



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

1660 L Street Northwest, Suite 501
Washington D.C. 20036

5:00 PM
March 13, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council conducted a special meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 13, 2022, at various locations in and around Simon and Company, Incorporated, Intergovernmental Relations and Federal Affairs, 1660 L Street Northwest, Suite 501, Washington, D.C. 20036. The meeting recessed from time to time based on revisions to the itinerary.

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker
and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

REGULAR AGENDA

Meeting with various federal legislators or their staff to discuss the City of Tacoma's Federal Legislative Priorities as adopted by Resolution No. 40877, and other matters pertaining to the City of Tacoma.

Sunday, March 13, 2022

5:00 p.m.
City Council Dinner
Carmine's
425 7th Street Northwest

Present: Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker
and Mayor Woodards

The City Council discussed the City's 2022 Federal Agenda, federal lobbying, concerns, and current events, including COVID-19 recovery, systems transformation, Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, immigration reform, gun violence, combating hate crimes, and affordable housing and homelessness.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the City receiving the second portion of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in May 2022 to support

ongoing COVID-19 recovery costs; support of flexible fund dispersal at the discretion of local governments; providing local units of government with direct and flexible recovery funds, including examples of how these have been crucial to the City's ability to provide essential services; the City's commitment to advancing systems transformation with regard to policing and the criminal justice system, economic security, immigration, housing, climate justice, and infrastructure to better support communities that have been under served by existing systems and policies; policing; criminal justice reform; advancing the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 in the United States Senate; and supporting issue-specific bills and financial incentives that implement sentencing reform, independent investigations, and body worn camera programs. Discussion continued regarding the City's Growing Resilience in Tacoma pilot program; and immigration reform, noting the Northwest Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Processing Center, ending the use of privately operated prisons, the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act of 2021, the New Way Forward Act, the COVID-19 in Immigration Detention Data Transparency Act, and the Federal Immigrant Release for Safety and Security Together Act. Discussion concluded regarding the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, the Enhanced Background Checks Act, concerns regarding crimes in the City targeting religious and ethnic minorities, a national hate crimes commission and database, prioritizing and providing assistance for communities facing homelessness and the housing crisis, and the Howard A. Hanson Dam.

Monday, March 14, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Marriott Marquis Washington, DC Hotel
901 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest

Opening General Session

Multiple Sessions

Afternoon General Session

Association of Washington Cities Reception

Present: Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Kick off of the 2022 Congressional City Conference and a presentation on putting federal infrastructure investments to work locally.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding accomplishments and challenges of city leaders across the country and the state of communities still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, historic investments for local

projects in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; how to leverage and maximize federal dollars for transportation, water, and broadband projects; and how President Biden's administration is addressing equity and working collaboratively with other governments.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Marriott Marquis Washington, DC Hotel
901 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest

Multiple Sessions
General Session and Lunch
Multiple Sessions
Closing Session

Present: Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Multiple learning sessions were conducted for improving water infrastructure, ARP implementation, court cases affecting local units of government, strategies for developing and preserving affordable housing, using state and federal transportation programs to rebuild roads and bridges, and how to promote equity in economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Federal Advocacy Training
Marriott Marquis Washington, DC Hotel
901 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest

The federal advocacy training was cancelled.

10:45 a.m.

Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland
1004 Longworth House Office Building

Present: Bushnell, Daniels, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

The City Council discussed the City's priorities, including access, affordable housing, belief and trust, community safety, economic recovery, health, immigration reform, and livable wage jobs.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of oversight at the Northwest ICE Processing Center, the National Network for Safe Communities grant award to build community trust and support public safety initiatives, the City’s Growing Resilience in Tacoma guaranteed income pilot program, securing \$3 million in federal funds for Pierce Transit’s Bus Rapid Transit program, the community project funding application process, various programs and projects that Congresswoman Strickland would like to support, and the need to repair the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge.

11:30 a.m.

Congressman Derek Kilmer
2059 Rayburn House Office Building

Present: Bushnell, Daniels, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker
and Mayor Woodards

The City Council discussed the City's priorities, including access, affordable housing, belief and trust, community safety, economic recovery, health, immigration reform, and livable wage jobs.

Discussion ensued regarding implementation of the first portion of ARP funds; support of small businesses struggling to recover from the COVID-19 economic downturn; the community funding projects application process; the encouragement to submit projects with demonstrated community support and a strong diversity, equity, and inclusion component, address a federal need, and those that address economic development and housing; and visiting Aspen Court.

3:00 p.m.

Senator Patty Murray
154 Russell Senate Office Building

The meeting scheduled with Senator Patty Murray was cancelled.

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On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk