



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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April 16, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Rumbaugh 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 Rumbaugh.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-0392](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, March 11, 2024.
2. [24-0379](#) Meeting of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, March 4, 2024.
3. [24-0390](#) Convention Center and Parking Revenue Bonds Coverage Compliance.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that a modification is expected to the agenda tonight, to consider Consent Agenda Item 6, a letter to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, separately, in order to amend the letter.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. [24-0391](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 5, 2023.
5. [24-0389](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 12, 2023.
6. [24-0400](#) A letter from the City Council to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency regarding Proposed Order No. 12348 for Darling Ingredients Inc.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to consider Item 6, relating to a letter to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, separately from the Consent Agenda at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

6. [24-0400](#) A letter from the City Council to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency regarding Proposed Order No. 12348 for Darling Ingredients Inc.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to approve the letter to the Puget Sound Clear Air Agency.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to amend the letter to add the words “and environmental” after “While we understand the economic”.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The letter, as amended, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, as amended, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [24-0398](#) Proclaiming April 14-20, 2024, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 14-20, 2024, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week and presented the proclamation to Vanna Sing, founder, Tacoma Healing Awareness Community; Dareth Pak, Program Manager, Asia Pacific Cultural Center; and Michael-Te Chieng, Board President, Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy.

8. [24-0396](#) Proclaiming April 15-19, 2024, as Black Wellness Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 15-19, 2024, as Black Wellness Week and presented the proclamation to Keith Blocker, CEO; Christina Blocker, Founder; and Terrance Hamilton, Business Analyst, Momentum Professional Strategy Partners.

9. [24-0395](#) Recognizing Tahoma Bird Alliance.

Mayor Woodards recognized the Tahoma Bird Alliance and presented the recognition to Stuart Earley, Executive Director; and Suzanne Harkness, Development and Community Engagement Manager, Tahoma Bird Alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:44 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. April Smith, speaking on Ordinance No. 28962.

Public comment ended at 5:46 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. [24-0407](#)

A motion may be considered to, in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.18, of the Tacoma City Charter, the Public Utility Board has completed and approved an annual performance review of the Director of Utilities Jackie Flowers, and has reconfirmed the appointment of Jackie Flowers as the Director of Utilities for a two-year period commencing May 3, 2024, subject to reconfirmation by the City Council; accordingly, the City Council reconfirms Jackie Flowers as the Director of Utilities for a two-year appointment effective as of May 3, 2024.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to authorize, in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.18 of the Tacoma City Charter, the Public Utility Board has completed and approved an annual performance review of the Director of Utilities Jackie Flowers, and has reconfirmed the appointment of Jackie Flowers as the Director of Utilities for a two year period commencing May 3, 2024, subject to reconfirmation by the City Council; accordingly, the City Council reconfirms Jackie Flowers as the Director of Utilities for a two year appointment effective as of May 3, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

APPOINTMENTS

11. [RES41404](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41404.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

12. [RES41405](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41405.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28962](#) An ordinance enacting a temporary moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts, for a period of one year.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29862 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Rumbaugh, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported the March 28, 2024, meeting included annual reports from the Human Services Commission and the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities; the April 11, 2024, meeting included Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs interviews, and a briefing on the Neighborhood Council program and code; and the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on April 25, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include presentations on the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder sales tax assessment and the issue statement for the 2025-2026 competitive funding process.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.


Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor


Nicole Emery, City Clerk