



City of Tacoma

City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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April 30, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of retired Deputy Fire Marshal Phil Ferrell.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that tonight's agenda will be modified to replace Item 15 with a Substitute Resolution No. 41416, related to recognizing our community's global ties and affirming Tacoma's commitment to standing together in support of peaceful and diplomatic conflict resolution.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to modify the agenda to replace Item 15 with Substitute Resolution No. 41416.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [24-0454](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 24, 2023.
2. [24-0473](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 9, 2024.
3. [24-0474](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, January 11, 2024.
4. [24-0475](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 16, 2024.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES41409](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Mithun, Inc., in the amount of \$95,000, for a cumulative total of \$995,000, budgeted from the Permit Services Fund, for additional scope of work as part of the Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2, through July 1, 2025 - Specification No. PL22-0085F.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
6. [RES41410](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$1,108,747.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Stormwater and Streets Initiative funds, for the replacement of storm sewer mains, roadways, and curb ramps on North 8th and North Pine Streets, for a projected contract total of \$1,330,496.40 - Specification No. ES23-0069F.
[Kirk Myklestad, P.E., Civil Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41411](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$4,950,000, and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, to assist with acquisition of two zero-emission locomotives and installation of associated on-site charging infrastructure.
[Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41409 through 41411.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41409 through 41411. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [24-0459](#) Proclaiming Saturday, May 4, 2024, as International Firefighters' Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, May 4, 2024, as International Firefighters' Day, and presented the proclamation to Alex Wilsie, Assistant Fire Chief; and Pat McElligot, Firefighter and Vice President, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 31.

9. [24-0458](#) Proclaiming April 28-May 4, 2024, as National Small Business Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 28-May 4, 2024, as National Small Business Week, and presented the proclamation to Mattice Hoyt, Mattice Beauty Supply; and Chloe Hansford, Parable Bookstore.

10. [24-0457](#) Proclaiming May 2024 as Therapeutic Court Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2024 as Therapeutic Court Month and presented the proclamation to Dee Sonntag, Judge; Andrea Currin, Operations Supervisor; Elidia Colmenares, Community Justice Counselor; and Emily Splinter-Felton, Therapeutic Court Coordinator, Municipal Court.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:24 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received two written comments for public comment, regarding Resolution No. 41409 and Ordinance Nos. 28965 and 28966.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Cathie Urwin, speaking on Ordinance No. 28966.
2. April Smith, speaking on Small Business Week, Resolution No. 41415, and Ordinance No. 28963.
3. Maricres Castro, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
4. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Resolution No. 41409 and Ordinance No. 28966.

5. Angel Names, speaking on Ordinance No. 28964.
6. Laurie Arnold, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
7. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
8. Roman Bastechadde, speaking on unknown.
9. Ijaz, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
10. Patrick McConnell, speaking on unknown.
11. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
12. Adina Jocelyn, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
13. Zan Lussier, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
14. Taylor Alhammed, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
15. Amanda Westbrook, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
16. Yusuf, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
17. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
18. Toby Kramer, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
19. Rolly Garcia, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
20. Lisa Alatorre, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
21. Bronwyn Clark, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
22. Ann Dorn, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
23. Zev Cook, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
24. River Reier, speaking on Resolution No. 41416 and Small Business Week.
25. E. J. Slager, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
26. Emily, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
27. Sophia Oluokun, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
28. Eric Herde, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
29. Francis Faye, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
30. Alyssa Urish, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
31. Melissa Roberts, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
32. Beverly Allen, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
33. Reverend Stevi Hamill, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
34. Lily, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
35. Xanat, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.
36. Greg Kleiner, speaking on Resolution No. 41416.

Public comment ended at 6:17 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

11. [RES41412](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41412.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

12. [RES41413](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41413.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:21 p.m., and reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41414](#) A resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2024 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing the execution of agreements with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, the City of Lakewood, and up to 20 individual contractors to support housing, community and economic development, and public service activities; and authorizing updates to the Participation Plan. [Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41414.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

14. [RES41415](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to review options for a public education campaign to reduce littering and increase participation in litter cleanup programs, and to share options and a proposal as part of the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget recommendation. [Council Member Rumbaugh]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41415.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

15. [RES41416](#) An amended substitute resolution recognizing our community's global ties and affirming Tacoma's commitment to standing together in support of peaceful and diplomatic conflict resolution, including calls in support of an immediate and permanent ceasefire. [Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Substitute Resolution No. 41416.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

MOTION: Council Member Scott moved to amend Substitute Resolution No. 41416, to modify the title to read “A substitute resolution recognizing our community’s global ties and affirming Tacoma’s commitment to standing together in support of peaceful and diplomatic conflict resolution, including calls in support of an immediate and permanent ceasefire.”; and to amend page 1, line 13, to add the words “such as Gaza and Israel” after “conflict zones”.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. Substitute Resolution No. 41416, as amended, was adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28963](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 8.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to Disorderly Conduct, by amending Section 8.12.150, entitled “Littering prohibited - Penalties”, to align more closely with state law; and providing for enforcement, and establishing civil and criminal penalties for violations.
[Deputy Mayor Hines]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28963. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28964](#) An ordinance declaring the public necessity for, and providing for the acquisition by eminent domain, certain property located along East Portland Avenue between East 56th Street and East 64th Street, for right-of-way necessary to construct the pedestrian, signal safety, and road improvements in connection with the East Portland Avenue Project.
[Susie Rogers, Principal Real Property Officer; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28964 was set over for final reading next week.

18. [ORD28965](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 10.28 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Transportation Benefit District, by amending Section 10.28.020, entitled “Transportation Benefit District - Statement of Purpose”, and Section 10.28.060, entitled “Use of Funds”, to clarify language to enhance the usage of funds within the benefit district.
[Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28965 was set over for final reading next week.

19. [ORD28966](#) An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, by amending various chapters, to create an Urban Design Project Review permit, establish an Urban Design Board, and amend certain development and design standards of mixed-use and downtown zoning districts.
[Stephen Antupit, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28966 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

Government Performance and Finance Committee

The report was postponed to the May 7, 2024, meeting.

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Mayor Woodards stated the 2024 Tacoma Reads book will be announced on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., on TV Tacoma.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to excuse Council Member Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.


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


Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor


Nicole Emery, City Clerk