



## WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

August 8, 2024

Members of the City Council  
City of Tacoma, Washington

**Dear Mayor and Council Members:**

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. City Manager's Office Management Fellow Anna Le provides the attached **Council Action Memorandum** for a **Resolution conferring parcel 2004300010 the honorary name " Dr. W. Joye Hardiman Park."**
2. The Environmental Services Department's Passive Open Space Program manages 515 natural acres of City owned properties for the public benefit for stormwater quality and quantity. One of the bigger challenges the program is facing is timber trespass or illegal tree cutting on City property. A common motivation for this act is the improvement of views from neighboring parcels. **The new additions and revisions to Tacoma's tree code (Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 9.20) implementation, improved means and methods to address and reconcile these trespass instances. In an effort to provide adequate notification, information, and education to those that may perform or witness these actions, a postcard will be mailed to residents located adjacent to passive open space properties** during the week of August 19, 2024. City staff anticipate that this mailing will be an annual or semi-annual mailing. **Please see attached flyer for more details.**
3. Planning and Development Services Director Peter Huffman provides the attached **annual report for the Historic Preservation Program**, including a summary of the past year of activities for the Landmarks Preservation Commission, ongoing and new initiatives, and programs and events. Please direct any inquiries to Historic Preservation Officer Reuben McKnight at 253-591-5220 or [rmcknigh@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:rmcknigh@cityoftacoma.org).
4. City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance: **The City posts weekly information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds, and exits to housing.** This information can be found at: [https://cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_6/File/NCS/weeklydataupdate.pdf](https://cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/NCS/weeklydataupdate.pdf)
5. Washington State Department of Commerce launches new Electric Vehicle (EV) Incentive Program: **Choose from a variety of qualifying new or used electric vehicles and get a stackable rebate as a discount off your purchase or lease — no waiting!** Income eligible drivers can get up to \$9,000 in Instant Rebates on the lease or \$5,000 on the purchase of a new qualifying EV — plus up to \$7,500 in federal incentives on certain vehicles.

6. WA Department of Commerce announced the Washington Families Clean Energy Credits grant program. Customers must apply by September 1, 2024: This program provides a \$200 energy bill credit to eligible electricity customers across Washington and is funded by the state's Climate Commitment Act (CCA). **Tacoma Power will distribute a one-time \$200 bill credit directly into eligible customer accounts after customer applies. See link below for more information.**  
[Clean Energy Credits for Washington Families | Promise \(wacleanenergycredits.com\)](https://wacleanenergycredits.com)
7. Tacoma Police Chief Avery Moore provides the attached **Weekly Crime Report**.
8. Sustainability Small Grant Round Two Applications Are Now Open July 1 - September 30, 2024: The City of Tacoma's **Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the second round of 2024 Sustainability Small Grants. Maximum awards of up to \$5,000 are available to eligible sustainability projects within Tacoma city limits.** Strong grant applications will demonstrate benefits that help protect and restore our local environment, implement sustainability practices, and/or keep our city clean, safe, and livable.  
  
Applications that also benefit our local economy, support social equity, and address the causes or impacts of climate change will be given extra consideration. Projects that help educate residents and or businesses on the environment and sustainable practices are encouraged to apply. Collaboration with other groups, organizations, and agencies is not required but is highly encouraged. First-time applicants may also be given preference. **For-profit businesses are ineligible to apply** . Not-for-profit organizations and individuals are eligible and can apply at: [https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city\\_departments/environmentalservices/grants\\_and\\_sponsorships/sustainability\\_small\\_grant](https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/environmentalservices/grants_and_sponsorships/sustainability_small_grant)
9. Encampment Outreach: The City's Homeless Engagement and Alternatives Liaison Team (formerly the Homeless Outreach Team) performs encampment outreach throughout the week to provide individuals opportunities to connect to shelter, behavioral health, substance use, and employment services. **For the week of July 29 - August 2, 2024, staff visited 18 locations. This resulted in 286 (138 new, and 148 repeat) individuals being contacted and referred to community services. Twenty-one individuals accepted shelter.**
10. Stability Site Update: **The Stability Site at 1421 Puyallup Avenue, operated by Catholic Community Services (CCS) was restored to full capacity as of August 3, 2024.** The City has been working with Pallet Shelter and CCS to ensure completion of installation and setup of 30 donated Pallet shelters to replace several of the units and return to the normal capacity at the site. As of July 31, 2024, twenty-three of the thirty units have been completed with the final 7 scheduled to be built on August 1, 2024. The Stability Site has returned to their capacity of 58 Pallet Shelter units as of August 3, 2024. The Stability Site was established in June 2017 in response to the Public Health State of Emergency on Homelessness. Since June 2017, CCS has served 886 clients to date at the site with 194 total exits to permanent housing.

11. Neighborhood Council Review Engagement: The City of Tacoma's Neighborhood Council Program is undergoing its five-year review and **is currently collecting feedback**. There are eight Neighborhood Councils and one overarching Community Council that support Tacoma's diverse communities and engages with City staff on neighborhood issues, concerns, and priorities identified by community members. For more information about the Neighborhood Council Program visit: [www.cityoftacoma.org/neighborhoodcouncils](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/neighborhoodcouncils)

The Neighborhood Council Program aims to create an environment in which community members have an opportunity to:

- Meaningfully discuss City programs and policies that affect their neighborhoods.
- Bring neighborhood concerns, priorities, and goals to the attention of the City.
- Encourage diverse relationships and representative participation where residents feel they positively impact and improve the livability of their communities.

**Take the online survey by August 31, 2024, to provide feedback** that will help inform the updates to the Neighborhood Council Program [Standards and Guidelines](#) and [Tacoma Municipal Code 1.45](#). To provide feedback over the phone, please call Jared Braggs, Safe Streets Community Mobilization Specialist, at (253) 691-5980.

12. Please see the attached City of Tacoma **Weekly Meeting Schedule**.

13. Inclement Weather Response Plan: For the 2024 summer inclement weather season for heat and smoke, the City of Tacoma is partnering with Tacoma Libraries, outreach teams (contracted and non-contracted), and volunteers to ensure that unsheltered individuals have access to water, masks, information about cooling centers, and sheltering throughout the City. The City has ensured that there is sufficient water available at the stability site for pickup and that our partners are prepared to supply resources accordingly.

Thresholds for inclement weather activations:

- **85 degrees or higher and/or Air Quality over 101**, the City will supply both unsheltered and sheltered individuals with water and masks depending on need.
- **For 90 degrees or higher and/or Air Quality over 151**, the City will continue to supply resources, open cooling, and air quality centers for daytime relief and/or possible nighttime relief for smoke. ***The City pauses non-emergent encampment removals from public property and City rights-of-way during inclement weather events that meet this threshold.***

The City is working with other providers to expand shelter capacity during acute inclement weather events. When temperatures reach the threshold of 85 degrees an additional 100 (total) beds will be made available as listed below:

- Catholic Community Services' Nativity House (702 South 14th Street) will be providing an additional 80 overflow shelter beds.
- Valeo Vocation will be providing 20 overflow beds for young adults 18-24 years of age at the Beacon Young Adult Shelter (415 South 13th Street).

## **STUDY SESSION / WORK SESSION**

14. **The City Council Study Session of Tuesday, August 13, 2024, will be conducted as a hybrid meeting.** This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: [www.zoom.us/j/89496171192](http://www.zoom.us/j/89496171192) and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 89659 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma and Facebook.

Discussion items will include: (1) **Citywide Website Redesign Update**; (2) **South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Public Hearing Preparation**; (3) **Community Safety Action Strategy Update**; (4) **Other Items of Interest – Letters to Pierce County Council Members and Pierce County Executive Regarding Homeless Services in Pierce County**; (5) **Committee Reports**; (6) **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**.

On our first agenda item, staff from Media and Communications Office will provide the Mayor and Council Members an update on the progress of the City's website redesign. **They will be sharing the results from their usability tests and studies, focus groups and engagement events that were held to gather feedback from the community. They will also provide updates on the progress in the internal assessment of the domain change to Tacoma.gov.**

On our second agenda item, staff from Planning and Development Services and Tacoma Water will **provide a progress report on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) code review and update.**

During the **August 13, 2024 City Council Meeting, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on a proposed six-month extension** to the STGPD moratorium on new underground storage tanks and metal recycling/auto wrecking facilities. The moratorium was initially established on March 7, 2023, by [Ordinance No. 28872](#). Following an update to the STGPD work plan and the identification of ongoing research needs, the City Council voted on March 5, 2024, to extend the moratorium for six months, expiring on September 20, 2024. **Additional information on this work as well as the upcoming public hearing is available at: [www.cityoftacoma.org/moratoriumSTGPD](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/moratoriumSTGPD).**

On our third agenda item, staff from the Office of Strategy will provide an update on the progress and first draft of the Community Safety Action Strategy. **This presentation will include how the strategy has been developed, examples of how departments are already operationalizing the strategy, and discuss next steps for the adoption and implement**

Under other items of interest, the following item will be discussed:

- **Letters to Pierce County Council Members and Pierce County Executive Regarding Homeless Services in Pierce County**

15. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendar** are attached for your information.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

16. You are invited to the below events:

- Metro Parks Summer Bash at Norpoint: **Saturday, August 10, 2024, 2:00 p.m.**, Nassau Avenue Northeast, Tacoma, WA 98422.
- Coffee with your Council Member – Council Member Bushnell: **Friday, August 16, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sector 4 Substation**, 400 East 56th Street, Tacoma WA 98404.
- Metro Parks Summer Bash at Stewart Heights Park: **Saturday, August 17, 2024, 2:00 p.m., Stewart Heights Park**, 5715 Reginald Gutiérrez Lane, Tacoma, WA 98404.
- Metro Parks Summer Bash at Star Center: Friday, **August 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Star Center**, 3873 South 66th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409.
- **Kids Health & Safety Fair**: Saturday, August 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Eastside Community Center, 1721 East 56th Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Pauli



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City Manager



**City of Tacoma**

**City Council Action Memorandum**

**TO:** Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Anna Le, Management Fellow; Melanie Harding, Interim Deputy City Manager, City Manager’s Office  
**COPY:** City Council; City Clerk; Bucoda Warren, Chief Policy Analyst, City Manager’s Office; Ramiro Chavez, Director, Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** A resolution conferring parcel 2004300010 the honorary name “Dr. W. Joye Hardiman Park” - August 12, 2024  
**DATE:** August 5, 2024

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution conferring parcel 2004300010 the honorary name “Dr. W. Joye Hardiman Park.” This community-initiated naming request is consistent with the criteria set forth in City Council Policy, adopted in August 2022, on Place Names and Name Changes (Resolution 41009).

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Mayor Victoria Woodards

**BACKGROUND:**

**This Department’s Recommendation is Based On:** In congruence with Resolution No. 41009, which adopted the amendments to the City’s Policy on Place Names and Name Changes in August 2022, honorary place name requests are reviewed and vetted at several levels: Mayor’s Office, individual Departments and Divisions, and the Council’s Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee. The final review and decision to approve naming requests lies with the City Council.

City staff reviewed the naming proposal in accordance with the City’s adopted policy and presented the findings to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS). On July 10, 2024, the IPS Committee unanimously approved forwarding the proposal to the full City Council for consideration. Should the proposed resolution be adopted, the currently-unnamed city-owned parcel 2004300010 will be honorarily named “Dr. W. Joye Hardiman Park” and be in effect for 15 years.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

Unlike the City’s naming policy for honorary street name applications, Resolution 41009 does not outline specific community outreach or signature-gathering requirements for honorary parcel name applications; the policy only dictates that *some* community outreach be made. Nevertheless, the applicants electively met the higher community outreach standard set for street names. The applicants then also conducted a comprehensive public outreach campaign above and beyond these higher standards.

Resolution 41009 requires honorary roadway name applications gather signed petitions in support of the proposal from at least two-thirds of property owners abutting the linear frontage of the affected roadway and fifty percent of those property owners within 500 feet of the proposal. The applicants acquired signatures in support of the honorary naming application from property owners neighboring the parcel and used this process to educate local community members about their efforts.

After already meeting the more intensive community outreach standards not required for this category of honorary name proposals, the applicants then applicants organized signature gathering parties and partnered with a broad range of stakeholders to spread awareness of the importance of this application, including The Evergreen State College-Tacoma, local media outlets, subject-area conferences, community organizations, and religious institutions.

See [Appendix E. Community Outreach Summary](#) for signatures and letters of support, a list of outreach partners, and more detailed information about the applicants’ community engagement efforts.



**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

This parcel is located in the Hilltop neighborhood, which has historically been home to greater proportions of Tacoma’s Black residents than the rest of the city. Tacoma’s Black community has shaped the character and culture of Hilltop and this history is an integral part of the neighborhood’s identity, even as the racial demographics of the area change.

**Accessibility:**

*Equity Index Score: Very High Opportunity*

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Elected officials, boards, commissions, and volunteer leadership will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community.

Naming this parcel after a long-time Hilltop community member highlights and celebrates the neighborhood's history, demonstrating that Hilltop's residents include public servants and leaders deserving of memorialization in its place names.

**Economy/Workforce:**

*Equity Index Score: Very Low Opportunity*

Highlight Dr. Hardiman’s impact on The Evergreen State College Tacoma’s history, including its location in the Hilltop neighborhood.

Dr. Hardiman was a strong advocate for TESC-Tacoma’s campus being located in the Hilltop neighborhood and continued to advocate for the campus to remain in the neighborhood for decades after TESC-Tacoma first opened.

**Education:**

*Equity Index Score: High Opportunity*

Increase the number of adults with post-secondary degrees or certifications.

Increase the number of college students that find employment and remain in Tacoma after post-secondary completion.

The Evergreen State College – Tacoma opened at a time when the City had a limited number of four-year institutions in its boundaries. TESC – Tacoma’s influence and impact goes back 33 years. It is an especially significant institution Tacoma’s Black community because it is a public college committed to the success of Black adult learners and the success of the neighborhood ([historylink](#)).

**Livability:**

*Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Residents might be more apt to take advantage of green spaces if they feel their backgrounds and experiences are reflected in the people after whom these spaces are named.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

| Alternative(s)                                 | Positive Impact(s) | Negative Impact(s)  |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Resolution is not adopted; parcel left unnamed | None               | Supporters of naming request might lose faith and/or confidence in City’s decisions |

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Per Resolution 41009, Council-approved naming proposals are effective immediately and remain in effect for 15 years. If the applicant desires the name to remain in place after this period elapses, the City will reconvene the work group to evaluate the proposal and, if approved, the applicant will be responsible for the cost to install a replacement sign, if necessary.



**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

In congruence with Resolution 41009 Policy on Place Names and Name Changes, City staff support ceremonially naming parcel 2004300010 “Dr. W. Joye Hardiman Park.” Conferring a place name on this currently-unnamed parcel in honor of Dr. Hardiman is consistent with the criteria set forth in City policy and reflects the wishes of the local community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

The fiscal impact related to the honorary name sign will be offset through post-installation reimbursement to be paid by the applicants. These costs include, but are not limited to, design, fabrication, installation, and labor. This work will be completed by City staff and in alignment with existing internal standards and styles.

The City of Tacoma’s park signs have a lifespan of 10-15 years; honorary place names, under City policy, are effective for 15 years. Should this park sign need replacement during the years the honorary name is in effect, this cost, too, is the responsibility of the applicants.

Public Works currently maintains this parcel and the costs of maintaining the park sign would be absorbed in these existing costs.

| Fund Number & Name  | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | Cost Element            | Total Amount      |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1065 PW Street Fund | 662426 / 60000038777       | Materials 5220100       | \$261.00          |
| 1065 PW Street Fund | 662426 / 60000038777       | Labor 5195000           | \$1,062.58        |
| 1065 PW Street Fund | 662426 / 60000038777       | Equipment 5295000       | \$287.98          |
|                     |                            | 15% Contingency Reserve | \$241.73          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        |                            |                         | <b>\$1,853.29</b> |

**Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?**

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

These expenditures are not in this biennium’s budget as the City will not incur any costs as a result of adopting this resolution. Implementation costs will be billed to the applicant.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

No

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

No

**Will the legislation change the City’s FTE/personnel counts?**

No

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Criteria Qualifications and Required Application Components
- B. About the Naming Request and Dr. W. Joye Hardiman
- C. Ad Hoc Work Group Outcomes
- D. Photos and Map of Parcel
- E. Community Outreach Summary
- F. Letters of Support
- G. Resolution 41009 on Place Names and Name Changes



# Be a good neighbor!

**Tacoma Municipal Code  
Chapter 9.20 Urban Forestry  
protects our urban forests  
from damage and disease  
while increasing benefits  
such as cooling, habitat, slope  
stability, and stormwater  
runoff protection.**

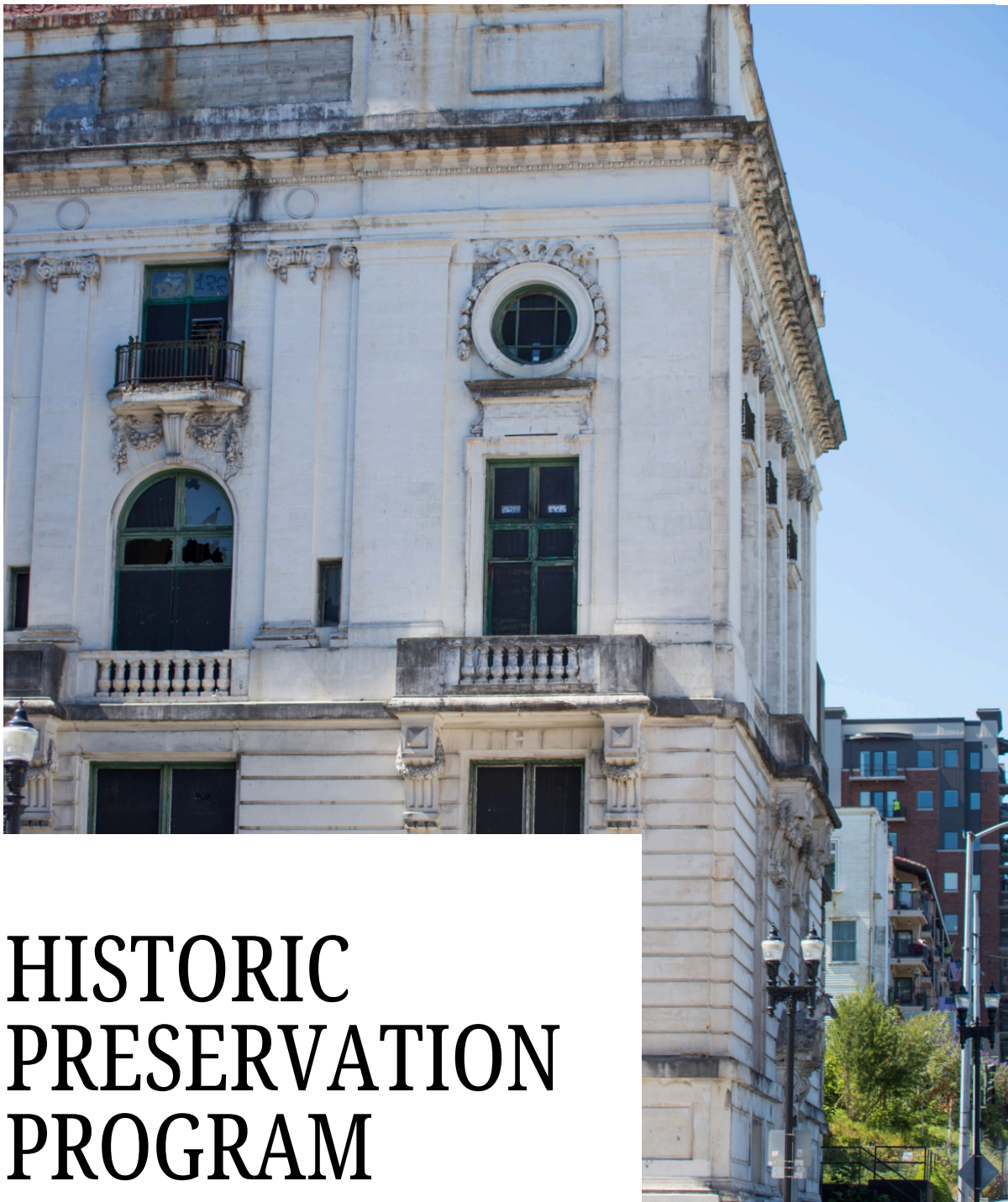
**Be a responsible property owner and help us protect our community by:**

- Knowing your property limits.
- Staying away from critical areas like wetlands, streams or steep slopes.
- Getting permission and/or a permit to cut or prune trees not on your property.
- Hiring a reputable arborist.
- Reporting tree cutting to **311** by dialing "311" or [www.cityoftacoma.org/tacoma\\_first\\_311](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacoma_first_311)

Residents are reminded that any alterations to trees on neighboring properties which may result in view benefits for their own properties must get permission from the City of Tacoma's Planning & Development Services Department. Failure to report such alterations may result in violations of City ordinances and could lead to potential enforcement action.

## **Questions?**

Contact City of Tacoma's Planning and Development Services at **253.591.5030** or learn more at [www.cityoftacoma.org/treecode](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/treecode)



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

**ANNUAL REPORT**

2023 - 2024





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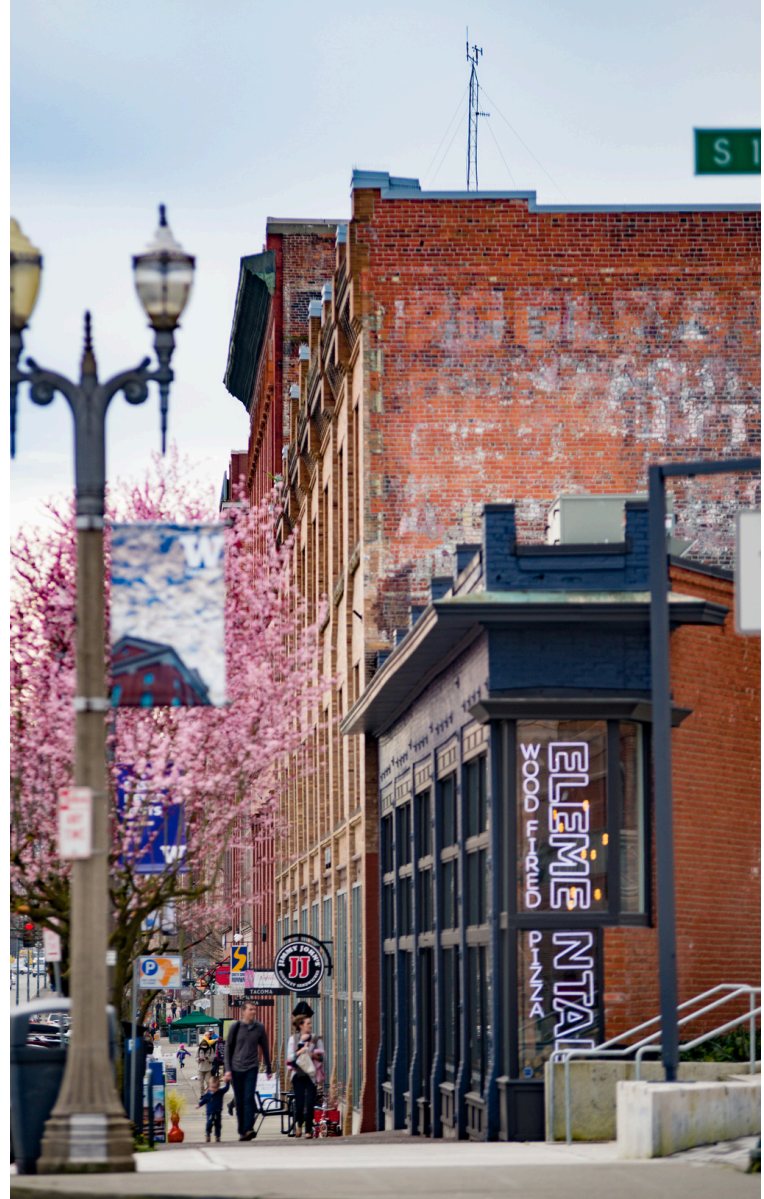


# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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**THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AND ENHANCING IMPORTANT SITES FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

Tacoma is rich with culture, history, archaeological resources, and historic architecture. From the earliest Native American inhabitants to waves of immigrants from around the world, many peoples have contributed to Tacoma's cultural landscapes and the city that we live in today. The Historic Preservation Program is dedicated to preserving our diverse culture and built landscape while adapting to and mitigating contemporary challenges to create future opportunities.



The Historic Preservation Program's goal is to include all of Tacoma's neighborhoods and communities to develop a rich, meaningful and inclusive historically informed city of the future.

This report highlights the City of Tacoma's Historic Preservation 2023 - 2024 programs, Landmarks Preservation Commission activities, and upcoming goals and initiatives.



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# LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

BY THE NUMBERS, 2023-2024

## 30 Historic Design Reviews

A key role of the Landmarks Commission is reviewing alterations to City Landmarks. Design reviews are essential to maintain Tacoma's historical architectural identity.

## 2 new Landmark Nominations

In 2023, the City Council added two properties to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, bringing the total number of City Landmarks to 190. Projects renovating City Landmarks may qualify for the Special Tax Valuation Program, the Historic Rehabilitation and Repair Loan Program, and potentially other development incentives.

## Approx. \$7 million in tax incentives

The primary local incentive for City Landmarks is the Special Tax Valuation Program, which has granted over \$253m in incentives to catalytic projects in Tacoma during the life of the program. One such project is Old City Hall, which was approved for \$6.4m for its first phase in 2023.

## \$40,000 in Heritage Project Grants

The 2023 Heritage Grant Program is intended to support projects that increase public awareness and access to Tacoma's history. Six projects were recommended for funding in the 2023-24 cycle (information about each project is located at the end of this report).



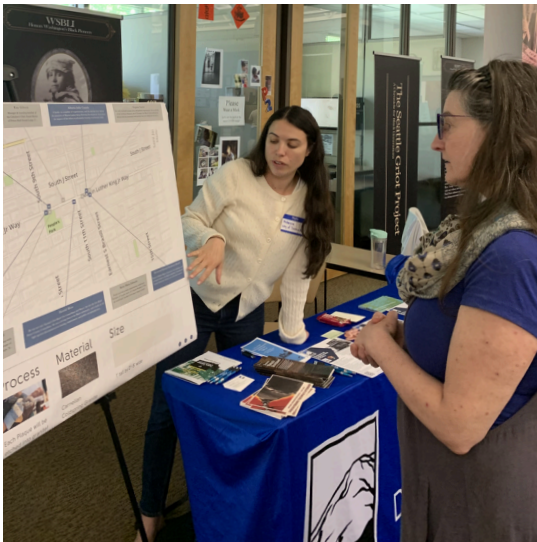
Above: the Willamette Casket Company building, a prominent building in the Nalley Valley, was added to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places in 2023. It will be rehabilitated as maker spaces.

# LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION



The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) oversees the establishment and regulation of landmarks, local historic districts, and programs such as the Special Tax Valuation incentive and Heritage Project Grants. The LPC is a volunteer commission appointed by City Council and supported by the Historic Preservation staff within Planning and Development Services (PDS).

Image top left: Landmarks Preservation Commission Vice Chair Jay Baersten receiving the Historic Preservation Month Proclamation from City Council.



Landmarks Commissioners contribute hundreds of hours of volunteer time to the City. In addition to review of nominations and design proposals, Commissioners also engage the community through site visits and event participation. Current work includes uniting current challenges in housing, sustainability, and equity with Tacoma's history, and ensuring that its work is inclusive and relevant to all Tacomans.

Image bottom left: Rebecca Solverson of the Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality discusses the Hilltop Plaque Project with Landmarks Preservation Commission Ex-Officio, Gia Mugford, at the Black History Summit at Tacoma Evergreen.

# 2023-2024 INITIATIVES

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## **Historic Survey: South Tacoma Mixed Used Center**

The South Tacoma survey is documenting historically significant sites and buildings within the Mixed Use Center (MUC). This is part of an ongoing grant-funded effort to document buildings in Mixed Use Centers to provide data that can be used in the Neighborhood Planning Program, project permit review, and to identify potential sites and districts for historic designation. Recent MUC surveys have included Proctor, McKinley and Lincoln.



Image: the 1935 Opal Beer Parlor, one of the character buildings within the South Tacoma Mixed Use Center.

## **Improved Tribal Coordination**

The Historic Preservation Program continues to build its partnership with the Puyallup Indian Tribe (“Tribe”) to enhance project review and cultural resource protections, including improved project and planning coordination and a new Citywide requirement for Unanticipated Discovery Plans that provide procedures in the event that a project encounters archaeological materials.



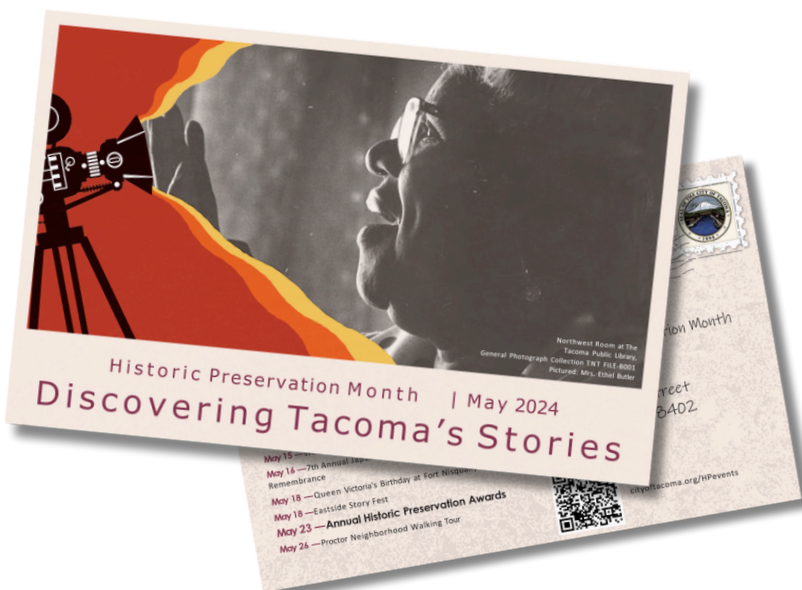
Image: Site visit at the Puyallup Tribal Museum with Jennifer Keating.

# 2023-2024 INITIATIVES

## Programming: Continue innovative lectures, events and experiences

Over the past 15 years, the Historic Preservation Program has maintained an active events calendar. One of this year's highlights was the "Saving the Elks Temple" panel discussion. The event drew over 250 individuals curious about Tacoma's history and passionate about preservation. The public had the opportunity to learn about the intricate efforts and collaboration it takes to preserve a building and how it can contribute to community spaces, economy, and a sense of belonging and identity.

Top image: event poster for "Saving Elks Temple." Middle image, left to right: Susan Johnson, Reuben McKnight, Jennifer Schreck former Tacoma Historic Preservation Officer. Below: Historic Preservation Month events postcard.





# 2023-2024 INITIATIVES

## Underrepresented Communities Black History Survey

The Historic Preservation Program recently received a National Park Service Grant to survey and document sites significant to Black History in Tacoma.

This project is related to a similar statewide survey and has received significant interest and tie ins with other community-based initiatives. Led by historian Monette Hearn and architectural historian Ellen Mirro, and an advisory group based at Evergreen Community College Tacoma Campus, including Dean Marcia Tate Arunga, the African American Historic Preservation in Washington Coalition, Roger Evans from the Seattle Griot Project, LACH The Remnant Project, City of Tacoma's Arts & Cultural Vitality, and the Caballeros Club, this project has grown beyond the scope of the grant survey and nourished partnerships to promote equitable preservation by revealing and safeguarding untold stories.

On Saturday, May 11th, an inaugural Summit centered on the preservation of Black History in Washington State, including the archives at the Evergreen State College Tacoma campus, gathered over 100 people to discuss the gaps, barriers, and opportunities as well as build community.



Top image: Councilmember Keith Blocker opens the Kickoff of Tacoma's Black Historic Sites Survey, 2023; Above: Karen Akuyea Vargas and State Representative Jamila Taylor at the May 2024 Summit.



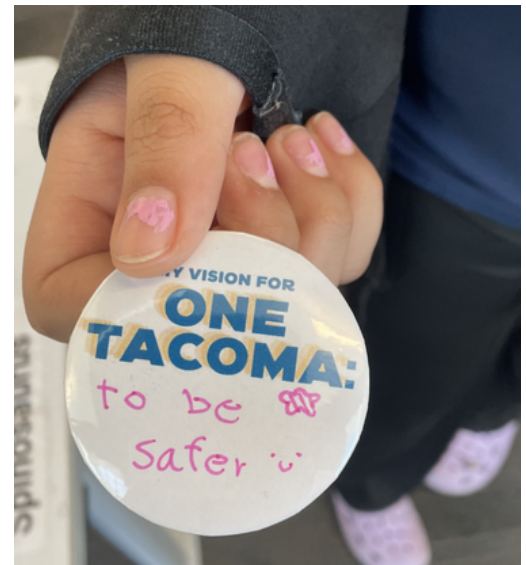
# 2023-2024 INITIATIVES

## Public Outreach and Engagement

As part of the Planning Development Services (PDS) division, the Historic Preservation Program is working to update the Historic Preservation Element in coordination with major policy initiatives such as ‘Home in Tacoma,’ and other critical policy areas, including sustainability, antiracist transformation and inclusion.

With over 10 workshops citywide, staff received input from the public on important sites, places and themes that connect people to their surroundings.

Connecting with Tacoma’s neighborhoods through conversation and education yielded insightful perspectives which will be integrated into the comprehensive plan and code review.





Historic Preservation Program, various City of Tacoma departments, and programs together for a group photo after a successful community outreach event at the STAR Center.



# Heritage Project Grants - 2023



Established in 2016 by City Council, the Heritage Grant Program is intended to support small projects and organizations that increase public awareness of and access to Tacoma’s history. In general, projects must be related to the history of Tacoma or Tacoma’s cultural or historic resources and be accessible to all audiences. Since its creation, the Landmarks Commission has awarded approximately \$190,000 in heritage grants to support community programming, events, exhibits and interpretive installations.

The following projects received awards in 2023:

| Project Description   | Amount          | Recipient  |
|---|-----------------|--|
| <p>Exhibit design, technology, and development of signage/interpretive materials for a new museum installation of the Brač, a traditional Croatian fishing skiff (batana).</p>  | <p>\$5,000</p>  | <p><b>Foss Waterway Seaport</b></p>                 |
| <p>Educational events/activities; a one-day symposium and field trip program for local students, to highlight a new exhibit celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Boldt Decision. All programs will be held at the WSHS museum in Tacoma.</p> | <p>\$10,000</p> | <p><b>Washington State Historical Society</b></p>  |



# Heritage Project Grants - continued

| Project Description  | Amount          | Recipient  |
|--|-----------------|--|
| <p>Identify, digitize, and provide full public access to materials. The Northwest Room's collections include reel-to-reel, audio cassette, VHS, 8mm, and other formats containing hours of irreplaceable documentation of Tacoma's history. Such formats/content are currently unavailable for users and are in danger of being lost to degradation.</p> | <p>\$8,100</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tacoma Public Library</b></p>  |
| <p>Guided tours, workshops, and educational programs highlighting the relationship between Japanese culture and Tacoma's gardens, specifically in Point Defiance Park, during the 2024 Flower and Garden Festival.</p>   | <p>\$10,000</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Metro Parks Tacoma</b></p>   |

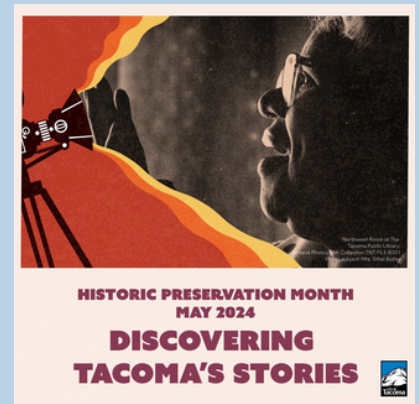


# Heritage Project Grants - continued

| Project Description   | Amount                               | Recipient   |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <p>Exhibit development to finish and promote a digital exhibit on the history of Tacoma's Japantown. Funds will cover research assistance, technical consultant for interactive 'storymaps', and outreach campaign to raise awareness of the website.</p> | <p>\$2,500</p>                       | <p>University of Washington-Tacoma</p>  |
| <p>Development and production of interpretive materials. Project will continue to build online historical narratives of Tacoma and Pierce County, specifically adding seven new articles.</p>   | <p>\$3,547</p>                       | <p>History Link</p>                  |
|   | <p><b><u>Total: \$39,147</u></b></p> |   |



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH 2024



## "Discovering Tacoma's Stories"

This year's theme "Discovering Tacoma's Stories," marks a year of highlighting the diverse stories and identities of the people who have lived, worked, and built communities in this city, and of improving the equitable access to the services of the Tacoma Historic Preservation Program. The month of May was marked by numerous events and activities related to Tacoma's rich and diverse history.



Tacoma Evergreen Campus receiving the Outstanding Achievement in Partnership in Preservation for Black History visioning work, at the annual awards ceremony on May 23, 2024. Image: Dean Dr. Marcia Tate Arunga.

In addition, each year the Landmarks Commission selects recipients for its Outstanding Achievements in Preservation. This year's awards went to:

- Community Engagement - Save Parkland School
- Sustainability - Willamette Casket Company Building renovation
- Broadening Perspectives in Preservation - "Boldt at 50" Washington State Historical Society
- Housing - Son-Hsiung Riu for 506 N. L St. rehabilitation
- Partnerships in Preservation - Evergreen Tacoma for Remnant Project and Black History Consortium
- Leadership in Preservation - Artifacts Consulting, Inc.
- Landmark Nomination - Immanuel Presbyterian Church and McFarlane House
- Heritage/Legacy Business - Radio Club Tacoma
- Commercial Renovation - Cider & Cedar
- Excellence in Historic Preservation - Blue Mouse Theater/Blue Mouse Associates
- Career Achievement - Michael Lafreniere





# Citywide Weekly Briefing for 29 July 2024 to 04 August 2024

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| Offense Breakdown                                 | 7 Days      |             | 28 Days     |             | Year to Date |              | 7 Days         | 28 Days        | YTD            |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | 29-Jul-2023 | 29-Jul-2024 | 08-Jul-2023 | 08-Jul-2024 | 01-Jan-2023  | 01-Jan-2024  |                |                |                |
|   | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023  | 04-Aug-2024  |                |                |                |
| <b>Persons</b>                                    | <b>89</b>   | <b>81</b>   | <b>366</b>  | <b>351</b>  | <b>2633</b>  | <b>2514</b>  | 9.0% ▼         | 4.1% ▼         | 4.5% ▼         |
| Assault   | 82          | 73          | 333         | 325         | 2387         | 2302         | 11.0% ▼        | 2.4% ▼         | 3.6% ▼         |
| *Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0           | 0           | 0           | 3           | 18           | 14           | 0.0%           | NC             | 22.2% ▼        |
| Kidnapping/Abduction                              | 2           | 3           | 14          | 9           | 56           | 58           | 50.0% ▲        | 35.7% ▼        | 3.6% ▲         |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible                            | 5           | 5           | 18          | 14          | 170          | 138          | 0.0%           | 22.2% ▼        | 18.8% ▼        |
| <b>Property</b>                                   | <b>492</b>  | <b>267</b>  | <b>1886</b> | <b>1315</b> | <b>14813</b> | <b>11641</b> | 45.7% ▼        | 30.3% ▼        | 21.4% ▼        |
| Arson   | 1           | 0           | 11          | 21          | 76           | 74           | 100.0% ▼       | 90.9% ▲        | 2.6% ▼         |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering                    | 28          | 18          | 127         | 124         | 935          | 892          | 35.7% ▼        | 2.4% ▼         | 4.6% ▼         |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery                            | 0           | 1           | 2           | 1           | 30           | 41           | NC             | 50.0% ▼        | 36.7% ▲        |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property          | 126         | 76          | 494         | 338         | 3827         | 3234         | 39.7% ▼        | 31.6% ▼        | 15.5% ▼        |
| Fraud   | 16          | 4           | 50          | 47          | 385          | 337          | 75.0% ▼        | 6.0% ▼         | 12.5% ▼        |
| Larceny/Theft                                     | 166         | 101         | 648         | 510         | 5104         | 4649         | 39.2% ▼        | 21.3% ▼        | 8.9% ▼         |
| Motor Vehicle Theft                               | 126         | 47          | 467         | 198         | 3737         | 1934         | 62.7% ▼        | 57.6% ▼        | 48.2% ▼        |
| Robbery   | 13          | 10          | 48          | 37          | 358          | 251          | 23.1% ▼        | 22.9% ▼        | 29.9% ▼        |
| Stolen Property                                   | 14          | 9           | 33          | 34          | 302          | 195          | 35.7% ▼        | 3.0% ▲         | 35.4% ▼        |
| <b>Society</b>                                    | <b>7</b>    | <b>15</b>   | <b>44</b>   | <b>55</b>   | <b>258</b>   | <b>377</b>   | 114.3% ▲       | 25.0% ▲        | 46.1% ▲        |
| Drug/Narcotic                                     | 1           | 8           | 14          | 29          | 68           | 219          | 700.0% ▲       | 107.1% ▲       | 222.1% ▲       |
| Pornography/Obscene Material                      | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 10           | 8            | 0.0%           | 100.0% ▼       | 20.0% ▼        |
| Prostitution                                      | 0           | 0           | 4           | 0           | 5            | 1            | 0.0%           | 100.0% ▼       | 80.0% ▼        |
| Weapon Law Violations                             | 6           | 7           | 25          | 26          | 175          | 149          | 16.7% ▲        | 4.0% ▲         | 14.9% ▼        |
| <b>Citywide Totals</b>                            | <b>588</b>  | <b>363</b>  | <b>2296</b> | <b>1721</b> | <b>17704</b> | <b>14532</b> | <b>38.3% ▼</b> | <b>25.0% ▼</b> | <b>17.9% ▼</b> |

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## Last 7 Days

### Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 65.8% (48/73) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 44 DV-related offenses.
- 65.9% (29/44) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 35.6% (26/73) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 57 ↘ 44
- There was 1 Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 59 ↘ 36

### Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 18 ↘ 13
- 1500 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 10
- 804 S 13th St: 0 ↗ 4
- There were 6 additional locations with 4.

### Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 124 ↘ 70
- Parking Lot: 119 ↘ 68
- Apartment: 60 ↘ 58
- Single Family Residence: 98 ↘ 47
- Department Store: 16 ↘ 10
- Restaurant/Fast Food Establishment: 9 ↗ 10



# Sector 1 Weekly Briefing for 29 July 2024 to 04 August 2024

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| Offense Breakdown                                | 7 Days      |             | 28 Days     |             | Year to Date |             | 7 Days   | 28 Days   | YTD      |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
|  | 29-Jul-2023 | 29-Jul-2024 | 08-Jul-2023 | 08-Jul-2024 | 01-Jan-2023  | 01-Jan-2024 |          |           |          |
|  | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023  | 04-Aug-2024 |          |           |          |
| <b>Persons</b>                                   | <b>25</b>   | <b>16</b>   | <b>98</b>   | <b>90</b>   | <b>644</b>   | <b>634</b>  | 36.0% ▼  | 8.2% ▼    | 1.6% ▼   |
| Assault  | 23          | 15          | 88          | 84          | 579          | 567         | 34.8% ▼  | 4.5% ▼    | 2.1% ▼   |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 4            | 4           | 0.0%     | 0.0%      | 0.0%     |
| Kidnapping/Abduction                             | 0           | 0           | 3           | 2           | 10           | 19          | 0.0%     | 33.3% ▼   | 90.0% ▲  |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible                           | 2           | 1           | 6           | 4           | 50           | 44          | 50.0% ▼  | 33.3% ▼   | 12.0% ▼  |
| <b>Property</b>                                  | <b>101</b>  | <b>81</b>   | <b>365</b>  | <b>352</b>  | <b>3378</b>  | <b>3187</b> | 19.8% ▼  | 3.6% ▼    | 5.7% ▼   |
| Arson  | 0           | 0           | 1           | 12          | 31           | 37          | 0.0%     | 1100.0% ▲ | 19.4% ▲  |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering                   | 6           | 5           | 24          | 32          | 231          | 253         | 16.7% ▼  | 33.3% ▲   | 9.5% ▲   |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery                           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 7            | 2           | 0.0%     | 100.0% ▼  | 71.4% ▼  |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property         | 30          | 35          | 120         | 121         | 1010         | 1118        | 16.7% ▲  | 0.8% ▲    | 10.7% ▲  |
| Fraud  | 0           | 1           | 4           | 6           | 61           | 48          | NC       | 50.0% ▲   | 21.3% ▼  |
| Larceny/Theft                                    | 32          | 23          | 111         | 106         | 1083         | 1164        | 28.1% ▼  | 4.5% ▼    | 7.5% ▲   |
| Motor Vehicle Theft                              | 22          | 14          | 80          | 57          | 797          | 472         | 36.4% ▼  | 28.8% ▼   | 40.8% ▼  |
| Robbery  | 5           | 3           | 13          | 10          | 71           | 56          | 40.0% ▼  | 23.1% ▼   | 21.1% ▼  |
| Stolen Property                                  | 5           | 0           | 9           | 8           | 71           | 30          | 100.0% ▼ | 11.1% ▼   | 57.7% ▼  |
| <b>Society</b>                                   | <b>2</b>    | <b>2</b>    | <b>17</b>   | <b>9</b>    | <b>67</b>    | <b>89</b>   | 0.0%     | 47.1% ▼   | 32.8% ▲  |
| Drug/Narcotic                                    | 0           | 0           | 6           | 4           | 22           | 53          | 0.0%     | 33.3% ▼   | 140.9% ▲ |
| Pornography/Obscene Material                     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1            | 3           | 0.0%     | 0.0%      | 200.0% ▲ |
| Prostitution                                     | 0           | 0           | 4           | 0           | 4            | 1           | 0.0%     | 100.0% ▼  | 75.0% ▼  |
| Weapon Law Violations                            | 2           | 2           | 7           | 5           | 40           | 32          | 0.0%     | 28.6% ▼   | 20.0% ▼  |
| <b>Sector Totals</b>                             | <b>128</b>  | <b>99</b>   | <b>480</b>  | <b>451</b>  | <b>4089</b>  | <b>3910</b> | 22.7% ▼  | 6.0% ▼    | 4.4% ▼   |

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## Last 7 Days

### Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 53.3% (8/15) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 11 DV-related offenses.
- 54.5% (6/11) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 33.3% (5/15) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 13 ↘ 11
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 15 ↘ 14

### Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 1500 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 10
- 804 S 13th St: 0 ↗ 4
- 304 Puyallup Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 4602 45th Ave Ne: 1 ↗ 4
- Pacific Ave & S 14th St: 0 ↗ 3
- 5016 Fairwood Blvd Ne: 0 ↗ 3
- 1149 Market St: 0 ↗ 3

### Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 33 ↘ 26
- Apartment: 15 ↗ 22
- Parking Lot: 24 ↘ 17
- Single Family Residence: 14 ↘ 7
- Garage (Non-Residential): 3 ↗ 4





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| Offense Breakdown                                | 7 Days      |             | 28 Days     |             | Year to Date |             | 7 Days        | 28 Days        | YTD           |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|  | 29-Jul-2023 | 29-Jul-2024 | 08-Jul-2023 | 08-Jul-2024 | 01-Jan-2023  | 01-Jan-2024 |               |                |               |
|  | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023  | 04-Aug-2024 |               |                |               |
| <b>Persons</b>                                   | <b>14</b>   | <b>25</b>   | <b>74</b>   | <b>95</b>   | <b>569</b>   | <b>634</b>  | <b>78.6%▲</b> | <b>28.4%▲</b>  | <b>11.4%▲</b> |
| Assault  | 13          | 22          | 65          | 88          | 503          | 574         | 69.2%▲        | 35.4%▲         | 14.1%▲        |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 6            | 2           | 0.0%          | NC             | 66.7%▼        |
| Kidnapping/Abduction                             | 0           | 2           | 3           | 2           | 10           | 18          | NC            | 33.3%▼         | 80.0%▲        |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible                           | 1           | 1           | 6           | 4           | 50           | 39          | 0.0%          | 33.3%▼         | 22.0%▼        |
| <b>Property</b>                                  | <b>125</b>  | <b>62</b>   | <b>526</b>  | <b>381</b>  | <b>4203</b>  | <b>3125</b> | <b>50.4%▼</b> | <b>27.6%▼</b>  | <b>25.6%▼</b> |
| Arson  | 0           | 0           | 5           | 4           | 14           | 11          | 0.0%          | 20.0%▼         | 21.4%▼        |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering                   | 8           | 4           | 32          | 31          | 237          | 209         | 50.0%▼        | 3.1%▼          | 11.8%▼        |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery                           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 8            | 14          | 0.0%          | 0.0%           | 75.0%▲        |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property         | 26          | 17          | 124         | 94          | 1159         | 859         | 34.6%▼        | 24.2%▼         | 25.9%▼        |
| Fraud  | 8           | 0           | 20          | 13          | 104          | 116         | 100.0%▼       | 35.0%▼         | 11.5%▲        |
| Larceny/Theft                                    | 44          | 25          | 183         | 157         | 1529         | 1328        | 43.2%▼        | 14.2%▼         | 13.1%▼        |
| Motor Vehicle Theft                              | 36          | 13          | 146         | 71          | 1019         | 509         | 63.9%▼        | 51.4%▼         | 50.0%▼        |
| Robbery  | 2           | 3           | 12          | 8           | 84           | 49          | 50.0%▲        | 33.3%▼         | 41.7%▼        |
| Stolen Property                                  | 1           | 0           | 3           | 2           | 32           | 22          | 100.0%▼       | 33.3%▼         | 31.3%▼        |
| <b>Society</b>                                   | <b>0</b>    | <b>2</b>    | <b>4</b>    | <b>10</b>   | <b>31</b>    | <b>52</b>   | <b>NC</b>     | <b>150.0%▲</b> | <b>67.7%▲</b> |
| Drug/Narcotic                                    | 0           | 1           | 0           | 4           | 6            | 30          | NC            | NC             | 400.0%▲       |
| Pornography/Obscene Material                     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 4            | 1           | 0.0%          | 0.0%           | 75.0%▼        |
| Prostitution                                     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0            | 0           | 0.0%          | 0.0%           | 0.0%          |
| Weapon Law Violations                            | 0           | 1           | 4           | 6           | 21           | 21          | NC            | 50.0%▲         | 0.0%          |
| <b>Sector Totals</b>                             | <b>139</b>  | <b>89</b>   | <b>604</b>  | <b>486</b>  | <b>4803</b>  | <b>3811</b> | <b>36.0%▼</b> | <b>19.5%▼</b>  | <b>20.7%▼</b> |

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## Last 7 Days

### Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 54.5% (12/22) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 15 DV-related offenses.
- 60.0% (9/15) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 36.4% (8/22) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 5 ↗ 15
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 12 ↘ 10

### Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 3320 S 23rd St: 5 ↘ 4
- 5115 N Visscher St: 0 ↗ 3
- 7042 S 12th St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 13 additional locations with 2.

### Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Parking Lot: 25 ↘ 15
- Apartment: 15 ↔ 15
- Street/Right Of Way: 27 ↘ 14
- Single Family Residence: 25 ↘ 11
- Private Vehicle: 2 ↗ 4
- Park: 5 ↘ 4



# Sector 3 Weekly Briefing for 29 July 2024 to 04 August 2024

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|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 29-Jul-2023 | 29-Jul-2024 | 08-Jul-2023 | 08-Jul-2024 | 01-Jan-2023  | 01-Jan-2024 |         |         |         |
|  | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023  | 04-Aug-2024 |         |         |         |
| <b>Persons</b>                                   | 16          | 18          | 64          | 76          | 580          | 576         | 12.5%▲  | 18.8%▲  | 0.7%▼   |
| Assault  | 15          | 16          | 59          | 73          | 528          | 543         | 6.7%▲   | 23.7%▲  | 2.8%▲   |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 4            | 1           | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 75.0%▼  |
| Kidnapping/Abduction                             | 0           | 0           | 3           | 1           | 17           | 9           | 0.0%    | 66.7%▼  | 47.1%▼  |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible                           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 30           | 22          | 100.0%▲ | 0.0%    | 26.7%▼  |
| <b>Property</b>                                  | 134         | 59          | 482         | 319         | 3777         | 2896        | 56.0%▼  | 33.8%▼  | 23.3%▼  |
| Arson  | 0           | 0           | 1           | 4           | 14           | 15          | 0.0%    | 300.0%▲ | 7.1%▲   |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering                   | 7           | 5           | 32          | 32          | 224          | 226         | 28.6%▼  | 0.0%    | 0.9%▲   |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery                           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 1           | 10           | 13          | NC      | NC      | 30.0%▲  |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property         | 33          | 10          | 113         | 60          | 872          | 670         | 69.7%▼  | 46.9%▼  | 23.2%▼  |
| Fraud  | 5           | 1           | 12          | 14          | 114          | 92          | 80.0%▼  | 16.7%▲  | 19.3%▼  |
| Larceny/Theft                                    | 49          | 28          | 200         | 152         | 1409         | 1268        | 42.9%▼  | 24.0%▼  | 10.0%▼  |
| Motor Vehicle Theft                              | 33          | 7           | 105         | 30          | 960          | 472         | 78.8%▼  | 71.4%▼  | 50.8%▼  |
| Robbery  | 3           | 1           | 11          | 12          | 81           | 65          | 66.7%▼  | 9.1%▲   | 19.8%▼  |
| Stolen Property                                  | 4           | 6           | 8           | 11          | 84           | 65          | 50.0%▲  | 37.5%▲  | 22.6%▼  |
| <b>Society</b>                                   | 2           | 7           | 6           | 26          | 68           | 114         | 250.0%▲ | 333.3%▲ | 67.6%▲  |
| Drug/Narcotic                                    | 0           | 6           | 2           | 18          | 21           | 70          | NC      | 800.0%▲ | 233.3%▲ |
| Pornography/Obscene Material                     | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 3            | 2           | 0.0%    | 100.0%▼ | 33.3%▼  |
| Prostitution                                     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1            | 0           | 0.0%    | 0.0%    | 100.0%▼ |
| Weapon Law Violations                            | 2           | 1           | 3           | 8           | 43           | 42          | 50.0%▼  | 166.7%▲ | 2.3%▼   |
| <b>Sector Totals</b>                             | 152         | 84          | 552         | 421         | 4425         | 3586        | 44.7%▼  | 23.7%▼  | 19.0%▼  |

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## Last 7 Days

### Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 75.0% (12/16) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 3 DV-related offenses.
- 100.0% (3/3) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 18.8% (3/16) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 13 ↘ 3
- There was 1 Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 16 ↘ 5

### Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 18 ↘ 13
- 2505 S 38th St: 2 ↗ 4
- 7605 S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 17 additional locations with 2.

### Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Parking Lot: 50 ↘ 24
- Apartment: 14 ↘ 13
- Street/Right Of Way: 31 ↘ 12
- Clothing Store: 2 ↗ 8
- Department Store: 10 ↘ 7



# Sector 4 Weekly Briefing for 29 July 2024 to 04 August 2024

The data is not National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliant. Do not compare the results with any report using that standard. The data is dynamic and is subject to change and/or revision. The number of distinct offenses listed on a report are counted. This does not represent reports or individuals. All data is compared to last year for the same number of days or date range. Small numbers may cause large percent increases and decreases. Beginning 1 October 2022, there was a change in how TPD reports certain Aggravated Assaults and Destruction offenses.

| Offense Breakdown                                | 7 Days      |             | 28 Days     |             | Year to Date |             | 7 Days   | 28 Days  | YTD      |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
|  | 29-Jul-2023 | 29-Jul-2024 | 08-Jul-2023 | 08-Jul-2024 | 01-Jan-2023  | 01-Jan-2024 |          |          |          |
|  | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023 | 04-Aug-2024 | 04-Aug-2023  | 04-Aug-2024 |          |          |          |
| <b>Persons</b>                                   | <b>34</b>   | <b>22</b>   | <b>130</b>  | <b>90</b>   | <b>840</b>   | <b>668</b>  | 35.3% ▼  | 30.8% ▼  | 20.5% ▼  |
| Assault  | 31          | 20          | 121         | 80          | 777          | 616         | 35.5% ▼  | 33.9% ▼  | 20.7% ▼  |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0           | 0           | 0           | 2           | 4            | 7           | 0.0%     | NC       | 75.0% ▲  |
| Kidnapping/Abduction                             | 2           | 1           | 5           | 4           | 19           | 12          | 50.0% ▼  | 20.0% ▼  | 36.8% ▼  |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible                           | 1           | 1           | 4           | 4           | 40           | 33          | 0.0%     | 0.0%     | 17.5% ▼  |
| <b>Property</b>                                  | <b>132</b>  | <b>65</b>   | <b>513</b>  | <b>263</b>  | <b>3455</b>  | <b>2432</b> | 50.8% ▼  | 48.7% ▼  | 29.6% ▼  |
| Arson  | 1           | 0           | 4           | 1           | 17           | 11          | 100.0% ▼ | 75.0% ▼  | 35.3% ▼  |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering                   | 7           | 4           | 39          | 29          | 243          | 204         | 42.9% ▼  | 25.6% ▼  | 16.0% ▼  |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery                           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 5            | 12          | 0.0%     | 100.0% ▼ | 140.0% ▲ |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property         | 37          | 14          | 137         | 63          | 786          | 587         | 62.2% ▼  | 54.0% ▼  | 25.3% ▼  |
| Fraud  | 3           | 2           | 14          | 14          | 106          | 81          | 33.3% ▼  | 0.0%     | 23.6% ▼  |
| Larceny/Theft                                    | 41          | 25          | 154         | 95          | 1083         | 888         | 39.0% ▼  | 38.3% ▼  | 18.0% ▼  |
| Motor Vehicle Theft                              | 35          | 13          | 136         | 40          | 961          | 481         | 62.9% ▼  | 70.6% ▼  | 49.9% ▼  |
| Robbery  | 3           | 3           | 12          | 7           | 122          | 81          | 0.0%     | 41.7% ▼  | 33.6% ▼  |
| Stolen Property                                  | 4           | 3           | 13          | 13          | 115          | 78          | 25.0% ▼  | 0.0%     | 32.2% ▼  |
| <b>Society</b>                                   | <b>3</b>    | <b>4</b>    | <b>17</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>92</b>    | <b>122</b>  | 33.3% ▲  | 41.2% ▼  | 32.6% ▲  |
| Drug/Narcotic                                    | 1           | 1           | 6           | 3           | 19           | 66          | 0.0%     | 50.0% ▼  | 247.4% ▲ |
| Pornography/Obscene Material                     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 2            | 2           | 0.0%     | 0.0%     | 0.0%     |
| Prostitution                                     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0            | 0           | 0.0%     | 0.0%     | 0.0%     |
| Weapon Law Violations                            | 2           | 3           | 11          | 7           | 71           | 54          | 50.0% ▲  | 36.4% ▼  | 23.9% ▼  |
| <b>Sector Totals</b>                             | <b>169</b>  | <b>91</b>   | <b>660</b>  | <b>363</b>  | <b>4387</b>  | <b>3222</b> | 46.2% ▼  | 45.0% ▼  | 26.6% ▼  |

NC = Noncalculable

## Last 7 Days

### Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 80.0% (16/20) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 15 DV-related offenses.
- 73.3% (11/15) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 50.0% (10/20) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 26 ↘ 15
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 16 ↘ 7

### Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 8601 S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 4
- 817 E 72nd St: 1 ↗ 4
- 8606 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 3
- 1615 S 92nd St: 0 ↗ 3
- 407 S 82nd St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 9 additional locations with 2.

### Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Single Family Residence: 48 ↘ 27
- Street/Right Of Way: 33 ↘ 18
- Parking Lot: 20 ↘ 12
- Apartment: 16 ↘ 8
- Other Business: 0 ↗ 4
- Hotel/Motel: 6 ↘ 4



## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2024

| TIME                              | MEETING  | LOCATION  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024</b>    |  |   |
| 5:00 PM                           | Local Improvement District (L.I.D.) Hearings ***       | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers<br>Visit <a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer">www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer</a>   |
| 5:00 PM                           | Tacoma Arts Commission                                 | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98169721348">https://zoom.us/j/98169721348</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 981 6972 1348 Passcode: 299982    |
| 5:30 PM                           | Human Rights Commission Study Session                  | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="http://zoom.us/j/81908915518">http://zoom.us/j/81908915518</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 819 0891 5518                       |
| 6:00 PM                           | Community's Police Advisory Committee                  | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 220A<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/85076233615">https://zoom.us/j/85076233615</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 850 7623 3615 Passcode: 889454   |
| 6:30 PM                           | Human Rights Commission                                | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="http://zoom.us/j/97234116608">http://zoom.us/j/97234116608</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 972 3411 6608                       |
| <b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024</b>   |  |   |
| 9:00 AM                           | Hearing Examiner's Hearing *                           | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers<br>Visit <a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer">www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer</a>   |
| 10:00 AM                          | Economic Development Committee                         | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/88227539908">https://zoom.us/j/88227539908</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908 Passcode: 614650    |
| 11:15 AM                          | Bid Opening **   | Visit <a href="http://www.tacomapurchasing.org">www.tacomapurchasing.org</a>  |
| NOON                              | City Council Study Session                             | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/89496171192">https://zoom.us/j/89496171192</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192 Passcode: 896569 |
| 5:00 PM                           | City Council Meeting                                   | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/84834233126">https://zoom.us/j/84834233126</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024</b> |  |   |
| 3:00 PM                           | Public Utility Board Study Session                     | 3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., Conf. Rm. LT1<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/81336402669">https://zoom.us/j/81336402669</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 813 3640 2669            |
| 4:30 PM                           | Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248<br>Join Zoom Meeting at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/87829056704">https://zoom.us/j/87829056704</a><br>Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782<br>Meeting ID: 878 2905 6704 Passcode: 614650    |

5:30 PM Landmarks Preservation Commission

747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243  
Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/89120046605>  
Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782  
Meeting ID: 891 2004 6605

6:00 PM Human Services Commission

747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 138  
Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/97234116608>  
Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782  
Meeting ID: 972 3411 6608

6:30 PM Public Utility Board Meeting

3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., Auditorium  
Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/84626080846>  
Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782  
Meeting ID: 846 2608 0846

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024**

9:00 AM Hearing Examiner's Hearing \*

747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers  
Visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer)

5:00 PM Sustainable Tacoma Commission

747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248  
Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/84328083947>  
Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782  
Meeting ID: 843 2808 3947 Passcode: 253253  
Contact LaKecia Farmer at 253-625-4318

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024**

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024**

11:30 AM Mayor's Youth Commission – General Assembly –

**CANCELLED**



Meeting sites are accessible to people with disabilities. People with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the appropriate department(s) 48 hours prior to the meeting time.

\* Hearing Examiner's Hearings and Local Improvement District Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact the Hearing Examiner's Office at (253) 591-5195 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week. Hearings may be held at various times throughout the day.

\*\* Bid Opening will be held on an as-needed basis. Contact the Finance Procurement and Payables Office at 253-502-8468 or [www.tacomapurchasing.org](http://www.tacomapurchasing.org) to confirm whether Bid Opening will be held.

\*\*\* Land Use Public Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact Division Manager, Shirley Schultz at (253)-345-0879 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week.



**TO:** Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Adam Nolan, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services Brian  
Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services  
**SUBJECT:** South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District Moratorium  
**DATE:** Extension August 6, 2024

**OVERVIEW:**

At the August 13, 2024 study session, Planning and Development Services (PDS) staff, in collaboration with Tacoma Water and Tacoma Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) staff, will provide an overview of the South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District (STGPD) moratorium and the status of the code review and update, in preparation for a public hearing on August 13, 2024.

**BACKGROUND:****South Tacoma Neighborhood Council Application and Work Plan**

In March 2021, the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council (STNC) submitted an application to the Planning Commission for consideration during the 2022 Annual Amendment process. The Planning Commission conducted an assessment of the STNC's application, pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) 13.02.070.E, considered public comments received through a public scoping hearing in June 2021, and made a determination in July 2021 to move the application forward for technical analysis following a two-phased approach:

1. **Phase 1 – STGPD Code Amendments:** Update TMC 13.06.070.D pertaining to STGPD, to be done in the future 2023 amendment cycle, with creation of a work plan to occur during the 2022 amendment cycle, developed in collaboration with the City of Tacoma Environmental Services Department, Tacoma Water, and the TPCHD.
2. **Phase 2 – Creation of an Economic Green Zone (EGZ):** Evaluate the establishment of an EGZ to attract green industry to the City's manufacturing/industrial centers, taking into account the recently adopted 2030 Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Strategy (Resolution No. 40878, November 30, 2021), pending the commitment of budget and staff resources by the City Council.

Upon completing technical analyses and factoring in public comments, the Planning Commission forwarded its recommendations to the City Council in May 2022. With respect to the STNC's application, the Commission recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Work Plan for STGPD code amendments.
2. Consider the merits of a moratorium on future development projects, given that significant permit activity and development during the phased process could pre-empt the broader planning efforts.

The City Council adopted [Amended Substitute Resolution No. 40985](#), on June 28, 2022, approving the Work Plan for the STGPD code amendments, and directed the Planning Commission to conduct a public process to develop findings of fact and recommendations as to whether a moratorium on heavy industrial uses and storage of hazardous materials within the STGPD is warranted.

### **Adoption of the Initial Moratorium – March 7, 2023**

The Planning Commission completed its review and deliberations of the matter through a public process and forwarded to the City Council the Planning Commission’s Findings of Fact and Recommendations Report on Consideration for a Moratorium within the STGPD, along with a letter of recommendations, both dated August 17, 2022. The Planning Commission concluded that a broad moratorium could result in detrimental, inequitable and/or disproportionate impacts to diverse businesses and uses that are of various types, purposes, characteristics, operations and maintenance needs, and risks to the environment, and recommended instead that a targeted moratorium was warranted for the following uses within the STGPD:

- Underground storage tanks
- Metal recycling/auto wrecking
- Vehicle service and repair
- Vehicle service and repair – industrial
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Staff presented these recommendations to the City Council at a study session on September 20, 2022. In response, the City Council referred the recommendation to the IPS Committee for further consideration. Following that referral, the IPS Committee, on November 30, 2022, forwarded an amended moratorium proposal to the City Council.

1. **Use Categories:** The IPS Committee did not find sufficient risk to groundwater resources from the establishment or expansion of vehicle service and repair or industrial vehicle service and repair uses to warrant a moratorium. Therefore, the moratorium should apply only to metal recycling/auto wrecking and underground storage tanks.
2. **Existing Uses:** The IPS Committee found that a moratorium that is too restrictive on the expansion of existing uses could have the counter effect of prohibiting improvements that provide environmental benefit or reduce the risks and impacts of existing uses. Therefore, the moratorium should allow for reasonable facility and site development that improves environmental outcomes while avoiding the introduction of new risks to the City’s groundwater resources.

On March 7, 2023, following a public hearing and substantial public input, the City Council passed [Ordinance No. 28872](#), enacting a moratorium within the STGPD as recommended by the IPS Committee. The moratorium became effective March 20, 2023, and was enacted for an initial period of up to one year, to expire on March 20, 2024, and applied to the following uses:

- Underground storage tanks
- Metal recycling/auto wrecking

### **STGPD Work Plan Update**

At its meeting on December 20, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended an update to the Work Plan to adopt a more comprehensive approach that considers both current and upcoming initiatives linked to the STGPD code update. This recommendation was grounded in several significant changes and resource allocations since the initial adoption of the Work Plan.

### **Prior Moratorium Extension – March 5, 2024**

Following the update to the STGPD work plan and the identification of ongoing research needs, the City Council voted on March 5, 2024, to extend the moratorium for six months, expiring on September 20, 2024.

### **Updates since March 2024**

Following the moratorium extension in March 2024, significant progress has been made in several key areas:

#### **1. Tacoma Water's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update:**

Tacoma Water has engaged an external consultant to update the IRP. The consultant's scope of work includes a comprehensive review and recommendations regarding the STGPD development regulations. Additionally, they will develop new insights into groundwater supply and demand forecasts, integrating considerations of climate change impacts. Tacoma Water has also established a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) to assist in this effort.

#### **2. STGPD Health Impact Assessment (HIA):**

PDS has allocated funding to support a HIA linked to the STGPD code amendments. PDS will collaborate with TPCHD on this assessment, ensuring holistic considerations of public health within the code update. Since the last moratorium extension, TPCHD has formed a community advisory group to aid in this effort. The community engagement planning and scoping phase is currently in progress.

#### **3. Comprehensive Plan and Critical Areas Code Update:**

PDS is currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan and Critical Areas Code update, with an expected completion date of June 2025. This update includes a thorough review of critical aquifer recharge areas, aligning closely with the goals of the STGPD. In May and June of 2024, eight visioning workshops were conducted in each neighborhood council district to gather public input for drafting the Plan.

#### **4. Other Programmatic and Regulatory Updates:**

Significant efforts are underway by the City and its partners to update various programs and regulations that support the objectives of the STGPD. Initiatives such as the Wellhead Protection Plan, Urban Waters Protection Plan, and Stormwater Comprehensive Plan are currently in progress to enhance the protection and sustainability of groundwater resources.

The Environmental Services Department has hired a consultant to help with the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan. They are currently gathering baseline information on Stormwater Utility functions from city departments responsible for implementation. The plan will be completed in 2025.

#### **5. South Tacoma Landscaping Code Update:**

Following the moratorium public hearing and community feedback, it has become evident that there is a strong desire to amend landscaping and tree canopy standards, particularly focusing on industrial areas in South Tacoma and the Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center. Since March 2024, PDS staff have been benchmarking City of Tacoma landscaping/tree



canopy standards with other regional jurisdictions and will be presenting initial findings to the Planning Commission and South Tacoma Neighborhood Council in August 2024.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTENSION:**

Staff is now requesting an extension of the moratorium to continue prohibiting the establishment of new or the expansion of existing underground storage tanks, metal recycling, and auto wrecking facilities within the STGPD. This extension will allow the current level of these uses and activities to be maintained for an additional six months, facilitating the completion of necessary research initiatives and ensuring comprehensive evaluation of the STGPD code and other relevant policies and regulations.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM**

| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Meeting</b>  | <b>Action</b>  |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>August 13, 2024</b> | Study Session   | Preparation for Public Hearing – Consideration of Moratorium Extension for STGPD |
| <b>August 13, 2024</b> | Council Meeting | Public Hearing – Consideration of Moratorium Extension for STGPD                 |
| <b>August 20, 2024</b> | Study Session   | Public Hearing Debrief – Consideration of Moratorium Extension for STGPD         |
| <b>August 20, 2024</b> | Council Meeting | Ordinance – STGPD Moratorium Extension (First Reading)                           |
| <b>August 27, 2024</b> | Council Meeting | Ordinance – STGPD Moratorium Extension (Final Reading)                           |

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

For additional information on the moratorium and the STGPD code update, please visit the webpages below or contact project staff:

Webpage: [www.cityoftacoma.org/stgpd](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/stgpd)

Updated Work Plan: [STGPD Work Plan \(Updated December 20, 2023\)](#)

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## City of Tacoma

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City Council

August 13, 2024

Bruce Dammeier  
Pierce County Executive  
1501 Market Street, Suite 100  
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Executive Dammeier,

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According to the 2024 Pierce County Point-In-Time Count, nearly 30 percent of homeless people counted were found to be sleeping unsheltered with the overall number of unsheltered homeless individuals increased 59.4 percent between 2023 and 2024. Tragically, between January 2022 and July 2023, 158 people died while living unsheltered in Pierce County, clearly indicating a growing emergency that requires county-wide solutions.

Our city has made significant strides in providing comprehensive services to individuals experiencing homelessness, including shelter, healthcare, employment assistance, and mental health support. However, as our programs have expanded, it has become increasingly clear that our efforts alone are insufficient to address the broader regional crisis. Many individuals experiencing homelessness are either residing or seeking refuge in unincorporated areas, where access to essential services and shelter is extremely limited.

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[Council Signatures to be added pending adoption]

CC: Pierce County Council

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## City of Tacoma

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We look forward to our sustained partnership on this issue, and the outcomes of the critical decisions before you.

Sincerely,

[Council Signatures to be added pending adoption]

CC: Pierce County Executive

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| Date               | Meeting  | Subject   | Department   | Background   |
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| August 13, 2024    | Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)                          | Citywide Website Redesign Project Update                                    | Media and Communications Goldin Doles  | Staff will update the City Council about the progress we are making on the city website redesign project. We have completed our usability tests and studies, focus groups, and engagement events to gather feedback from the community and would like to share the results. We'd also like to provide an update on the design and content audit progress that has been made on the project. Finally, we'd also like to share where we are in our internal assessment of the domain change to Tacoma.gov. |
|                    |  | South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District Hearing Prep                  | Planning and Development Services - Maryam Moeinian, Tacoma Water - Glen George        | The purpose of this presentation is to prepare for the public hearing on the extension of the moratorium for the South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District (STGPD).  |
|                    |  | Community Safety Action Strategy  | Office of Strategy Jacques Colon, Gabe Moaalii   | This presentation will provide City Council with an update on progress and a first draft of the Community Safety Action Strategy. Staff will provide Council with background on how the strategy has been developed, share the first draft of the strategy, share examples of how departments are already operationalizing the strategy, and discuss next steps for adoption and implementation  |
|                    | City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)                    |   |  |  |
| August 20, 2024    | Joint City Council / TPU Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm) | Long Range Financial Plans  | Tacoma Public Utilities  |  |
|                    |  | 2023 Climate Action Plan Progress Report Update                             | Environmental Services - Kristen Lynett, Tacoma Public Utilities Rochelle Gandour-Rood |  |
|                    |  | South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) Public Hearing Debrief | Planning and Development Services - Maryam Moeinian, Tacoma Water - Glen George        |  |
|                    |  | *Executive Session - Review the Performance of a Public Employee            | Human Resources - Shelby Fritz   |  |
|                    | City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)                    |   |  |  |
| August 27, 2024    | Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)                          | Home in Tacoma Public Hearing Preparation                                   | Planning and Development Services -Brian Boudet  | Preparation for the City Council's public hearing on the Home in Tacoma Phase 2 package. This will include review of any input from the community informational meetings as well as addressing outstanding questions from the July 30, 2024 study session.   |
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|                    | City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)                    |   |  |  |
| September 3, 2024  | <b>Cancelled</b>   |   |  |  |
| September 10, 2024 | Study Session (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 12:00 pm)                          | Homeless Strategy Update  | Neighborhood and Community Services - Allyson Griffith                                 | NCS staff will provide Mayor and Council their quarterly update on the City's Homeless Strategy  |
|                    |  | Financial Update  | Office of Management and Budget  |  |
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|                    | City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)                    |   |  |  |



**Economic Development Committee (EDC)**

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| <b>Committee Members: (Chair) Daniels, (Vice-Chair) Diaz, Bushnell, Scott<br/>                 Alternate - Rumbaugh<br/>                 Executive Liaison: Pat Beard; Coordinator: Anna Le</b> |   | <b>2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays<br/>                 10:00 a.m.<br/>                 Hybrid: In-Person &amp; Virtual meeting</b>   | CBC Assignments: •Tacoma Arts Commission •Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District •City Events and Recognition Committee •Tacoma Creates Advisory Board •Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee |
|   | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Presenters</b>  | <b>Description</b>   |
| <b>August 13, 2024</b>  | Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews     | Nicole Emery, City Clerk   | The Committee will conduct interviews to fill several vacancies on the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee.   |
| <b>August 27, 2024</b>  | Business Climate Survey Debrief                         | Carol Wolfe, Business Services Division Manager, Community and Economic Development; Andrea Reay, President and CEO, Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce  | Community and Economic Development staff, along with The Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, will present findings from the 2024 Business Climate Survey.  |
| <b>September 10, 2024</b>   | Streets Initiative Economic Impact Report               | Ramiro Chavez, City Engineer and Director; Joseph Franco, Special Assistant to the Director, Public Works  | The Public Works Department, in collaboration with Community and Economic Development will present an economic impact and jobs report on the current Tacoma Streets Initiative   |
|   | Supporting Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Contractors | Jon Kulju, Engineering Project Manager, Public Works; Malika Godo, Equity in Contracting Compliance Specialist; Linda Cerna, Contract and Program Auditor; Orlantha Coleman, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community and Economic Development | Staff will provide an update related to the City's efforts to support smaller contractors through unbundling contracts, with special attention to the Links to Opportunity Streetscape project.                                |
| <b>September 24, 2024</b>   | RAIN Incubator Update                                   | Jenna McKee-Johnson, Executive Director, Rain Incubator; Paul Bakka, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community Economic Development   | Leadership from the RAIN Incubator will provide an update on new programs and restructuring to insure sustainability of this biotechnology incubator in Tacoma.  |

**Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS)**

| Committee Members: Walker (Chair), Diaz (Vice Chair), and Hines Alternate - Bushnell<br>Executive Liaison: Ramiro Chavez; Coordinator: Anna Le |   | 2nd and 4th Wednesdays<br>4:30pm<br>Hybrid: In-Person & Virtual Meeting   | CBC Assignments: •Sustainable Tacoma Commission •Planning Commission •Landmarks Preservation Commission •Board of Building Appeals •Transportation Commission  |
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|  | Topic   | Presenters  | Description  |
| <b>August 14, 2024</b>   | Transportation Commission Interviews  | Nicole Emery, City Clerk  | The Committee will conduct interviews to fill five vacancies on the Transportation Commission.   |
|  | Streets Initiative 2 Timeline and Feedback  | Ramiro Chavez, City Engineer and Director;<br>Joseph Franco, Special Assistant to the Director,<br>Public Works Department            | Public Works staff will provide committee members an updated timeline for the upcoming Streets Initiative 2 ballot measure and receive feedback.   |
| <b>August 28, 2024</b>   | Tower Crane Notifications and Permitting  | Chris Seaman, Engineering Manager, Planning and Development Services  | This presentation will provide an overview of HB 2022 and recommended updates to Title 2 related to tower crane permitting, tracking, and notification.  |
|  | Proposed Charter Amendments Discussion  | Councilmember Kristina Walker, Chair,<br>Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability<br>Committee                                    | The Committee will evaluate two proposed charter amendments referred by the City Council for further study: 9B: Climate Commission and 11: Landmarks Preservation Commission.  |
| <b>September 11, 2024</b>  | Stormwater Manual Update  | Environmental Services Staff  | Staff from Environmental Services will provide an update on the stormwater manual, with a focus on the manual's new tree canopy requirements.  |
|  | Request for Honorary Street Naming in Twulshootseed for Various Public Roadways within the Puyallup Tribal Boundary | Brennan Kidd, Assistant Division Manager,<br>Public Works Transportation, Traffic Safety, and<br>Review                               | Presenting the application materials and details supporting a collaborative effort between the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the City of Tacoma to support the addition of honorary street name signage, in the Twulshootseed language, for nearly 90 intersections identified to be within the Tribal Boundary. This area of eastern Tacoma is generally bounded by East 29th Street in the north, Portland Avenue in the west, Grandview Avenue/Roosevelt Avenue on the east, and East 38th Street in the south. |
| <b>September 25, 2024</b>  | Transportation Master Plan Update   | Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Transportation<br>Division Manager; Carrie Wilhelme, Principal<br>Transportation Planner, Public Works | Public Works staff will present an update on the progress of the Transportation Master Plan as part of the state-mandated Comprehensive Plan Update.   |
|  | Right-of-Way Design Manual Update   | Brennan Kidd, Assistant Division Manager,<br>Public Works Transportation, Traffic Safety, and<br>Review                               | Public Works staff will update the Committee on Department efforts to review and update certain chapters and sections within the City's Right-of-Way Design Manual. The purpose of the Manual is inform, instruct, and guide capital and private improvement project efforts to properly design and implement infrastructure and other elements within the City's various rights-of-way.   |

**Government Performance and Finance Committee**

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| <b>Committee Members: Hines (Chair), Bushnell (Vice Chair), Rumbaugh, and Daniels<br/>Alternate - Walker</b> |   | <b>1st and 3rd Tuesdays<br/>10 a.m.<br/>Room 248</b>     | <b>CBC Assignments: •Public Utility Board •Board of Ethics •Audit<br/>Advisory Board •Civil Service Board</b>  |
| <b>Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Coordinator: D'Angelo Baker</b>   |   |  |  |
|  | Topic   | Presenter  | Description  |
| <b>August 20, 2024</b>   | Cost of Services Analysis and Rates for Water, Rail, Power              | Staff from Water, Rail and Power                         | Staff from TPU will review the reate development process and provide a look at the projected rate increases for the 2025-2026 biennial budget.   |
|  | Environmental Services 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and Rate Revenues      |  | This presentation will provide a high-level overview of the Environmental Services Department (ESD) 2025-2026 proposed budget and the overall requested revenue increases for the Environmental Services utilities: Solid Waste, Wastewater, and Stormwater. |
|  | ES/Solid Waste Management Division Special Permits Recycling Incentive. | Lewis Griffith, Division Manager, Environmental Services | Staff from Environmental Services will present on a new program for special permits related to recycling.  |
| <b>September 3, 2024</b>   | Cancelled   |  |  |
| <b>September 17, 2024</b>  | Monthly Budget Update   | Reid Bennion, Budget Officer, OMB                        | Staff from OMB will present on topics related to the current biennium budget, revenue collections and expenditures, and other issues related to budgeting.   |
|  | Audit Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting                                  | Staff from the State Auditor's Office (SAO)              | Staff from the State Auditor's Office will hold an exit conference on the City's 2023 Financials.  |
|  | Check-In with the Civil Service Board                                   | Chair Hansen   | The Chair of the Civil Service Board will provide an update on issues and work being done at the Civil Service Board.  |
|  | Franchise Agreement with Unite Private Networks LLC                     | Jeff Lueders, Media & Communications                     | Staff from Media & Communications will provide a briefing on a proposed telecommunications franchise agreement with Unite Private Networks LLC.  |

**Community Vitality and Safety**

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| <b>Committee Members: VACANT (Chair), Rumbaugh (Vice-Chair), Scott, Walker<br/>Alternate - Hines</b> |  | <b>2nd and 4th Thursdays<br/>4:30pm<br/>TMB 248</b>                            | CBC Assignments: Community's Police Advisory Committee • Human Services Commission • Human Rights Commission • Housing Authority • Commission on Disabilities • Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority • Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs                             |
| <b>Executive Liaison: Allyson Griffith; Coordinator: D'Angelo Baker</b>                              |  |  |  |
|  | Topic  | Presenter  | Description  |
| <b>August 22, 2024</b>   | Code Compliance Code Review (TMC 8.30) - Recommended Revisions                       | DeJa Irving, Code Compliance Supervisor, Neighborhood & Community Services     | Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) presents 'Code Compliance Code Review (TMC 8.30) - Recommended Revisions' to the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) committee, outlining proposed updates and improvements to the municipal code to enhance compliance and ensure community well-being. |
|  | TACOD Interviews   | Nicole Emery, City Clerk   | Interviews to fill vacancies on the commission.  |
|  | 2025 Consolidated Plan   | Taylor Palmer Jenson, Senior Housing Analyst, Community & Economic Development | This presentation will provide information to the CVS committee on the City's Consolidated Planning process.   |
| <b>September 12, 2024</b>  | Neighborhood Council Standards, Guidelines, and TMC 1.45 - Community Feedback Review | Keegan Buckley, Neighborhood & Community Services                              |  |
| <b>September 26, 2024</b>  | NCS Competitive Funding Process Allocations  | Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, Neighborhood & Community Services            |  |