



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**November 14, 2023**  
**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards  
**Absent:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

Council Member Hines arrived at 5:01 p.m. and Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Woodards and Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

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

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of Bill Evans, former City Council Member.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

1.     [RES41295](#)     A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with AHBL, Inc., in the amount of \$284,550.00, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,104,163.15, budgeted from the Street Capital Projects Fund, to amend design services for the Links to Opportunity Streetscape and “J” Street Bicycle Boulevard Projects - Contract No. CW2235190.  
[Jon Kulju, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]
  
2.     [RES41296](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to Capital Heating & Cooling, Inc., in the amount of \$934,524.24, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Capital Project Fund, for electrical upgrades and installation of new energy efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems at Fire Stations 11 and 13, for a project contract total of \$1,121,429.09 - Specification No. PW23-0159F.  
[David Pagel, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda including Resolution Nos. 41295 and 41296.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda including Resolution Nos. 41295 and 41296. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Rumbaugh

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.     [23-1111](#)     Proclaiming Sunday, November 19, 2023, as the Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

Deputy Mayor Walker proclaimed Sunday, November 19, 2023, as the Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims and presented the proclamation to Laura Svancarek, Commute Trip Reduction

and Advocacy Manager, and Amber Weilert, Road Safety Advocate, Downtown On the Go.

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Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:15 p.m.

- 4. [23-1110](#) Proclaiming Monday, November 20, 2023, as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Deputy Mayor Walker proclaimed Monday, November 20, 2023, as Transgender Day of Remembrance and presented the proclamation to Oliver Webb, Executive Director and Fran Rourke, Vice Chair, Diversity Alliance of the Puget Sound; and Lisa Keating, Board Director for Tacoma Public Schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:26 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comment.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Michele Reich, speaking on the Transgender Day of Remembrance Proclamation.
- 2. Michelle Mood, speaking on the Transgender Day of Remembrance and the Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims Proclamations.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 5. [RES41297](#) A resolution approving changes to the Tacoma Power Electric Rate and Financial Policy.  
[Jing Liu, Rates and Data Analyst; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41297.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**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

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28911](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.266, entitled "Very large load service of 10 aMW or more - Schedule VLL", and by amending various sections to align with the new Schedule VLL, effective January 1, 2024.  
[Jing Liu, Rates and Data Analyst; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28911 was set over for final reading next week.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Hines recognized Boy Scout Troop 294 and invited them to the podium for a photo with the City Council.

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 5:49 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for community forum regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse project, petty crime and drug use, and the City's Green Economic Development Strategy.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on crime in Tacoma.
2. Mike Hunter, speaking on renaming East 37th Street between South Thompson Avenue and East "G" Street.
3. Kit Burns, speaking on Bridge Industrial warehouse project and traffic.
4. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Bridge Industrial warehouse project.
5. April Smith, speaking on the Hosmer Trunk or Treat and road flooding.
6. Cathie Raine Urwin, speaking on the Bridge Industrial warehouse project.
7. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on crime and the Tacoma Police Department; the Manny Ellis trial; and Measure No. 1.
8. Michelle Mood, speaking on the City's Green Economic Development Strategy.

Community forum ended at 6:04 p.m.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There was no report.

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Council Member Bushnell and City Manager Pauli provided information on health assessment funding, assessment impacts on long range planning, and the permitting process.

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**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to excuse Council Member Rumbaugh from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**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 6:07 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk