



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**July 18, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Bushnell stated that we gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.

The flag salute was led by Council Member Bushnell.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of former Fire Chief Stanley L. Thaut.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0729](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, April 12, 2023.
2. [23-0703](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, March 22, 2023.
3. [23-0704](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, April 12, 2023.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that a letter of support for Pierce Transit's Stream Bus Rapid Transit project along Pacific Avenue and into Downtown Tacoma will be added to the agenda.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to suspend the rules to add a letter to tonight's agenda, as Item 3A, to Pierce Transit supporting the Stream Bus Rapid Transit project along Pacific Avenue and into Downtown Tacoma.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3A. [23-0753](#) A letter from the City Council to Pierce Transit, supporting the Stream bus rapid transit project along Pacific Avenue and into Downtown Tacoma.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

4. [RES41240](#) A resolution setting Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate air rights along North 26th Street abutting the applicant's property and vacate air rights in the alley side abutting the applicant's property, to build Juliet balconies on both the North 26th Street side and South alley side of the building.  
(Buddy Investments, LLC; File No. 124.1443)  
[Kandi Bremer, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28895](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance approving and confirming the Final Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 8640, which provided for the construction of asphalt concrete alley pavement, with storm drainage at the following locations:
- 1) The alley between Proctor Street and Madison Street from North 38th Street north 130 feet, more or less, thence east to Proctor Street;
  - 2) The alley between North 35th Street and North 36th Street from Warner Street to Puget Sound Avenue;
  - 3) The alley between North 21st Street and North 22nd Street from Washington Street to Adams Street;
  - 4) The alley between North 26th Street and North 27th Street from Warner Street to Puget Sound Avenue; and
  - 5) The alley between Shirley Street and Winnifred Street from North 18th Street to North 21st Street.

[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

## PAYMENTS

6. [23-0730](#) Date Range - 06/19/2023 to 07/02/2023  
Payroll in the amount of \$21,607,599.97; Payments in the amount of \$28,248,398.11; for a total of \$49,855,998.08.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41240 and first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28895.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41240 and first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28895. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to suspend the rules to add a presentation to tonight's agenda from Clarence Anthony, CEO, National League of Cities.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

6A. [23-0756](#) Presentation from Clarence Anthony, CEO, National League of Cities.

Clarence Anthony, CEO, National League of Cities (NLC), expressed appreciation to the City Council for their leadership and support of the NLC, Mayor Woodards' service as President of the NLC, and City staff for the tours they provided during the NLC visit.

7. [23-0732](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Martha Davis.

Mayor Woodards recognized Martha Davis, Executive Director, Toy Rescue Mission, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Davis.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:26 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for Public Comment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41239 and 41242.

Public Comment ended at 5:29 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

8. [RES41241](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership team.  
[D'Angelo Baker, Management Fellow; Hyun Kim, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41241.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41242](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Asphalt Patch Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$5,702,989.32, budgeted from various departmental funds, for asphalt and concrete patching services - Specification No. CT18-0277F.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41242.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

10. [RES41243](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Print NW, in the amount of \$2,000,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$6,500,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for as-needed printing and binding services - Specification No. CT17-0359F.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41243.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41239](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to prioritize questions and topics related to the Rental Housing Code, and bring back information, options, and timelines for advancing additional tenant protections, including amendments not adopted as a part of Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28894, pursuant to City Charter Section 2.24.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41239.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved as a substitute, Substitute Resolution No. 41239.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to amend Substitute Resolution No. 41239 by striking out the title on page 1, lines 3 through 10 and inserting the following language:**

**A RESOLUTION relating to the Rental Housing Code; directing the City Manager to prioritize questions and topics related to the Rental Housing Code, to develop options and timelines for advancing additional tenant protections within 60 days, including all items considered by Council in the 2023 Rental Housing Code update.**

**She further move to amend Substitute Resolution No. 41239 by striking the Be It Resolved clause on pages 7 and 8, and inserting the following language:**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA: That the City Manager is hereby directed to prioritize questions and topics related to the Rental Housing Code, to develop options and timelines for advancing additional tenant protections within 60 days, including all items considered by the Council in the 2023 Rental Housing Code update.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Substitute Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.**

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

12. [RES41244](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit, regarding the creation of a new classification entitled Tax & License Compliance Officer, Lead.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41244.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

13. [RES41245](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to support the 6th Avenue Business District's 2023 Art on the Ave event.  
[Council Member Rumbaugh]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41245.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

14. [RES41246](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, to sponsor the National Association of Local Boards of Health 2023 conference.  
[Council Member Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41246.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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



**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 15.     [ORD28896](#)     An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28896 was set over for final reading next week.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the June 8, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the anti-displacement strategy and the chronic public nuisance law; and the June 22, 2023, and July 13, 2023, meetings were cancelled. She concluded by stating that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on July 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include presentations on the Minimum Building and Structures Code compliance and the opioid settlement.

Economic Development Committee

There was no report.

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Council Member Rumbaugh announced that the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center is hosting its annual barbecue on Friday, July 21, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk