



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

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August 20, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Diaz 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 Diaz.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-0893](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 6, 2024.
2. [24-0894](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee and Audit Advisory Board joint meeting, February 20, 2024.
3. [24-0895](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, March 5, 2024.
4. [24-0896](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, March 19, 2024.
5. [24-0892](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, June 3, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that there are two modifications to the agenda: Item 14, to consider a substitute Resolution No. 41512 to revise several Council Member appointments; and adding Item 18a, to consider a motion adopting a statement of the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [24-0914](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Port of Tacoma Commission study session, November 28, 2023.
7. [24-0915](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, December 5, 2023.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

8. [RES41510](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Port of Tacoma, in the amount of \$30,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Special Revenue Fund, for reimbursement of costs related to interpretive and wayfinding signage and a viewfinder at the McKinley Overlook.
[Lauren Hoogkamer, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
9. [RES41511](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Fircrest, in the amount of \$177,992.21, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$204,691.04, budgeted from the Streets Initiative Fund, for construction of a joint project on South Orchard Street and Center Street.
[Jack Niehuser, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41510 and 41511.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41510 and 41511. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [24-0898](#) Proclaiming Thursday, August 22, 2024, as The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Thursday, August 22, 2024, as The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County (Humane Society) Day, and presented the proclamation to Ashley Taulbee, Chief Philanthropy Officer, and Megan Tackett, Development Coordinator, Humane Society.

11. [24-0897](#) Recognizing Bruce Kendall.

Mayor Woodards presented a recognition to Bruce Kendall, President and CEO, Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County.

12. [24-0907](#) City Council Jobs 253 Intern Presentation.

Cassidy Maruska and Anne Jacobson-Mowery, Jobs 253 interns, provided a presentation on their internship experiences with the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:39 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Ordinance No. 28977 and the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries' decision.
2. Cathie Urwin, speaking on Ordinance No. 28977.
3. Jami, speaking on Ordinance No. 28977.
4. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Ordinance No. 28977.
5. April Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 41512 and Ordinance No. 28977.
6. Michele Reich, speaking on The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County Day proclamation.

Public comment ended at 5:52 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. [24-0903](#) A motion may be made to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of The Estate of Wesley Evans v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-07562-6, related to an incident occurring on September 19, 2017 involving a fatality collision with a Tacoma Rail train near the intersection of Milwaukee Way and Lincoln Avenue, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and execution of a settlement agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney and consistent with the terms agreed to pursuant to CR 2A.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of The Estate of Wesley Evans v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-07562-6, related to an incident occurring on September 19, 2017 involving a fatality collision with a Tacoma Rail train near the intersection of Milwaukee Way and Lincoln Avenue, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and execution of a settlement agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney and consistent with the terms agreed to pursuant to CR 2A.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Diaz

APPOINTMENTS

14. [RES41512](#) A resolution revising the appointments of City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, through December 31, 2024. [Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41512.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved as a substitute, Substitute Resolution No. 41512.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Diaz

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Diaz

COMMUNICATIONS

15. [24-0910](#) City Clerk transmitting the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries' decision regarding the Mayor and City Council Members' annual salary.

This item was informational only.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES41513](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Global Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$1,878,854.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$2,254,624.80, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for construction of 21 intersection improvements, including curb ramps, sidewalks, bulb-outs, and roadway and stormwater improvements, as needed - Specification No. PW24-0054F.
[Clara Dubow, P.E., Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41513.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

17. [RES41514](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Global Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$2,123,050.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for sidewalk and streetscape improvements from South 15th Street to South 19th Street along Martin Luther King Jr. Way, for a projected contract total of \$2,441,507.50 - Specification No. PW23-0160F. [Jon Kulju, PMP, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41514.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28977](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of Ordinance No. 28872, which enacted interim land use regulations within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) to temporarily prohibit the establishment of new or the expansion of existing underground storage tanks, metal recycling, and auto wrecking facilities within the STGPD, as approved by the City Council, and as previously extended by Ordinance No. 28958. [Adam Nolan, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28977 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported two City employees received awards: Joe Franco, Special Assistant to the Director, Public Works, received the Advancing the Profession award from the Washington City-County Management Association; and Maria Teresa Gamez, Language Access Program Coordinator, City Manager's Office, received the Social Justice award at the Celebrando Comunidad Latine event.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported the July 16, 2024, meeting, included a monthly budget update including demonstration of the Balancing Act website; Fire Levy "For" and "Against" committee letter review; and briefing on Multi-Family Tax Exemption program; the July 29, 2024, special meeting included City Charter amendments "For" and "Against" committee letter review; the August 6, 2024, meeting included presentations on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Accelerator project, and a request to refinance Convention Center bonds; and the meeting held earlier today included a proposed franchise agreement with Unite Private Networks, LLC, the Environmental Services 2025-2026 proposed budget and rate revenues, and proposed amendments to the Tacoma Municipal Code related to electricity tax, utilities tax, and special permits. He concluded by stating the September 3, 2024, meeting is cancelled, and the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on September 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as a joint quarterly meeting with the Audit Advisory Board, and will include a monthly budget update and a cost of services analysis and rates for Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, and Tacoma Water.

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Council Member Sadalge invited the community to the Safety Fair at the Eastside Community Center on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Deputy Mayor Hines invited the community to the dedication for the ceremonial renaming of Bill Evans Place in the Proctor District on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and to the Proctor Food Fest on Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Scott invited the community to the Hilltop Street Fair on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

- 18a. [24-0936](#) City Council statement in response to the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition letter to the Department of Justice.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt as a statement of the City Council, the statement that has been filed with the City Clerk in response to the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition letter to the Department of Justice.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk