



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**October 04, 2022**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

## FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Ushka 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 Deputy Mayor Ushka.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-1070](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, August 24, 2022.
2. [22-1071](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, August 24, 2022.
3. [22-1065](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, August 17, 2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41032](#) A resolution setting Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of East “N” Street, lying north of East 25th Street, to facilitate expanded and future use of the property. (M & A Investments Three, LLC; File No. 124.1427)  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]
5. [RES41033](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, in the amount of \$30,000, accepting and depositing said sum into the Transportation Capital Fund, for the piloting and installation of temporary traffic gardens and safety events, through June 30, 2024.  
[Cailin Henley, Associate Planner; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41032 and 41033.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41032 and 41033. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [22-1067](#) Proclaiming Monday, October 10, 2022, as Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, October 10, 2022, as Indigenous Peoples’ Day and presented the proclamation to Puyallup Tribal Council Member Annette Bryan; Olivia Mathison, Associate Engineer, Environmental Services; and Lucas Smiraldo, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights.

- 6. [22-1068](#) Proclaiming Friday, October 7, 2022, as Manufacturing Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Friday, October 7, 2022, as Manufacturing Day and presented the proclamation to Scott Reader, Managing Director, Rainier Woodworking; Brandon Sizemore, Managing Partner, Founder's Choice Cabinetry; Mitchell Johnson, President and CEO, General Plastics; and Assaad Alsemaan, Tacoma General Manager, and Joel Baxter, Regional Manager of Government Relations, WestRock.

- 7. [22-1066](#) Proclaiming Saturday, October 8, 2022, as Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, October 8, 2022, as Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day and presented the proclamation to Mike Carey, Urban Forest Program Manager, Environmental Services; and Lowell Wyse, Executive Director, Tacoma Tree Foundation.

- 9. [22-1069](#) Proclaiming October 2022 as Walk and Roll to School Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2022 as Walk and Roll to School Month and presented the proclamation to Cailin Henley, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Public Works; Matt Wood, Physical Education Teacher, Stafford Elementary School; and Stanley Elementary students and the Parent Teacher Association.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 14, Resolution No. 41038, relating to the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

14. [RES41038](#) A resolution affirming the future development alternatives to be evaluated within the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to continue Resolution No. 41038 to the meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:42 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 Resolution Nos. 41033 through 41036.
2. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41034 through 41036.
3. Theresa Evans, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41035 and 41036.

Public Comment ended at 5:49 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41034](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Lear Group, LLC, for the development of 40 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 7431 Pacific Avenue, in the Upper Pacific Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41034.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

11. [RES41035](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Project S29 LLC, for the development of 164 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 201 East 25th 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. 41035.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

12. [RES41036](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Project S30 LLC, for the development of 141 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 209 East 26th 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. 41036.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

13. [RES41037](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit, regarding the Pierce County Force Investigation Team for forensic services employees.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41037.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

14. [RES41038](#) A resolution affirming the future development alternatives to be evaluated within the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Resolution No. 41038 was continued to the meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2022, earlier in the meeting.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 15.     [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: Ordinance No. 28832 was set over for final reading next week.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Pauli reported that the Public Works Department has received a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation for the South 25th Street traffic safety enhancement project through the Highway Safety Improvement Program, noting the project is eligible for 100 percent of the project cost, will provide a bicycle connection between the Scott Pierson Trail and the Prairie Line Trail and various improvements, and is expected to begin in 2023 and be completed in 2025. She concluded by stating that the Tacoma Police Department has partnered with Titus-Will to begin Project CATCON ID to influence the business practice of identifying catalytic converters to reduce and eliminate catalytic converter theft, noting each catalytic converter would be etched with an identifying number, high heat resistant paint will be applied to mark the engraving location and window decals noting that the vehicle is tagged and protected, and this service will be provided for free on Friday, November 18, 2022, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., on a first come, first served basis.

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Council Member Hines announced he is wearing pink all month as he is serving as a Wear Pink Ambassador for the Washington Wears Pink campaign this year, to bring attention to breast cancer, and encouraged Council Members and community members to think about how they can invest, donate, and support the American Cancer Society.

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

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the September 13, 2022, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on City-sponsored business financing programs and associated activities; and on September 27, 2022, the Committee conducted interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and will include presentations on the Maritime Blue Incubator and the Port of Tacoma.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to excuse Council Member Rumbaugh from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk