



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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March 22, 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, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Bushnell 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 Bushnell.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Deputy Dominique "Dom" Calata.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0201](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee special meeting, November 4, 2021.
2. [22-0328](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, January 13, 2022.
3. [22-0329](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, January 27, 2022.
4. [22-0330](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 10, 2022.
5. [22-0331](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 24, 2022.
6. [22-0319](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, December 14, 2021.

7. [22-0320](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 25, 2022.
8. [22-0324](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, February 23, 2022.
9. [22-0309](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board, February 10, 2022.
10. [22-0338](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, December 15, 2021.
11. [22-0339](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, January 19, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

12. [22-0311](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 11, 2022.
13. [22-0312](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 25, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES40926](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for the implementation of the 2021 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, and periodic updates or replacement of that plan.
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Management Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40926.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40926. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. [22-0342](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, March 22, 2022, as Racial Equity Champions and Facilitators Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, March 22, 2022, as Racial Equity Champions and Facilitators Day and presented the proclamation to Mia Navarro, Policy and Program Manager, and Lucas Smiraldo, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:13 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40928, regarding the loan agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology; and Resolution Nos. 40930 and 40931, regarding the Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Agreements.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Heidi Stevens, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40928, 40930, and 40931.
2. David Schroedel, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40933 and 40934.

Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

16. [RES40927](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40927.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES40928](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a loan agreement and any associated term extensions with the Washington State Department of Ecology, for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan, in the amount of \$14,610,731; and accepting and depositing said sum into the Wastewater Fund, to provide 51 percent of the funding to reimburse costs spent on the construction phase of the Central Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution System Replacement Project.

[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40928.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

18. [RES40929](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 313, consisting of 132 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40929.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

19. [RES40930](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 2302 S G ST, LLC, for the development of eight multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 2302 South “G” Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40930.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

20. [RES40931](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Louis Rudolph Homes LLC, for the development of 48 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 2 Chelan Place, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40931.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

21. [RES40932](#) A resolution continuing the Downtown Tacoma Partnership (DTP), formerly known as the Business Improvement Area, for the 35th year, providing for levy assessments and other income, in the amount of \$1,621,122; and approving the renewed DTP annual work plan and budget, and assessment of rates from May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40932.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

22. [RES40933](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Local Development Council of Tacoma, d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Partnership (DTP), formerly known as the Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$1,666,900, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, to provide administration services for DTP operations, as set forth in the 2022-2023 DTP annual work plan and budget. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40933.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

23. [RES40934](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, for expenditures related to the 2022 Tacoma Reads Together programming and events.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40934.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

24. [ORD28808](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by Teamsters Local 313.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28808 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

25. [22-0325](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 6,350 square feet of Tacoma Power property, located at 3404 South 45th Street, to Chris and Mitzi Dunayski, for the amount of \$250,000.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:54 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michelle Mood, resident.
2. Marilyn Kimmerling, resident.
3. Heidi Stevens, resident.
4. Les Pogue Jr., resident.
5. Logan Harvey, resident.
6. April Smith, resident.
7. Kathy Lawhon, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:17 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on the window replacement grant process, noting the application deadline is Monday, March 28, 2022; the City has received 151 applications, totaling \$283,622; staff is reviewing the applications through and after the deadline; and the goal is to notify applicants on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. She concluded by reminding everyone that once the applications have been reviewed for meeting the program requirements, they will go through the process of the equity opportunity area indicator; confirmed for council districts; and a lottery that is segmented by geography will be held.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the February 24, 2022, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board; and on March 10, 2022, the Committee hosted a discussion with key stakeholders on a possible camping ban in Tacoma. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on March 24, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development, and a discussion will be held on what the recommendations are going to be to the full City Council regarding a camping ordinance.

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Mayor Woodards announced that on Friday, March 18, 2022, she toured the Jefferson and Hood Street Surface Water Interceptor project at 1147 Dock Street, and saw the new micro tunneling machine, and stated that the project will start at the Thea Foss Waterway and will connect to existing pipes up the hill from Pacific Avenue so that runoff water can go directly into the Puget Sound; and expressed appreciation for the two lead engineers on the project, Christa Lee, Professional Engineer, and Kristy Beardemphl, Principal Engineer, Environmental Services, as well as staff from all departments involved in the project.

Council Member Bushnell announced that today is World Water Day, expressed appreciation to Tacoma Water staff for providing clean drinking water to the community, and acknowledged that Tacoma Water has been recognized with a Silver Certificate Top Performer award from the

Washington State Department of Health.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doris Sorum". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk