



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**January 09, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [24-0036](#) Community Event In-Kind Support

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events, provided opening remarks on community event support; an agenda; community events support history, noting the organizations funded prior to 2020, City Events and Recognition Committee and community event grant scoring criteria, and 2021-2023 funded events and organizations; City services, noting collaborative departments and partners, goals, Citywide and City-sponsored events, city equipment and personnel costs, and monthly timeline; and plans for the future.

Discussion ensued regarding City-sponsored events and criteria; barrier relief funding; equity criteria; event and funding application; funding sources; event requirements, noting capacity; scoring criteria; application standardization, including permits; event planning as part of funding; Washington Events and Festival Association, noting the Tacoma chapter; and technical assistance.

2. [24-0037](#) Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Naming

At approximately 12:46 p.m., Josh Diekmann, Transportation Division Manager, Public Works, presented the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail naming, including an overview, trail alternatives analysis, selected trail alignment, explanation of spuyaləpabš, and naming process.

Discussion ensued regarding excitement for the new trail and appreciation for staff.

## Other Items of Interest

### 3. [24-0038](#) Council Action Memorandum - 2024 Council Member Appointments

Mayor Woodards reviewed the 2024 appointments of Council Members to various committees, boards, and commissions, noting the appointment process and the importance of feedback from the Council. She concluded by stating she is striving to balance the City Council's committees, boards, and commissions assignments, including the Council's areas of interest and expertise, availability, and number of roles assigned.

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Mayor Woodards presented information on House Bill 5961 (HB5961) from Senator Yasmin Trudeau regarding landlord-tenant protections, noting support for this bill. Mayor Woodards concluded by stating she will be testifying in support of HB5961 and if Council has interest, a letter can be drafted and brought forward.

Discussion ensued regarding language in the proposed letter; high-level overview of House Bills 2114 and 5961, noting both are scheduled for public hearing later in the week; similarities and differences between each bill; and winter month evictions.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

### 4. [24-0039](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, January 4, 2024

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there is one ceremonial on tonight's meeting agenda for a swearing in ceremony for newly elected and re-elected Council Members; two modifications to tonight's agenda, a motion to move various first reading of ordinances to the consent agenda, relating to the publication correction, and moving the Deputy Mayor election to take place before the consent agenda; and tonight's meeting includes community forum.

## **Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to convene to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and (ii) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 60 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, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## **Closed Session - Labor Strategy**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to convene to a closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor strategy, not to exceed 30 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, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to closed session at 1:07 p.m.

The closed session concluded, and the City Council convened to an executive session, at 2:38 p.m. City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session was extended by 30 minutes, at 3:38 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 4:11 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk