



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**August 06, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Hines called the study session to order at 12:08 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

**Absent:** 3 - Daniels, Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Daniels arrived at 12:12 p.m.

Council Member Walker participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [24-0859](#) 2024 Community Survey Results Update  
[Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy]

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, provided opening remarks on the 2024 community survey results and introduced Ted Richardson, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Office of Strategy, and Ryan Murray, Assistant Director of Community Research, ETC Institute.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 12:12 p.m.

Together, Richardson and Murray presented an overview; agenda; purpose; methodology, noting access, distribution, and sample size; location of respondents; and demographics. They continued by outlining perceptions from the community related to government, jobs, and economy; overall satisfaction with the City, including GIS mapping, police, fire and emergency medical services; important ratings, noting public safety and enforcement; mapping high priority items; public works and utilities, including infrastructure and road; priority items, noting condition of major streets and cleanliness; and communication, including efforts by local government and level of public involvement in local decision making; safety and crime, noting rating of feeling safe in Tacoma; neighborhood priorities, including funding for social

services; additional priorities, including information sources and civic participation; satisfaction of customer services; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding demographic data comparisons; amount of survey responses in multiple languages; appreciation for comprehensive results; public safety, noting police-related perceptions; next steps and priorities; homeless services, noting state and federal legislative priorities and policies; funding and budget; and learning from other cities' survey results.

### Other Items of Interest

Council Member Walker provided brief comments on a letter being drafted to the Pierce County Council and the County Executive in support of an ordinance for a tiny home village in unincorporated Pierce County. She concluded by stating the letter will be in the packet for next week's meeting agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding changes needed to continue the tiny home village construction.

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Council Member Sadalge introduced a proposed motion for tonight's Council meeting to direct the City Manager to have staff bring a framework for proposed permit regulations to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for discussion and feedback before exercising the authorities established through Ordinance No. 28974.

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Council Member Diaz reminded everyone that today is election day and encouraged everyone to vote.

### Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

### Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

- 2. [24-0860](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, August 1, 2024  
[Melanie Harding, Interim Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office]

Interim Deputy City Manager Melanie Harding stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, no changes are expected to tonight's agenda, and tonight's meeting includes community forum.

## Executive Session - Potential Litigation

**MOTION:** Council Member Daniels moved to convene to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and (ii) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Bushnell.

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

**Absent:** 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to executive session at 1:30 p.m.  
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session was extended by 10 minutes at 1:45 p.m. and by five minutes at 1:55 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 2:01 p.m.

## Adjournment

There being no further, the study session was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk