



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**March 26, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

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## 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 Scott 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 Scott.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-0297](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, May 11, 2023.
2. [24-0298](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, May 25, 2023.
3. [24-0299](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, June 8, 2023.
4. [24-0307](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee and Audit Advisory Board joint meeting, June 6, 2023.
5. [24-0308](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, June 20, 2023.
6. [24-0310](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, July 18, 2023.

7. [24-0238](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 1, 2023.
8. [24-0239](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 15, 2023.
9. [24-0311](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, September 19, 2023.
10. [24-0312](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, October 3, 2023.
11. [24-0309](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, October 17, 2023.
12. [24-0314](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, November 7, 2023.
13. [24-0271](#) Meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, February 12, 2024.
14. [24-0252](#) Meeting of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, February 5, 2024.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to suspend Rule 4A of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to amend the agenda as follows:**

- move the proclamation for National Public Health Week to the April 2, 2024, City Council meeting, and;
- add the International Transgender Day of Visibility Proclamation to tonight's agenda.

**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

15. [24-0318](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 12, 2023.
16. [24-0319](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Pierce County Council study session, September 19, 2023.

17. [24-0321](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 26, 2023.

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28959](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance approving and confirming the Final Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 8642, which provided for the construction of permanent pavement and the installation of concrete curbs and gutters, and storm water catch basins where needed at the following locations:

- 1) Mullen Street from North 42nd Street to North 43rd Street,
- 2) North 40th Street from Baltimore Street to Bennett Street,
- 3) Mason Avenue from North 35th Street to North 36th Street,
- 4) Cheyenne Street from North 37th Street to North 38th Street, and
- 5) Fir Street from North 15th Street to North 17th Street.

[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

## PAYMENTS

19. [24-0313](#) Date Range - 02/26/2024 to 03/10/2024  
Payroll in the amount of \$21,610,382.64; Payments in the amount of \$35,471,540.29; for a total of \$57,081,922.93.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including accepting the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28959.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28959. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Ushka

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

20. [24-0317](#) Proclaiming April 1-7, 2024, as National Public Health Week.

This item was continued earlier in the meeting to the April 2, 2024, meeting.

- 20A. [24-0336](#) Proclaiming March 31, 2024, as International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 31, 2024, as International Transgender Day of Visibility and presented the proclamation to Oliver Webb, Executive Director, and Sierra Willoughby, Board Chair, Diversity Alliance of the Puget Sound; and Matthew Wilson, Executive Director, Oasis Youth Center.

21. [24-0316](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Ahndrea L. Blue.

Mayor Woodards recognized and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Ahndrea L. Blue.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:27 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on International Transgender Day of Visibility.
2. April Smith, speaking on City Council minutes.

Public comment ended at 5:33 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

22. [RES41387](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee regarding standby rates.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41387.**

**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

23. [RES41388](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41388.**

**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

24. [RES41389](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Yard Clerk Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41389.**

**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

25. [RES41390](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, General Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41390.**

**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

26. [RES41391](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Rail Mechanics Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41391.**

**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

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

27. [ORD28960](#) 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 Tacoma Joint Labor Committee agreement; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit; District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Yard Clerks, General, and Rail Mechanics Units; and the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28960 was set over for final reading next week.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 5:46 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received nine written comments for community forum: six regarding Home in Tacoma, two regarding a ceasefire resolution, and one regarding public tree removal.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Heidi Stephens, regarding Home in Tacoma Phase 2.
2. Stacy Oaks, regarding Home in Tacoma Phase 2.
3. Melissa, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
4. Cathie Urwin, regarding Home in Tacoma Phase 2.
5. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Northwest Northwest ICE Processing Center, a ceasefire resolution, and Home in Tacoma.
6. Taylor AL-Hamod, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
7. April Smith, regarding tree removal.
8. Michele Reich, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
9. Adina, regarding a ceasefire resolution.

- 10. Daren Holter, regarding the City's Streets Initiative.
- 11. Theresa Power Drutis, regarding the City's amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court related to homelessness.
- 12. Carole Sue Braaten, regarding the Puget Sound Energy's liquefied natural gas facility and Home in Tacoma Phase 2.
- 13. Alton McDonald, regarding Manuel Ellis, Tacoma police officers, and a ceasefire resolution.
- 14. Kit Burns, regarding Home in Tacoma and trees.
- 15. Aysha, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
- 16. River, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
- 17. Emily, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
- 18. E. J., regarding a ceasefire resolution.
- 19. Sid, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
- 20. Nickie Hall, regarding police and the Pierce County courthouse.

Community forum ended at 6:21 p.m.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Economic Development Committee

The report was postponed to the April 2, 2024, meeting.

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**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 6:22 p.m.

  
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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
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Nicole Emery, City Clerk