



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**August 08, 2023**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the study session to order at 12:03 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz and Walker

**Absent:** 4 - Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Daniels participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [23-0796](#) Second Quarter Financial Update and Mid-Biennial Budget Modification Briefing

At approximately 12:04 p.m., Reid Bennion, Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget, provided an update on the second quarter financial and mid-biennial budget modification, including an agenda; future outlook, noting uncertain economic trends being monitored; General Fund update through June 2023; and other funds financial updates. He further reviewed the modification process and timeline, including the purpose of modification, preliminary revenue projections, General Fund projections and commitments, other priority area items, considerations, and major dates.

Discussion ensued regarding delayed expenses, noting jail contract savings; youth homeless service provider funding projection; sales tax percentage; Council priorities and modification process; youth summer programs; and green economy job credits.

### Other Items of Interest

2. [23-0797](#) Council Consideration Request - Planning Commission Review of Home Business Occupation

Council Member Diaz presented a Council Consideration Request for a

resolution to direct the City Manager to have staff and the Planning Commission evaluate a revision to the Tacoma Municipal Code Section 13.06.080.F, entitled Home Occupation Standards, explaining that micro-enterprise start-ups, businesses with five or fewer employees, do not have a current pathway to leasing commercial spaces and with the rising costs of rent, it is becoming more difficult for them to take this high-risk step towards growing their businesses. She concluded by stating that this resolution targets obstacles micro-enterprises face as separate or different than what small businesses face when it comes to commercial leasing in Tacoma by requesting a review of home occupation standards to better align with the needs of micro-businesses.

Discussion ensued regarding timeline and appreciation for helping micro-businesses get their start.

3. [23-0798](#) Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code 2023 Proposed Amendments

Council Member Bushnell presented two proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 28901, the Comprehensive Plan, and Land Use Regulatory Code, including the Mor Furniture re-zone from low-scale residential land use designation to a general commercial land use designation; and to expand the use of electric fences in association with outdoor storage in various zoning districts, with associated development standards.

Discussion ensued regarding tracking ordinance changes and timeline.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [23-0799](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, August 3, 2023

Acting City Manager Hyun Kim stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda; no changes are expected to tonight's agenda; and that tonight's meeting includes Community Forum.

## Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to convene to a closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Diaz.**

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

**Ayes:** 5 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz and Walker

**Absent:** 4 - Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

## **Adjournment**

The closed session was held after adjournment of the study session.

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk