



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

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March 14, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Rumbaugh

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:01 p.m.

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Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member 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 Council Member Ushka.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0251](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, November 15, 2022.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [23-0256](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, October 11, 2022.
3. [23-0248](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 1, 2022.
4. [23-0249](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 8, 2022.
5. [23-0261](#) Letter to the members of the Sound Transit Board of Directors, March 8, 2023.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41152](#) A resolution awarding a contract to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in the amount of \$1,500,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from various departmental funds, for banking and merchant services, for an initial contract period of six years - Specification No. FI22-0101F.
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

PAYMENTS

7. [23-0247](#) Date Range - 2/13/2023 to 2/26/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$19,680,365.08; Payments in the amount of \$22,045,850.22; for a total of \$41,726,215.30.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41152.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41152. 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. [23-0259](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, March 14, 2023, as Tacoma STEAM Network’s Pi Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, March 14, 2023, as Tacoma STEAM Network’s Pi Day and presented the proclamation to Chanel Hall, Assistant Director of Strategy and Impact, and J.R. Nobles, Executive Director of Friends of the Children and STEAM Leadership member, Graduate Tacoma.

- 9. [23-0072](#) Introduction of the 2023 Daffodil Festival Royal Court.

Daffodil Queen Vivian introduced the 2023 Daffodil Festival Royal Court. The Daffodil princesses then introduced themselves, noting their high school and the college they plan to attend.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:26 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance No. 28874.

Public Comment ended at 5:29 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41153](#) A resolution designating 45 Public Works and Environmental Services projects as Special Projects of Limited Duration, and designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed on said projects, through December 31, 2028. [Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41153.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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. [RES41154](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, Tacoma Police Department Non-Commissioned Management Unit, consisting of three budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024. [Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41154.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28873](#) 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 Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, the Professional Public Safety Management Association, and the District Lodge No. 160 on behalf of Local Lodge No. 282 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Supervisors' Unit.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28873.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28874](#) 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 Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, Tacoma Police Department Non-Commissioned Management Unit.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28874 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:36 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding WIAA State basketball, the Tacoma Public Schools Superintendent, and Native American genocide.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding Native American genocide.
2. Andrea Haug, regarding the South End Neighborhood Council's (SENCO)

South 72nd and "D" Street mural and green space project, the proposed Council Consideration Request to install wheelstops at SENCO's project location, and a Litter Free 253 event.

- 3. Eric Musica, regarding support for youth leaving jail.
- 4. Tim Smith, regarding Sunshine Week.
- 5. April Smith, regarding the SENCO's South 72nd and "D" Street mural and green space project.
- 6. Kathy Lawhon, regarding an oil spill cleanup, Tacoma Police Department officers and leadership, Native American genocide, the Daffodil Parade, and domestic terrorism.
- 7. Sally Perkins, regarding homeless encampments and services.

Community Forum ended at 5:50 p.m.

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 February 21, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on Tacoma Power's participation in the Western Energy Imbalance Market, and Washington Senate Bill 5755 regarding sales tax exemptions; on March 7, 2023, the Committee received presentations on the 2022 audit entrance conference and amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 6A.130; and the March 21, 2023, meeting has been cancelled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on April 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include presentations on Tacoma Power's 2023 financial overview and the monthly budget update.

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Council Member Bushnell invited the community to attend the first Khmer New Year celebration at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

Mayor Woodards announced that T-Town will be held at the Tacoma Dome at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023, and Saturday, April 29, 2023, noting it's held every other year, it's an opportunity for the community to engage with City departments as well as showcase career and trade opportunities, City departments will provide interactive activities, and it will be the 40th anniversary of the Tacoma Dome. She further reminded everyone that the 2023 State of the City Address will be held at Mount Tahoma High School on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., and will be available to view

online, through TV Tacoma, and the City's Facebook page.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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 5:55 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk