



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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June 13, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Ushka 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

[23-0641](#) Remembrance photo.

In honor of Larry Dahl.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

1. [RES41209](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the State of Washington and various Pierce County towns and cities, for the creation of a regional Opioid Abatement Council, as required by Opioid Settlements.
[Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

2. [RES41210](#) A resolution awarding a contract to PumpTech, LLC, in the amount of \$587,110, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the procurement of Vaughan Chopper Pumps at the South Tacoma Pump Station - Sole Source.
[Lance Bunch, P.E., Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
3. [RES41211](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Scarsella Bros. Inc., in the amount of \$469,630, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to repair erosion of two shoreline areas adjacent to the St. Paul Confined Disposal Facility, for a projected contract total of \$563,556 - Specification No. ES22-0371F.
[Jody Bratton, Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, Director, Environmental Services]
4. [RES41212](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Republic Parking Northwest, LLC d.b.a. Reef Parking, in the amount of \$200,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,407,360, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome Fund, for professional parking services for the Tacoma Dome, through June 30, 2024 - Specification No. PF16-0327F.
[John McClees, Assistant Director; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41209 through 41212.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41209 through 41212. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [23-0612](#) Proclaiming Monday, June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth and presented the proclamation to Amanda Westbrooke, Chair, and Verda Washington, Member, Human Rights Commission; Bishop Dr. Lawrence White, President, Tacoma Ministerial Alliance; and Candace Wesley, Founder, Tacoma Cease Fire and Juneteenth 253.

6. [23-0613](#) Proclaiming June 2023 as Ride Transit Month.

Deputy Mayor Walker, on behalf of Mayor Woodards, proclaimed June 2023 as Ride Transit Month and presented the proclamation to Laura Svancarek, Commute Trip Reduction and Advocacy Manager, Downtown On the Go; and Mike Griffus, Chief Executive Officer, Pierce Transit.

7. [23-0614](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Andrea Haug and the South End Neighborhood Council.

Mayor Woodards recognized Andrea Haug, Chair, South End Neighborhood Council (SENCo), and SENCo, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Haug and members of SENCo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:35 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received two written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 41213, regarding the Tacoma Green Economic Development Strategy; and Resolution No. 41216, regarding the Hilltop Street Fair and Stadium Business District events.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Ordinance No. 28887.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 28887, 28890, and 28891.

3. April Smith, speaking on the Compassionate Tacoma recognition for Haug and SENCo.

Public Comment ended at 5:43 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41213](#) A resolution adopting the Tacoma Green Economic Development Strategy, to support the transition of existing local businesses and the recruitment of new businesses in producing more environmentally friendly products and processes.
[Pat Beard, Business Development Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41213.

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

9. [RES41214](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power Unit, regarding the classification of Fire Maintenance Electrician.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41214.

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

10. [RES41215](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$7,000, to sponsor the Summer Coding Workshop Series.
[Council Member Daniels]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41215.

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

11. [RES41216](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, to support efforts to mitigate the impact of the City's light rail investment for the Hilltop Street Fair and Stadium Business District events.
[Council Member Blocker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41216.

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. [RES41217](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$2,500, to sponsor the 2023 Juneteenth Celebration.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41217.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28886](#) An ordinance declaring the public necessity for, and providing for the acquisition by eminent domain of certain properties located between McKinley Avenue and Portland Avenue, to construct the pedestrian, signal safety, and road improvements in connection with the East 64th Street, Phase 2 Improvement Project.
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28886.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

14. [ORD28887](#) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.190, entitled “Drug Crimes”, and repealing in its entirety Chapter 8.29, entitled “Drug Paraphernalia”, to comply with state law.
[Keith Echterling, Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28887.

The 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

15. [ORD28889](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power Unit.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28889 was set over for final reading next week.

16. [ORD28890](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of limited tax general obligation refunding bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$32,000,000, to defease and refund certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the City and to pay costs of issuing the bonds; providing the form of the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.
[Michael San Soucie, City Treasurer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28890 was set over for final reading next week.

17. [ORD28891](#) An ordinance amending Amended Ordinance No. 26749, which granted the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority d.b.a. Sound Transit, a non-exclusive Right of Use Agreement, by adding Exhibits “E” and “F” to establish rights, duties, and responsibilities related to maintenance, repair, or replacement of a portion of a 24-inch stormwater main located under the Link Light Rail Expansion Project Overhead Contact System within Stadium Way.
[Corey Newton, P.E., Division Manager, Planning and Development Services; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28891 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:21 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding landlord fairness code changes, camping bans, and Native American genocide.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding veterans.
2. Kit Burns, regarding Click! Network.
3. Jackie Jones-Hook, regarding the Buffalo Soldiers Museum.
4. Carissa Birge, regarding the Buffalo Soldiers Museum.
5. General Ovunayo X, regarding homelessness, tree canopies, warehouses, and Tacoma Public Schools.
6. Carl Teitge, regarding Local Improvement Districts and parking.
7. April Smith, regarding a Safe Streets town hall and the South Tacoma warehouse project.
8. Barbara Church, regarding homeless encampments.

- 9. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Community Forum format, Alberta J. Canada Apartments, the Manuel Ellis trial, crime, and Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation searches on Americans.
- 10. Heidi Stephens, regarding Resolution No. 41213.

Community Forum ended at 6:40 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli announced that the City received a ratings upgrade from Standard & Poor's (S&P) global rating, noting the City went from AA to AA+ making it easier for the City to borrow money in the future and the City will pay less interest on its debt; and relayed notes from S&P on their decision for the upgrade.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

There was no report.

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Mayor Woodards announced that she and Council Member Hines went to Stanley Elementary School this morning to visit Eugenia Bannon Burg's 2nd grade class, noting there were about 20 students present, the students have been studying the effects of climate on water and animals, the students made a presentation on the effects, and provided school mugs.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk