



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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May 23, 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, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 2 - Hines and Ushka

Council Member Hines arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Council Member Ushka arrived at 5:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor 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 Deputy Mayor Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0515](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, January 26, 2023.
2. [23-0516](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 9, 2023.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:06 p.m.

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Council Member Hines arrived here, at 5:06 p.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to suspend the rules to add a settlement motion to tonight’s agenda, as item 11A, regarding the matter of Angelina Smalls, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bennie Branch and Brendelin Branch, Individually.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [23-0530](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, February 10, 2023.
4. [23-0533](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 14, 2023.
5. [23-0534](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 21, 2023.
6. [23-0535](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 28, 2023.
7. [23-0537](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 7, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41198](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, June 6, 2023, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2023 and 2024-2029.
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

- 9. [23-0524](#) Date Range - 04/24/2023 to 05/07/2023
 Payroll in the amount of \$19,833,882.04; Payments in the amount of \$34,356,236.36;
 for a total of \$54,190,118.40.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41198.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41198. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10. [23-0527](#) Proclaiming May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Joe LeRoy, President and CEO, HopeSparks Family Services; Mary Hallman, Assistant Chief of Emergency Medical Services, Tacoma Fire Department, and Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director, Neighborhood and Community Services.

- 11. [23-0526](#) Proclaiming June 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed June 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Amy Newcomb, Tacoma Local Data Lead, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; Imani Hunt, Member, Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma; Connie McCloud, Cultural Director, Puyallup Tribe of Indians; and Tremayne Edwards, Development and Engagement Director, Alliance for Gun Responsibility.

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Council Member Ushka arrived here, at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:36 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on the Mental Health Awareness Month and Gun Violence Awareness Month proclamations.
2. Michelle Mood, speaking on 23-0530.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on the Mental Health Awareness Month proclamation, 23-0547, and Resolution No. 41200.

Public Comment ended at 5:43 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

11A. [23-0547](#)

A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City, in the matter of Angelina Smalls, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bennie Branch and Brendelin Branch, Individually, v. City of Tacoma, et al., U.S. District Court No. 3:22-cv-05043-BJR upon payment by the City in the amount of \$3,100,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City, in the matter of Angelina Smalls, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bennie Branch and Brendelin Branch, Individually, v. City of Tacoma, et al., U.S. District Court No. 3:22-cv-05043-BJR upon payment by the City in the amount of \$3,100,000.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

APPOINTMENTS

12. [RES41199](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Services Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41199.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hines

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41200](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Inter-Con Security Systems Inc., in the amount of \$12,000,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from various departmental funds, for security services at City facilities, for an initial contract period of three years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$24,000,000 - Specification No. CT22-0358F.
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41200.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hines

RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES41201](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 2522 South Yakima LLC, for the development of four multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2522 Yakima Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41201.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hines

15. [RES41202](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 2524 South Yakima LLC, for the development of eight multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2524 Yakima Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41202.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hines

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28882](#) 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 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, the nonrepresented classifications of Municipal Court Judge and Court Commissioner, and other changes to reflect the organizational structure.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28882.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Hines

17. [ORD28884](#) An ordinance amending the Biennial Operating Budget of the City for fiscal years 2023-2024 for recommended budget adjustments that were not identifiable before the approval of the 2023-2024 adopted budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28884.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Hines

18. [ORD28885](#) An ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the City for fiscal years 2023-2024 for recommended budget adjustments and Council-approved capital projects with outstanding balances.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28885.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Hines

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:54 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received four written comments for Community Forum regarding a grant for a thorium molten salt nuclear reactor, impacts of warehouses on communities, climate change, and Native American genocide.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding Native American genocide.
2. Steven Bock, regarding initiative and referendum processes.
3. Eric Musica, regarding homelessness and gun violence.
4. Kevin Lord, regarding noise control and complaints.
5. April Smith, regarding animal control.
6. Michelle Mood, regarding the South Tacoma warehouse project and budgeting for the Water Flume Line Trail project.
7. Liz Ryan, regarding safety at the East 72nd Street and East McKinley Avenue intersection, and the tenant bill of rights initiative petition.
8. Sally Perkins, regarding and the tenant bill of rights initiative petition, the South Tacoma warehouse project, and homeless encampment sweeps.
9. Kathy Lawhon, regarding jury selections and City leadership.

Community Forum ended at 6:09 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Deputy Mayor Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the April 26, 2023, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission; and on May 10, 2023, the Committee received presentations on building and fire code amendments and the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program annual amendment. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on May 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Planning Commission.

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Council Member Rumbaugh announced that the Pantages Theater is having a free open house event on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., and provided background of the theater.

Council Member Ushka provided an update on the first Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2 community outreach event that was held at Stewart Middle School on Monday, May 22, 2023, noting there was high engagement, it was the first of five events, and that anyone can attend.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the May 30, 2023, City Council study session and business meeting have been cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled study session and business meeting will be held on June 6, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk