



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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November 01, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Council Member Rumbaugh participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-1170](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee, September 12, 2022.
2. [22-1182](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, June 9, 2022.
3. [22-1197](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, July 21, 2022.
4. [22-1190](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, September 28, 2022.

- 5. [22-1192](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 12, 2022.
- 6. [22-1191](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, September 28, 2022.
- 7. [22-1193](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 12, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8. [22-1185](#) Proclaiming October 31-November 4, 2022, as National Veterans Small Business Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 31-November 4, 2022, as National Veterans Small Business Week and presented the proclamation to Kerrie Hurd, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration's Seattle District; and Steve Watts-Oelrich, Program Director, Veterans Business Outreach Center of Business Impact Northwest.

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Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:07 p.m.

- 9. [22-1184](#) Proclaiming November 14-20 as National Apprenticeship Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed November 14-20, 2022, as National Apprenticeship Week and presented the proclamation to Greg Bowers, President of Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, and member of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 7; and Nathe Lawver, Executive Secretary of the Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:16 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received seven written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28838, regarding business license fees.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Michele Reich, speaking on Ordinance No. 28838.
- 2. David Schroedel, speaking on Ordinance No. 28838.

3. Janeen Provazek, speaking on Resolution No. 41054.
4. Brian W., speaking on Ordinance No. 28838.
5. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41054 and 41056, and Ordinance Nos. 28838 and 28839.
6. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolution No. 41054 and Ordinance No. 28838.
7. April Smith, speaking on Ordinance No. 28838.
8. Blake Mara, speaking on Ordinance No. 28838.

Public Comment ended at 5:33 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

10. [RES41053](#) A resolution appointing Judy Loveless-Morris to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries to fill an unexpired term for the Human Resource Management position, to expire September 30, 2025.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41053.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41054](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Green Earthworks Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,983,860.06, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from various departmental funds, for homeless encampment mitigation, for an initial contract period of one year, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods - Specification No. CT22-0080F.
[Tad Carlson, Senior Buyer; Andrew Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41054.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

12. [RES41055](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with AHBL, INC., in the amount of \$322,062.50, for a cumulative total of \$819,613.15, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Street Capital Projects Fund, to increase survey and design services for the Links to Opportunity Streetscape Project - Architectural and Engineering Roster.
[John Kulju, Project Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41055.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

- 13. [RES41056](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Clary Longview, LLC, in the amount of \$9,365,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$20,855,699, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the purchase of various new vehicles planned for replacement - Washington State Contract No. 05916.
[Lisa Haider, Fleet Asset and Procurement Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41056.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

- 14. [RES41057](#) A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1, submitted by the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Washington, at the November 8, 2022, General Election, which reads as follows:

METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL ELECTION - PROPOSITION NO. 1
MULTI-YEAR PARK AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATIONS LEVY LID LIFT

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Washington adopted Resolution No. RR53-22 concerning an increase in the District’s regular property tax levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District’s regular property tax levy to the rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023, set the limit factor at 106% for each of the five succeeding years, and use the 2028 levy dollar amount to calculate subsequent levy limits, to fund operations/maintenance of parks, playgrounds, sports fields, community centers, zoos; safety/security improvements; wildfire prevention; open space preservation; youth and teen programs.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes..... []

No..... []

[Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Ushka, and Council Members Hines and Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41057.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Daniels

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28836](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, and Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28836.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

16. [ORD28837](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.220 of the Municipal Code, relating to For-Hire Regulations, repealing the for-hire license requirements for transportation network companies and amending the taxi regulations.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28837.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Diaz

17. [ORD28838](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.20 of the Municipal Code, relating to Annual Business License, by amending Section 6B.20.020, entitled “License fee”, to increase the license fee for businesses with annual gross income over \$12,000 and add new license tiers for businesses with annual gross income over \$1 million, effective January 1, 2023.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28838.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Hines

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28838. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28839](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.44 of the Municipal Code, relating to City Council Election Districts, by amending Sections 1.44.020, 1.44.040, and 1.44.060, to update district boundaries.
[Rosa McLeod, Government Relations Analyst; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28838 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

19. [22-1187](#) This is the date set for the first public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 6:26 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, resident.
2. April Smith, resident.
3. Celeste Ets-Hokin, resident.
4. Devin Rydel Kelly, resident.
5. Kathy Lawhon, resident.
6. Megan Selvage, resident.
7. Brinley, resident.
8. Holly Rydel Kelly, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:53 p.m.

20. [22-1188](#) This is the date set for the first public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2023-2024 Capital Budget and 2023-2028 Capital Facilities Program. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 6:53 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:54 p.m.

21. [22-1186](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2023. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 6:54 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. April Smith, resident.
2. Devin Rydel Kelly, resident.
3. Les Pogue Jr., resident.

The public hearing ended at 7:12 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided clarification on the Manitou Potential Annexation Area, noting additional information can be found at cityoftacoma.org, an Interlocal Agreement the City entered into with Pierce County (PC) to begin the process, City staff and PC staff are working on the transition of services, the timeline, and that service transition agreements will come back to the City Council for approval as well as a date for setting the effective date of the annexation.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported that both the October 11, 2022, and October 25, 2022, meetings were cancelled and the presentations that were scheduled for these dates have been rescheduled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on November 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and will include interviews for the Tacoma Arts Commission.

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Council Member Diaz acknowledged that today is Day of the Dead as well as All Saints' Day.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk