



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

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**March 04, 2025**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:02 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

### Executive Session - Potential Litigation

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 4.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**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

The City Council convened to executive session at 12:05 p.m.  
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session was extended by five minutes at 12:16 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 12:23 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [25-0166](#) ShotSpotter  
[Christopher Karl, Assistant Chief, Tacoma Police Department]

At approximately 12:24 p.m., Christopher Karl, Assistant Police Chief,

Tacoma Police Department (TPD), provided an overview of ShotSpotter.

The study session recessed at 12:29 p.m. and reconvened at 12:34 p.m.

Karl introduced Ralph Clark, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Alfred Lewers Jr., Senior Director, ShotSpotter; Dr. Jessie Huff, Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati; and Crystal Haskins-Young, Assistant Police Chief, TPD; and presented information on ShotSpotter; Office of Justice programs; Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) technology grant and academic review; digital trust campaign; and policy update.

Discussion ensued regarding digital trust campaign, including the presentation being held at Community Vitality and Safety Committee and potential online dashboard; targeted location, including Hosmer corridor, noting concerns from residents; average day outlook since implemented; percentage of gun fire going unnoticed; current policy and procedures, including potential changes; privacy on collected information, including how the technology works, noting specifics on sensors, recording, and data sharing; BJA technology grant, including RECOVER Latent Fingerprint Technology (LFT) fingerprint and FARO Focus 3D laser scanner; evaluation process; relationship between City's current Crime Plan and day-to-day policing; community connection and engagement; ShotSpotter in the City of Chicago; success metrics, including goals from TPD; community impacts, including rates on insurance and real estate; agreement and evaluation process; prevention, resources, and analysis; data on community member involvement in police investigations; presence of ShotSpotter deterring crime in addition to other tools, including analysis of data and any current trends; impacts on community after ShotSpotter leaves; and ShotSpotter application and 311 call center integration.

2. [25-0168](#) 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda  
[Andrea Roper, Government Relations Officer, City Manager's Office; Lauren Adler, Federal Affairs Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities]

At approximately 2:24 p.m., Sonja Hallum, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office (CMO), provided opening remarks; and introduced Andrea Roper, Government Relations Officer, CMO; and Lauren Adler, Federal Government Affairs Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU). Roper presented 2025 General Government federal legislative policy positions, including safety, housing and homelessness, jobs, access, health, and civil rights; and 2025 federal legislative priorities, including infrastructure, affordable housing, community safety, and supporting human rights and dignity. Adler presented the 2025 proposed TPU agency wide federal legislative priorities and policies, including infrastructure financing tools, limited income programs, supply chain solutions; and specific priorities for

Tacoma Power, Tacoma Water, and Tacoma Rail.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for the Victims of Crime Act; Bonneville Power Administration staffing; PFAS liability; supply chain issues; collaboration between Tacoma Rail and Public Works on safety; regular updates for community; and Council and the Board's conference attendance in Washington, D.C.

## Other Items of Interest

3. [25-0176](#) Council Action Memorandum - An Ordinance Establishing Expenditure Targets, and Reporting, Evaluation, and Planning Requirements for Revenues from Proposition No. 1 and the 0.10 percent Sales and Use Tax imposed by the Transportation Benefit District. [Mayor Woodards]

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Action Memorandum for an ordinance relating to funding of transportation improvements; establishing expenditure targets and reporting requirements for revenues derived from Proposition 1 and the 0.10 percent Sales and Use Tax imposed by the Transportation Benefit District. She concluded by stating the goal is to significantly improve Tacoma's transportation infrastructure over the designated performance period of 15 years to ensure the effective execution of the plan for long-term funding for essential transportation infrastructure projects, and the content of the annual report will be made publicly accessible promptly after its submission to the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding current transparency and reports.

4. [25-0181](#) Council Consideration Request - A Resolution Declaring Support for Good, Quality Jobs in Tacoma and Prioritizing Good, Quality Jobs in Workforce Development. [Mayor Woodards]

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request for a resolution declaring support for good, quality jobs in Tacoma and prioritizing good, quality jobs in workforce development; defining good, quality jobs and establishing Tacoma Good Jobs Principles; and directing the City Manager to incorporate these principles into economic development and city strategic plans and prioritize good jobs in evaluation criteria when appropriate. She continued by stating there will be eight principles that define a good job in the City, including equitable access and representative workforce, empowerment and representation, transparent and equitable recruitment and hiring practices, job security and flexible working conditions, comprehensive benefits, organizational culture, self-sufficient wages, and career training and advancement opportunities. She concluded by stating the City's Community

and Economic Development Director will be starting in March and this proposed resolution will be in front of Council in April, providing the Director time to engage with these principles and refine the departments work.

Discussion ensued regarding partnership with WorkForce Central and appreciation for the leadership.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [25-0177](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, February 27, 2025  
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]


City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are two ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming Tuesday, March 11, 2025, as National 311 Day, and proclaiming March 9-15, 2025, as AmeriCorps Appreciation Week; and no changes are expected to tonight's agenda.

## Executive Session - Potential Litigation

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk