



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 Passcode: 349099

February 14, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and
Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Diaz

Council Member Diaz arrived at 5:08 p.m.

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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0133](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, September 20, 2022.
2. [23-0128](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, August 3, 2022.
3. [23-0134](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, October 15, 2022.
4. [23-0135](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, October 19, 2022.
5. [23-0136](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, December 14, 2022.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that the recognition for Greg Tanbara has been postponed to the February 21, 2023, City Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [23-0122](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 27, 2022.
7. [23-0127](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 4, 2022.
8. [23-0129](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 4, 2022.
9. [23-0130](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 11, 2022.
10. [23-0132](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 18, 2022.

PAYMENTS

11. [23-0131](#) Date Range - 01/16/2023 to 01/29/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$19,071,900.02; Payments in the amount of \$37,178,992.65; for a total of \$56,250,892.67.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Diaz

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. [23-0140](#) Recognizing Greg Tanbara.

The recognition was postponed to the February 21, 2023, City Council meeting.

13. [23-0139](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition.

Mayor Woodards recognized the compassionate work of a small business owner for supporting unsheltered neighbors in the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:04 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:07 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

14. [23-0142](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by Patrice Harris in the matter of Patrice Harris v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 21-2-04976-3, relating to claims associated with her prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$47,500.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by Patrice Harris in the matter of Patrice Harris v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 21-2-04976-3, relating to claims associated with her prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$47,500.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Diaz

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 15. [ORD28870](#) 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 the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Custodial and Building Maintenance Unit, and the Tacoma, Washington, City and Pierce County Employees Local Number 120 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28870.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Diaz

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Council Member Diaz arrived here, at 5:08 p.m.

- 16. [ORD28871](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay for the nonrepresented classification of Municipal Court Judge - Pro Tem.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28871.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:10 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received six written comments for Community Forum regarding homeless encampments, the Home in Tacoma Project, drug possession laws, and the Native American genocide timeline.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jose Chavez, regarding Rainier Connect.
2. Michele Reich, regarding Native American genocide and Black History Month.
3. Carole Sue Braaten, regarding Puget Sound Energy’s liquid natural gas (LNG) facility.
4. Eric Musica, regarding school violence.
5. Barbara Church, regarding homelessness.
6. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding the environment, homelessness, an airport in Pierce County, warehouses, and LNG.
7. Kit Burns, regarding Click! Network.
8. April Smith, regarding garbage at South 75th Street and McKinley Avenue, and the Tacoma Equity Index.
9. Stacy Oaks, regarding Rainier Connect and Click! Network.
10. Jamie Amaya, regarding after school programs.
11. Kathy Lawhon, regarding social justice, the Nord Stream pipelines, Manuel Ellis, and City leadership.

Community Forum ended at 5:31 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the February 7, 2023, meeting, the Committee held elections for Committee Chair and Vice Chair and received presentations on the State Auditor's Office 2021 federal and accountability audit, Local Improvement Districts, and the monthly budget update. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on February 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include presentations on energy imbalance markets and Washington State Senate Bill 5755 regarding sales tax exemptions.

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Council Member Rumbaugh acknowledged the shooting at Michigan State University, noting the hope to find ways to curb gun violence in our cities.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that a gun is stolen out of a vehicle every 48 hours.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to excuse Council Member Blocker from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ADJOURNMENT

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

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk