



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 16, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Diaz 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 Diaz.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

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 add a letter to Enterprise Community Partners to the Consent Agenda as Item 2A.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

1. [RES41468](#) A resolution setting Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of a 16-foot-wide alley lying south of vacated South 30th Street and north of South Tacoma Way and lying between South Wilkeson Street and vacated South Ash Street, to cure building and industrial storage use encroachments. (Bradken, Inc.; File No. 124.1453)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

2. [24-0734](#) Date Range - 06/17/2024 to 06/30/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$23,886,847.30; Payments in the amount of \$28,796,358.75; for a total of \$52,683,206.05.
- 2A. [24-0772](#) A letter from the City Council to Enterprise Community Partners in support of the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center application.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41468 and the letter to Enterprise Community Partners.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41468 and the letter to Enterprise Community Partners. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:09 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for public comment, regarding the proposed City Charter amendments, Resolution Nos. 41472 through 41479.

1. Andrea Reay, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
2. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41468.
3. Jay Herring, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41470 and 41472 through 41479.
4. Talison Crosby, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
5. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41468 and 41479.
6. Eva Bowen, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
7. Michelle Mood, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
8. Rebecca Stith, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
9. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
10. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
11. April Smith, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41471 and 41472 through 41479.
12. Oneida Arnold, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
13. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
14. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
15. Ann Dorn, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
16. Andrea Haug, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41471 and 41472 through 41479.
17. Jami, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41471 and 41472 through 41479.
18. James, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.
19. Barb Church, speaking on Resolutions Nos. 41472 through 41479.

Public comment ended at 5:50 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

3. [RES41469](#) A resolution reappointing Addison Atkatsch to the Human Services Commission. [Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41469.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:51 p.m., and reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

- 4. [RES41470](#) An amended resolution appointing an individual to the City Council District No. 4 position.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41470.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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Mayor Woodards outlined the process of appointing a finalist candidate: first, a vote on a motion to amend resolution to insert the name of the finalist; second, if five votes are received then Council members immediately vote on amended resolution; third, the amended resolution must pass with at least five votes.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend Resolution No. 41470 by inserting the name Silong Chhun on page 2, line 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz and Scott

Nays: 4 - Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend Resolution No. 41470 by inserting the name Justin Everman on page 2, line 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 0

Nays: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend Resolution No. 41470 by inserting the name Jasmine Brown on page 2, line 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz and Scott

Nays: 4 - Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend Resolution No. 41470 by inserting the name Stephen Wamback on page 2, line 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 0

Nays: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend Resolution No. 41470 by inserting the name Sandesh Sadalge on page 2, line 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Nays: 2 - Daniels and Scott

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

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

Nays: 1 - Scott

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m., and reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES41471](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to support the South End Neighborhood Council’s 2024 Block Party and Resource Fair.
[Council Member Bushnell]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41471.

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

6. [RES41472](#) A resolution and proposition to amend Article II, Section 2.3 of the Tacoma City Charter to change the name of the “Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries” to “Commission on Elected Salaries,” and to align Section 2.3 with Washington State law by stipulating that the salary commission’s recommendations go into effect without City Council action.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41472.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. The Resolution was declared failed.

Ayes: 1 - Hines

Nays: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

7. [RES41473](#) A resolution and proposition to amend Article II, Section 2.35 of the Tacoma City Charter to expand the term limits for the Mayor and Council Members elected in or after year 2025 from 10 consecutive years to three consecutive full four-year terms; provided that, the new expanded term limits will not apply to the Mayor and Council Members holding office during the 2025 general election.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41473.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

8. [RES41474](#) A resolution and proposition to add a new section to Article II of the Tacoma City Charter to clarify the priorities and time investment necessary for Council Members to carry out their duties, and authorize the City Council to employ or contract for personnel who will directly report to and advise or assist the Council Members.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41474.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Nays: 2 - Diaz and Rumbaugh

9. [RES41475](#) A resolution and proposition to amend Article III, Section 3.8 of the Tacoma City Charter relating to Planning Commission composition.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41475.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

10. [RES41476](#) A resolution and proposition to amend Article II, Sections 2.3, 2.19, 2.20, and 2.25, Article VI, Sections 6.3 and 6.7, and Article IX, Section 9.2, of the Tacoma City Charter related to equity of access.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41476.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

11. [RES41477](#) A resolution and proposition to amend Article II, Section 2.8 of the Tacoma City Charter to remove the prohibition upon meeting more than weekly and to increase the number of required regular meetings.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41477.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

12. [RES41478](#) A resolution and proposition to amend Article IV, Section 4.9 of the Tacoma City Charter to clarify that members of, or applicants for, the Public Utility Board may hold other elected public office but may not hold Tacoma City Council positions.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41478.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. Roll call vote was requested and taken. The Resolution was declared failed.

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Nays: 4 - Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

13. [RES41479](#) A resolution and proposition to amend Article IX, Section 9.1 of the Tacoma City Charter to allow sale or other transfer of City-owned waterfront property only to other public agencies with a guarantee that the property will stay in public ownership and be used only for park purposes, park structures, or open space in perpetuity.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41479.

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

- 14. [24-0747](#) A motion may be made related to the order of the City of Tacoma ballot propositions approved by the City Council for the November 5, 2024, General Election.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to approve the order of the City of Tacoma ballot propositions for the November 5, 2024, ballot as follows, provided that, the Mayor may authorize an alteration in response to a request from the County Elections Office to ensure all propositions appear on a single ballot:

1. Resolution No. 41476 (21, 22, and C6 – Equity of Access)
2. Resolution No. 41477 (C1B – Council Meetings)
3. Resolution No. 41479 (C4B – Sale of Waterfront Property)
4. Resolution No. 41474 (7B – Duties & Authority of Council)
5. Resolution No. 41475 (14B – Planning Commission)
6. Resolution No. 41473 (2C – Term Limits)

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

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Mayor Woodards and Council Members provided information on next steps, noting a resolution at the July 23, 2024, meeting to transmit the full ballot titles to Pierce County, the process to appoint individuals to write "For" and "Against" statements that will appear in the Voters' Pamphlet, and how items not forwarded to the ballot will be handled; and expressed appreciation for members of the community and the Charter Review Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Rumbaugh shared information on the District No. 2 participatory budgeting process, and reminded everyone that Art on the Ave is taking place on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Noon, on 6th Avenue.

Council Member Diaz provided information on how people can support businesses impacted by the power outage at the University of Washington Tacoma campus area.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported the June 26, 2024, meeting included discussion on expanding the City's deconstruction and salvage efforts; and the July 11, 2024, meeting included presentations on the Schuster Parkway Trail project, accessory dwelling units permit and construction activity, and ceremonial naming requests. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on Tuesday, July 24, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for Board of Building Appeals, a midcycle update on the Planning Commission's work program, and a presentation on the City's electric vehicle charging station plan.

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Deputy Mayor Hines reported he will be walking across the City next week, and invited others to join him in his walks and an upcoming coffee chat.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk