



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126
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July 26, 2022
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Ushka called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Mayor Woodards 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. [22-0814](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, March 24, 2022.
2. [22-0815](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, April 14, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [22-0809](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 26, 2022.
4. [22-0816](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, May 3, 2022.

5. [22-0823](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 3, 2022.
6. [22-0829](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 10, 2022.

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [22-0834](#) Recognizing youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 5:05 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Ushka recognized youth and young adults experiencing homelessness and presented the recognition to Monika Mathews, Executive Director, Life Enrichment Group.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:10 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment regarding the nomination of finalists for the City Council At-Large Position 7 vacancy.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Seth Cool, speaking on Ordinance No. 28825.
2. Matthew Mauer, speaking on Ordinance No. 28825.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance No. 28825.
4. Esther, speaking on Ordinance No. 28825.

Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41005](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interest-free loan agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$606,000, accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, and further authorizing matching funds in the amount of \$261,081, to partially fund a railroad track rehabilitation project. [Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41005.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

9. [RES41006](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium's 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, to incorporate \$5,110,825 in funds received through the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program, to increase housing opportunities and provide services for people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness; and further authorizing the execution of two subrecipient agreements with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and the City of Lakewood. [Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41006.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28824](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.110, entitled “Other official expenditures”, to provide additional compensation authorization to the City Manager and/or Director of Utilities to facilitate the successful recruitment and retention of key unrepresented employees; and to sunset on December 31, 2023. [Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director; Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28824.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28825](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Model Traffic Ordinance, by amending various sections, to establish a default speed limit of 20 miles per hour on nonarterial streets, and to lower the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour on arterial streets in four Neighborhood Business Districts: 6th Avenue, Lincoln, McKinley Hill, and Old Town; and adding a new Section 11.05.515, entitled “Twenty-five miles per hour limit - Streets designated”; effective January 1, 2023. [Carrie Wilhelme, Senior Transportation Planner; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28825 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Blocker, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the July 14, 2022, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the feasibility study for the restoration of library services in the Eastside and Hilltop neighborhoods. He concluded by stating the next

meeting will be held in a hybrid format on July 28, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., and will include a presentation on proposed changes to the Tacoma Rental Housing Code.

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Council Member Walker acknowledged that today marked the 32nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, noting its purpose; and acknowledged the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities (Commission) for working with City staff to make the Vision Zero plan better, noting the purpose of the Commission.

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12. [22-0835](#) Nomination of finalists for the City Council At-Large Position 7 vacancy.

Deputy Mayor Ushka provided an overview of the process for filling the City Council At-Large Position 7, noting that the Council Members heard presentations from the 24 selected applicants at the July 19, 2022, City Council meeting after initially receiving 43 applications that were narrowed down; each Council Member had been asked to select up to four names as their top finalists; the finalists will be interviewed at the Monday, August 1, 2022, special City Council meeting; the City Council expects to appoint someone to fill the vacancy at the Tuesday, August 9, 2022, meeting; over 500 comments about the applicants were provided from community members; and the City Clerk's Office has compiled the list of all of the nominated applicants.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the top four nominated applicants will move forward as finalists unless the Council Members decide to change the number of finalists; and expressed appreciation to the City Council for reviewing and changing the process to fill a vacancy on the City Council, noting the opportunity to see more applicants and 20-minute interviews for each finalist.

The following applicants were nominated and listed in order from highest to lowest based off of the number of selections they received:

1. Olgy Diaz
2. Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez
3. Andrea K. Capere
4. Silong Chhun
5. Sara Irish
6. Tisha Marie "TishaMarie" Wosencroft
7. Gwendolyn "Anne" Artman
8. Negar "Natalie" Ghayoumi

9. Sean Dannen
10. Korbett Mosesly
11. J. Manny Santiago

Discussion ensued regarding the nominated applicants and the number of finalists.

MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to suspend the rules to add two additional candidates to the process for a total of six candidates that will move to the final phase of the current process.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

Deputy Mayor Ushka made a friendly amendment to reword the motion to say "change the process to extend the number of finalists from four to six".

The friendly amendment was accepted by Mayor Woodards.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Nays: 2 - Bushnell and Rumbaugh

Discussion ensued regarding the finalist interviews, the nominated applicants, how the Council Members decided on their selections, the expansion of the number of finalists, and community member comments received.

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Mayor Woodards informed everyone that community members are invited to provide comments about the finalists through the Council Applicant Comments form online at cityoftacoma.org/councilmeetings for a week, beginning on Monday, August 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk