



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**May 24, 2022**  
**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:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## 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

In honor of the victims of the horrific shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, as well as Connie Brown.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0584](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 27, 2021.
2. [22-0585](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, November 10, 2021.
3. [22-0586](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, December 8, 2021.
4. [22-0587](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 12, 2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. [22-0575](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 8, 2022.
6. [22-0576](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 15, 2022.
7. [22-0577](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 22, 2022.

## RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40976](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, June 7, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2022 and 2023-2028.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Transportation Division Manager; Jeffrey Jenkins, Interim Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40976.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40976. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:06 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received two written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40981, regarding the City Manager's performance review.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Cathryn Cummings, speaking on the moment of silence for Connie Brown.
2. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Resolution No. 40981.
3. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Resolution No. 40981.

4. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Resolution No. 40981.
5. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40981.
6. April Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 40981.
7. Michelle Mood, speaking on Resolution No. 40981.
8. Timothy Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 40981.

Public Comment ended at 5:23 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

9. [22-0604](#) A motion may be considered to terminate the Mayor’s Second Amended Emergency Rule No. 1, related to the official City of Tacoma capacity of Council Chambers, effective June 13, 2022.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to terminate the Mayor's Second Amended Emergency Rule No. 1, related to the official City of Tacoma capacity of Council Chambers, effective June 13, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

10. [22-0602](#) A motion may be considered to terminate the Mayor’s Emergency Rule No. 5, related to the official City of Tacoma format for public meetings, effective June 13, 2022.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to terminate the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 5, related to the official City of Tacoma format for public meetings, effective June 13, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

11. [22-0603](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 6, related to the official City of Tacoma format for public meetings and capacity of Council Chambers.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to confirm the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 6, related to the official City of Tacoma format for public meetings and capacity of Council Chambers.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

## APPOINTMENTS

12. [RES40977](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Human Services Commission. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40977.**

**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

13. [RES40978](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Planning Commission. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40978.**

**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

14. [RES40979](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tacoma Town Center Parcels LLC, for the development of 265 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2105 Tacoma Avenue South, 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. 40979.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

15. [RES40980](#) This is the second reading of a resolution amending Rules 1, 9, and 15 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* to be in compliance with the changes made in State law relating to open public meetings.  
[Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40980.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Resolution No. 40980 was set over for second reading on June 7, 2022, per Rule 8.D of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma.**

16. [RES40981](#) A resolution ratifying the Annual Performance Review of the City Manager, and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the employment compensation agreement with Elizabeth Pauli to serve as City Manager, retroactive to May 16, 2022.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40981.**

**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**

17. [ORD28815](#) An ordinance creating a new fund, to be known and designated as “Custodial Forfeitures Fund”, to segregate cash deposits that are being held in trust for others.  
[Susan Calderon, Assistant Director; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28815 was set over for final reading on June 7, 2022.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to add a statement to tonight’s agenda, supporting the immediate closure of for-profit immigration detention centers.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

17A. [22-0617](#) A statement from the City Council on the immediate closure of for-profit immigration detention centers.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to approve the City Council’s statement supporting the immediate closure of for-profit immigration detention centers.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the May 10, 2022, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Economic Development Strategic Plan; and that today's meeting and the May 31, 2022, meeting, have been cancelled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on June 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a presentation on the Neighborhood Business District Program and an introduction to the new Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber Executive Director.

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Council Member Daniels called attention to recent incidents that happened over the weekend as well as ongoing gun violence and violence in general.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the May 31, 2022, City Council study session and business meeting have been cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled study session and business meeting will be held on June 7, 2022. She concluded by addressing the increasing homicides and violent crimes in the City, noting that as of today there have been 23 homicides in the City this year; and encouraging everyone to report incidents by calling 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number for the Tacoma Police Department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris Sorum", written over a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk