0623](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, April 14, 2022.
- 9. [22-0625](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, April 4, 2022.
- 10. [22-0626](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, May 2, 2022.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 11. [22-0614](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 1, 2022.
- 12. [22-0615](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, February 23, 2022.
- 13. [22-0619](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 1, 2022.
- 14. [22-0620](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 8, 2022.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 2 - Hines and Mayor Woodards

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Council Member Hines arrived here, at 5:02 p.m.

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. [22-0648](#) Proclaiming Saturday, June 11, 2022, as Sound to Narrows Day.

Deputy Mayor Ushka proclaimed Saturday, June 11, 2022, as Sound to Narrows Day and presented the proclamation to Danette Felt, Race Organizer, Sound to Narrows, and Vinnie Da, Program Assistant for the Center for Health Equity and Wellness, MultiCare.

16. [22-0649](#) Proclaiming June 2022 as Gun Violence Awareness Month.

Deputy Mayor Ushka proclaimed June 2022 as Gun Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Amy Newcomb, Moms Demand Action; and acknowledged Diana Comfort, Big Brothers Big Sisters in Tacoma-Pierce County; Lorraine Stone, Big Homie Ministries; Vince Vaielua, Communities in schools; Carlyn Sampson, Rebuilding Hope! Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County; and Mario Paredes, Consejo Counselling.

17. [22-0650](#) Proclaiming June 2022 as Ride Transit Month.

Deputy Mayor Ushka proclaimed June 2022 as Ride Transit Month and presented the proclamation to Laura Svancarek, Commute Trip Reduction and Advocacy Coordinator, and Tracy Oster, Executive Director, Downtown On the Go; Matthew Sutherland, Advocacy Director, Transportation Choices; and Ryan Wheaton, Executive Director of Planning and Community Development, Pierce Transit.

18. [22-0651](#) Recognizing the seniors of Tacoma's Beacon and Lighthouse activity centers.

Deputy Mayor Ushka recognized the seniors of Tacoma's Beacon and Lighthouse activity centers and presented the recognition to Myung Park, Board Chair, Korean Women's Association.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:34 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Les Pogue, Jr., speaking on the Gun Violence Awareness Month proclamation.

2. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on the Gun Violence Awareness Month proclamation.
3. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Resolution No. 40980.

Public Comment ended at 5:43 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

19.     [RES40982](#)     A resolution reassigning Leena Vo on the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.  
                          [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40982.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

### RESOLUTIONS

20.     [RES40980](#)     This is the second reading of a resolution amending Rules 1, 9, and 15 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* to be in compliance with the changes made in State law relating to open public meetings.  
                          [Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

21. [RES40983](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit, consisting of 154 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: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40983.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

22. [RES40984](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Division Unit, regarding a Water Treatment Plant Operator-in-Training program.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40984.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

23. [ORD28815](#) An ordinance creating a new fund, to be known and designated as “Custodial Forfeitures Fund”, to segregate cash deposits that are being held in trust for others.  
[Susan Calderon, Assistant Director; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28815.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

24. [ORD28816](#) 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, Customer and Field Services Unit and Water Division Unit; and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28816 was set over for final reading next week.**

25. [ORD28817](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for the position of City Manager, retroactive to May 16, 2022.  
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28817 was set over for final reading next week.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

26. [22-0589](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:54 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 50 written comments and one petition for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Matt Richardson, NewCold.
2. Adam Mays, NewCold.
3. Sarah Remington, NewCold.
4. Nick Nickolas, NewCold.
5. Brett Wittner, City of Fircrest.
6. Patricia McClements, University Place resident.
7. Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber.
8. Nancy Atwood, Fircrest resident.
9. Deborah Hunter, University Place resident.
10. Maddie Merton, Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County.
11. Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident.
12. Barbara Church, resident.
13. Heidi Stephens, resident.
14. Les Pogue Jr., resident.
15. Oneida Arnold, resident.
16. Stephen Stearns, Advocates for a Cleaner Tacoma.
17. Chelsea Vetter, resident.
18. April Smith, resident.
19. Neal Anderson, resident.
20. John Utz, resident.
21. Norma Ramirez, resident.
22. Esther, resident.
23. Jamie Fiano, resident.
24. Venus Dergan, resident.
25. Marilyn Kimmerling, resident.
26. Marquis King Mason, resident.
27. Stacy Oaks, 350 Tacoma.
28. Randee, resident.

- 29. Pam, resident.
- 30. James Dunlop, resident.
- 31. Kathy Lawhon, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:54 p.m.

27. [22-0616](#)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2022 and 2023-2028.

[Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Transportation Division Manager; Jeffrey Jenkins, Interim Director, Public Works]

The public hearing began at 6:56 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Les Pogue Jr., resident.
- 2. April Smith, resident.
- 3. Kathy Lawhon, resident.

The public hearing ended at 7:07 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the May 17, 2022, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Public Utility Board and received a presentation on changes to the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act; and at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on the monthly budget update and Tacoma Public Utilities' (TPU) financial policies and strategic directives, and held a discussion on the City Council being full-time members. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on June 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a presentation on TPU's fixed and variable rate design.



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**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Mayor Woodards from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m..



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk