



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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February 08, 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 McCarthy 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 McCarthy.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of 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. [22-0163](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, October 14, 2021.
2. [22-0164](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, October 28, 2021.
3. [22-0175](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee special meeting, September 21, 2021.
4. [22-0162](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, December 16, 2021.
5. [22-0158](#) Board of Ethics Annual Report, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [22-0165](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 16, 2021.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [22-0174](#) Proclaiming February 2022 as Black History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 2022 as Black History Month and presented the proclamation to Andreta Armstrong, Human Rights Manager, Office of Equity and Human Rights.

8. [22-0173](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition.

Mayor Woodards recognized Nadeem Shariff, Owner, TN Glass Install, LLC, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Mr. Shariff.

9. [22-0171](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Information Technology Department's racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Daniel Key, Director, and Kipling Morris, Infrastructure Services and Operations Manager, Information Technology (IT). Mr. Morris presented the IT departmental highlight, noting the transformation highlight of digital equity, noting the City Council priority area of access, context, actions, results, and insight. Mr. Key reviewed how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of IT employees, and partnership with Human Resources to address recruitment and the retention cycle; purposeful outreach and engagement, noting the expanded Equity Index tool and improved virtual and hybrid meeting tools; equitable service delivery, noting the process for selecting internal investments; and the departmental look forward, noting next steps.

City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments, upcoming work and engagements, and the transformation timeline and history.

Mayor Woodards requested a follow up of IT's next steps to be presented at a Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:38 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 funding proposals for emergent needs presented at study session.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on nominations for the Compassionate Tacoma recognition.
3. Ralette Churchwell, speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation.

Public Comment ended at 5:48 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. [22-0172](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the rescinding of the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 2 and Amended Emergency Rule No. 2, related to utility shut-offs.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to confirm the rescinding of the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 2 and Amended Emergency Rule No. 2, related to utility shut-offs.

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

11. [22-0168](#) A motion may be considered to concur with the January 26, 2022, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City in the matter of Alfred C. Davis v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-07839-1, relating to an automobile accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$166,900.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to concur with the January 26, 2022, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City in the matter of Alfred C. Davis v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-07839-1, relating to an automobile accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$166,900.

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

APPOINTMENTS

12. [RES40911](#) A resolution appointing and confirming John O'Loughlin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to fill an unexpired term, to expire June 30, 2025. [Council Members Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, and Rumbaugh]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40911.

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

RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES40912](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Brad Major, for the development of 12 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 4329 South Cedar Street, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40912.

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

14. [RES40913](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Letters of Agreement with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, and International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers - Transportation Division, Local 1977, Conductors and Yardmasters units, regarding the addition of June 19th “Juneteenth” as a paid holiday for Belt Line Railway employees, beginning in calendar year 2022. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40913.

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

15. [RES40914](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee, regarding criteria for a permissible cash-out of accrued personal time off for represented employees.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40914.

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

16. [ORD28803](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.210, entitled “Holidays - Belt Line Railway”, to provide for the addition of June 19th “Juneteenth” as a paid holiday for Tacoma Rail employees, beginning in calendar year 2022; and by amending Section 1.12.248, entitled “Personal Time Off plan”, regarding criteria for a permissible cash-out of accrued personal time off for represented employees.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28803 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:07 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received six written comments for Community Forum regarding the speed-monitoring camera on East Bay Street, the Home in Tacoma Project, night lighting on the SR 509 Bridge, trash in Tacoma, and the business district safety proposal.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Alton McDonald, regarding Manuel Ellis and the Tacoma Police Department (TPD).
2. Barbara Church, regarding Washington House Bill 1507, the Republican Safe Washington Plan, and TacomaSafe.

3. Les Pogue Jr., regarding systems transformation and crime.
4. Pascha, regarding the TPD.
5. Sally Perkins, regarding crime, demonstrations, Vision Zero, and the community safety plan.
6. Jamie, regarding safety, Ordinance No. 28756 regarding camping on public property, public restrooms, and non-use of police force.
7. Kathy Lawhon, regarding marijuana, Manuel Ellis, housing, and IT's racial equity action plan.
8. Cheryl Kopec, regarding crime and the TPD.
9. Onedia Arnold, regarding crime, homelessness, and TacomaSafe.
10. April Smith, regarding crime.
11. Robb Krehbiel, regarding crime and the TPD.
12. Ralette Churchwell, regarding funding from the Federal Government to fight crime.

Mayor Woodards addressed comments regarding demonstrations, crime, and the TPD.

Community Forum ended at 6:36 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the January 26, 2022, meeting, the Committee elected the Chair and Vice Chair and received presentations on industrial symbiosis and the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on February 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

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Council Member Walker announced her participation in the Lute Job Shadow Program at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) and introduced Stefans Lusic, who is a student at PLU studying strategic communications with minors in business marketing and statistics, and participates in cross country and track. Mr. Lusic expressed appreciation for the Council Members for welcoming him.

Deputy Mayor Ushka addressed comments from Community Forum regarding crime and the TPD, and encouraged everyone to attend their

Neighborhood Council meetings. She concluded by stating the Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council of Tacoma's next meeting is on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting link can be found at easttacoma.org; and the South End Neighborhood Council's next meeting is on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., and their meeting link can be found at senco253.org.

Council Member Hines stated the West End Neighborhood Council is also seeking members, and their next meeting is on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Woodards stated that COVID-19 is still here, noting cases have dropped more than 30 percent this week, most recent hospitalization cases are from those that are not vaccinated, since the beginning of December unvaccinated people are up to ten times more likely to be hospitalized, and encouraged everyone to reach out to their health care providers or the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) to get further information on how to be safe during the pandemic. She concluded by further stating the Washington State Department of Health updated its isolation and quarantine guidelines for childcare facilities to align with K-12 schools, and the TPCHD has adopted the updated guidelines; and reminded everyone to wash their hands, wear their masks, and to get vaccinated.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk