



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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October 24, 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, Rumbaugh, Walker and
Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

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. [23-1020](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, June 14, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [23-1038](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 21, 2023.
3. [23-1031](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 4, 2023.
4. [23-1039](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 11, 2023.
5. [23-1044](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, April 18, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41283](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$358,803, equally split with Pierce County, for external contracts that support community based violence interventions and the City's transformation efforts, retroactive to October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2026; authorizing the City Manager to sign the Certifications; and authorizing the Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction Steering Committee or the Human Services Commission to review these grant applications in the future. [Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

PAYMENTS

7. [23-1032](#) Date Range - 09/25/2023 to 10/08/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$20,707,351.68; Payments in the amount of \$36,620,406.42; for a total of \$57,327,758.10.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41283.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41283. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:02 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public comment ended at 5:03 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41284](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Wamo Holdings Washington LLC, for the development of 14 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 604 South Sheridan Avenue.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41284.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

9. [ORD28910](#) An ordinance amending Title 6 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax and License Code, by amending Chapter 6B.10, entitled “General License Provisions”, and Chapter 6B.20, entitled “Annual Business License”, to decrease the late filing penalty on business license fees, strengthen license requirements and enforcement tools, and clarify administrative provisions of the licensing code; and by amending various chapters to update language and address areas of inconsistency.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28910 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

10. [23-1033](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2023 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing grant application.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

The public hearing was held later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver reported that due to inclement weather Catholic Community Services planned to expand their overnight capacity by 80 beds Friday through Sunday.

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 October 3, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Title 6, and a cybersecurity briefing; at the October 17, 2023, meeting, the Committee received an informational briefing on the proposed rate adjustment due to the closure of West Rock, and a communication audit and informational briefing from the Media and Communications Office. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on November 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include interviews for the Board of Ethics, an informational briefing on the City's litter code, and a Tacoma Power bond financing request

presentation.

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Mayor Woodards stated that the Neighborhood and Community Services Holistic Outreach Promoting Engagement (HOPE) Team has started serving the community, thanked the community for their continued push for the program to be completed, and shared a letter from a member of the public expressing gratitude for the HOPE Team's help.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

The public hearing began at 5:16 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Kathy Lawhon, resident.
- 2. Brian'na Wolk, resident.

The public hearing ended at 5:32 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfinished business was held earlier in the meeting.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:32 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received five written comments for community forum regarding Green Tacoma Day, City Manger’s report on emergency shelter performance, mid-scale housing along transit corridors, a note from a member of the Jewish community, and shipping containers.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Aaron Miller, regarding homelessness.
- 2. Michelle Reich, regarding Native American genocide.
- 3. Brian'na Wolk, unknown topic.
- 4. Cathie Urwin, regarding business fees.
- 5. April Smith, regarding Green Tacoma Day and private property tree ordinances.
- 6. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Manny Ellis trial.

Community forum ended at 5:44 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to excuse Council Members Daniels and Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk