



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**October 03, 2023**

**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 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Rumbaugh 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 Rumbaugh.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0958](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, April 4, 2023.
2. [23-0960](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, March 22, 2023.
3. [23-0961](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, April 12, 2023.
4. [23-0962](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, April 26, 2023.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. [23-0963](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, January 24, 2023.
6. [23-0964](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, January 31, 2023.
7. [23-0967](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 7, 2023.
8. [23-0936](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 18, 2023.
9. [23-0937](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 25, 2023.
10. [23-0965](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, March 7, 2023.
11. [23-0966](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, May 16, 2023.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. [23-0951](#) Proclaiming Friday, October 6, 2023, as Manufacturing Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Friday, October 6, 2023, as Manufacturing Day and presented the proclamation to Will Semmes, Advisory Board Member, Baker Manufacturing, Inc.; Odette D'Aniello, Chief Executive Officer, Celebrity Cake Studio; and Christer Bradley, Director of Operations, Safe Boats.

13. [23-0950](#) Proclaiming October 2-6, 2023, as Freedom to Read Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2-6, 2023, as Freedom to Read Week and presented the proclamation to Andrea Cobb, President, and Sara Irish, Vice President, Tacoma Public Library (TPL) Board of Trustees; and Kate Larsen, Director, TPL.

14. [23-0949](#) Proclaiming October 2023 as Tacoma Arts Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2023 as Tacoma Arts Month and presented the proclamation to Michael Kula, Chair, and Jeanette Sanchez, Vice Chair, Tacoma Arts Commission.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:26 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Sean Arent, speaking on the Manufacturing Day proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 5:29 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

There were no Regular Agenda items.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that the Tacoma Police Department has been awarded an \$800,000 Smart Policing Initiative grant, noting what the grant will fund; and expressed appreciation to street maintenance staff in Public Works.

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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Deputy Mayor Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee, reported at the September 13, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the proposed updates to the tree code policy; and on September 27, 2023, the Committee received

presentations on the Safe Routes to School Action Plan, a Facility Advisory Committee final report, and an update on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances regulations. She concluded by stating that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include reports from committees, boards, and commissions that are assigned to the IPS Committee.

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Council Member Hines announced that the Kaleidoscope Opening Party will be held at the STAR Center on Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and concluded by stating that October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk