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City of Tacoma

City Council **Voting Record***

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 Passcode: 349099

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

December 2, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 5:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Present: 9

Deputy Mayor Daniels virtually.

Council Member Diaz initially participated virtually and arrived in person at 5:19 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Mattice Hoyt.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- 1. 25-1049** Minutes of the Operational Strategy and Administrative Committee, October 24, 2025.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

- 2. RES41801** A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Employment Security Department, to allow authorized City staff to receive confidential unemployment insurance data for administration of the City's tax and license program, through November 30, 2028.

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RESOLUTIONS

3. **RES41802** A resolution setting Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a Hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate air rights over East 30th Street approximately 400 feet easterly from the intersection of East Portland Avenue and East 30th Street, to build a pedestrian connection between the Emerald Queen Casino and a planned parking garage. (Puyallup Tribe of Indians; File No. 124.1463)

PAYMENTS

4. **25-1071** Date Range - 11/03/2025 to 11/16/2025
Payroll in the amount of \$23,813,292.94; Payments in the amount of \$24,217,187.65; for a total of \$48,030,480.59.

MOTION: Hines

SECOND: Walker

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0 Items Removed: 0

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. **25-1058** Recognizing Consul General Zhang Jianmin of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco.
6. **25-1057** Recognizing the Tacoma-Davao Sister Cities Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:09 p.m., and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. **RES41803** A resolution authorizing an increase to and extending the contract with Mercer Health and Benefits, LLC, in the amount of \$727,000, budgeted from the Health Care Trust Fund, for employee benefits brokerage and consulting services, for an additional two-year period, for a projected contract total of \$2,747,000, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. HR19-0136F.

MOTION: Hines

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

RESOLUTIONS

8. **RES41804** A resolution conferring the honorary street name “Willie Adams Way” for East Alexander Avenue west of Alexander Avenue East.

MOTION: Hines

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

9. **RES41805** A resolution directing the City Manager to create a centralized grant tracking system and to require City Council approval for certain grants.

MOTION: Hines

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

10. **RES41806** A resolution cancelling the authorization of one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$50,000, to support the Labor Standards Task Force, as approved by Resolution No. 41735.

MOTION: Hines

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

11. **RES41807** A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$35,000, to support Holiday on Broadway and downtown revitalization efforts.

MOTION: Hines

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

12. **RES41808** A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$30,000, to support the Sister Cities sign installation near Tollefson Plaza.

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Bushnell

Adopted.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh) Abstaining: 0

13. **RES41809** A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the Amount of \$10,000, to support expanded services for the Tacoma Rescue Mission's Youth Program.

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Bushnell

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

14. **ORD29075** An ordinance adopting the Tideflats Subarea Plan as an element of the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan, by replacing the Container Port Element and revising the Future Land Use Map and Land Use Designations, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee and Planning Commission, effective January 5, 2026.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

15. **ORD29076** An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, by amending various chapters to implement the Tideflats Subarea Plan, including updates to land use, zoning, and development standards, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee and Planning Commission, effective January 5, 2026.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

16. **ORD29077** An ordinance amending Title 19 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Shoreline Master Program, by amending various chapters to implement the Tideflats Subarea Plan, including updates to shoreline environment designations and land use, zoning, and development standards, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee and Planning Commission, effective upon approval by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

17. **ORD29078** An ordinance amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel, by adding a new Section 1.12.157, entitled "Compensation of Public Utility Board Members", and amending Section 1.30.300, entitled "Exclusion from membership", to provide stipends for Public Utility Board Members and exclude them from the City's retirement program, effective January 1, 2026.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Walker

To move as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance 29078. Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

Passed.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 2 (Diaz, Sadalge) Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

18. **ORD29079** An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to SQF, LLC dba Verta, to construct, operate, and repair a telecommunications system in the City.

Set over for final reading January 6, 2026.

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19. **ORD29080** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented and nonrepresented employees, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Set over for final reading next week.

20. **ORD29081** An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, by amending various sections, and repealing Section 6A.30.075, to update definitions and administrative provisions, and remove language no longer statutorily applicable; effective January 1, 2026.

Set over for final reading next week.

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Bushnell

A motion was made and adopted to appoint Council Member Hines as presiding officer for the remainder of the meeting.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Daniels, Woodards) Abstaining: 0

21. **ORD29082** An ordinance amending Title 10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Works, by adding a new Chapter 10.31, entitled "Transportation Impact Fees", to establish transportation impact fees, effective June 1, 2026.

Set over for final reading next week.

22. **ORD29083** An ordinance amending Chapter 11.60 of the Municipal Code, relating to Automated Traffic Camera Systems, by amending various sections and adding a new section 11.60.090, entitled "Public Records Exemption", to align with expanded authorities established by state law, effective January 1, 2026.

Set over for final reading next week.

23. **ORD29084** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.08B of the Municipal Code, relating to Use of Sanitary Sewer, by adding a new Section 12.08B.225, entitled "System Development Charges", and repealing Section 12.08B.230, entitled "Connection Charge-in-Lieu-of-Assessment", to establish wastewater system development charges, effective July 1, 2026.

Set over for final reading next week.

24. **ORD29085** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.08D of the Municipal Code, relating to Stormwater Management, by adding a new Section 12.08D.280, entitled "System Development Charges", to establish stormwater system development charges, effective July 1, 2026.

Set over for final reading next week.

25. **ORD29086** An ordinance amending Chapters 1.95 and 1.100 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Rental Housing Code and Landlord Fairness Code Initiative, by amending various sections, to implement updates relating to landlord-tenant issues as recommended by the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, effective January 1, 2026.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

ADJOURNMENT – 11:02 p.m.