



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

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November 29, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Deputy Mayor Ushka participated virtually.

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. [22-1288](#) Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, October 14, 2022.
2. [22-1280](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 26, 2022.
3. [22-1281](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 26, 2022.
4. [22-1287](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, October 10, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES41070](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, December 13, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 22.07 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Federal Way vicinity of unincorporated King County, to King County, for the amount of \$4,000,000.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41070.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41070. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:02 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 41071.

Public Comment ended at 5:04 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41071](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Legal Services Agreement with Tupper Mack Wells PLLC, in the amount of \$300,000, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for a maximum compensation amount of \$1,100,000, to provide legal services with respect to permit requirements imposed by the Washington State Department of Ecology - Contract No. 4600014190.
[Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41071.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41072](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with SJ Apartments LLC, for the development of 20 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 1215 South “J” Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41072.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

8. [RES41073](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Union Development Holdings, LLC, for the development of 86 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 1555 Tacoma Avenue South, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41073.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

9. [RES41074](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,000, to sponsor the 2022 Santa Parade.
[Council Member Diaz]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41074.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

10. [22-1248](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 1.74 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in the Graham - Eatonville vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Amie and Jared Brisson, for the amount of \$13,500.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:16 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, resident.

The public hearing ended at 5:20 p.m.

11. [22-1249](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 1.29 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in the Graham - Eatonville vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Eduardo Dominguez and Margarita Calderon, for the amount of \$13,500. [Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:21 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 5:27 p.m.

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 Blocker, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the October 27, 2022, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Landlord-Tenant Program; and on November 10, 2022, the Committee conducted interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) and received a presentation on anti-displacement strategy priority setting. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on December 18, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., and will include a presentation on CPAC's oversight community outreach feedback and end-of-year report.

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the November 8, 2022, meeting, the Committee heard from a panel of local entrepreneurs to highlight updates and news from Tacoma's technology-related startup ecosystem; and on November 22 and 29, 2022, the Committee conducted interviews for the Tacoma Arts Commission.

He concluded by stating the next meeting will be in a hybrid format on December 13, 2022, the Committee will receive presentations on the Maritime Blue Incubator and the Port of Tacoma.

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Council Member Rumbaugh shared information on the seventh annual Holiday Haul Crawl, noting it's an opportunity to visit downtown and business located there; the event is from Tuesday November 29, 2022, through Saturday, December 10, 2022; free carriage rides on Saturday, December 3, 2022; a free snow globe photo booth on Saturday, December 10, 2022; and there are Holiday Haul Crawl bucks that ten business are participating in where you receive a discount for shopping with them.

Mayor Woodards and Deputy Mayor Ushka requested information about sheltering, road crew operations, and warming shelters during inclement weather.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk