



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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March 01, 2022

5:00 PM

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Council Member Blocker participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Tacoma's Sister City Brovary, and all of Ukraine.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0238](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, October 26, 2021.
2. [22-0239](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, November 9, 2021.
3. [22-0240](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, November 23, 2021.
4. [22-0241](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, November 30, 2021.
5. [22-0257](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 22, 2021.

- 6. [22-0258](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, September 29, 2021.
- 7. [22-0259](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, October 13, 2021.
- 8. [22-0249](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, February 9, 2022.
- 9. [22-0208](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, February 7, 2022.
- 10. [22-0247](#) List of names regarding a non-police crisis response team.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 11. [22-0261](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 4, 2022.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12. [22-0256](#) Proclaiming March 2022 as Red Cross Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2022 as Red Cross Month and presented the proclamation to Justin VanLandschoot, Mission Committee Chair, American Red Cross.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to add a Resolution, Resolution No. 40920, to tonight's agenda, as Item 13A, expressing support for Tacoma's Sister City in Brovary, and all of Ukraine.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:16 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 19 written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28806, regarding recruitment incentives for lateral police officers.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Theresa Evans, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
3. Derek Eyring, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
4. Daisha Gomillion, speaking on Resolution No. 40919.
5. Kristen Wynne, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
6. Alexandra Corrigan, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.
7. Scott, speaking on Ordinance No. 28806.

Public Comment ended at 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES40919](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$31,000, to support the full or partial costs to five or more City-based small businesses or non-profits hosting a Seed Internship.

[Council Member Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40919.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

- 13A. [RES40920](#) A resolution expressing support for Tacoma's Sister City in Brovary, and all of Ukraine, and joining our brothers and sisters in Ukraine in calling for peace and an end to this conflict in their country.

[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40920.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28806](#) An ordinance allowing recruitment incentives for lateral police officers to adapt to current challenges in hiring.

[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28806.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation for the assistance she received in creating Resolution No. 40920.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Pauli reported that the City received \$389,000 in United States Department of the Treasury funds to further support the City's efforts in providing utility assistance to individuals in the community who have been impacted by COVID-19, noting the funds are a result of reallocated funds from other jurisdictions who are unable to fully expend their rental assistance awards, and this funding is in addition to the amount the City has received in emergency rental assistance to support rental and utility assistance. She further provided an update on the effort for better data related to air quality and equity in the City, noting the City is leading an effort to better understand equity and air quality issues, and as a result from the first phase of the project the City was identified as an ideal location to test a prototype air sensor and to begin measurable observations about air quality and tie them to the Tacoma Equity Index. She concluded by stating that the goal is to paint a broad picture about outdoor air quality across the neighborhoods, that the data comparisons will also be used by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, and that air sensors were installed at local schools.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the February 8, 2022, meeting was cancelled; and on February 22, 2022, the Committee received presentations on Tacoma-based Black, Indigenous, and People of Color executive round table findings and recommendations, and on American Rescue Plan Act business assistance for

window replacement grants. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on March 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the February 15, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Rainer Connect contract, metrics for the City Council and Public Utility Board to return to in-person meetings, and Tacoma Water's long-range financial plan; at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on the monthly budget update and the installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure; and that the March 15, 2022, has been cancelled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on April 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on the monthly budget update, Tacoma Public Utilities' financial policies and strategic directives, and Tacoma Power's long-range financial plan.

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Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation for Council Member and community member participation in last week's Council retreat and provided next steps, noting meeting with staff from the Media and Communications Office to talk about City Council priorities, followed by another retreat, and that Council Members will receive an outline of the process.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to excuse Council Member Rumbaugh from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk