



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Agenda

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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**December 17, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### FLAG SALUTE

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

[24-1377](#) Remembrance Photo

**Attachments:** [Photo](#)

### ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1348](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 23, 2024.  
**Attachments:** [EDMin20240123](#)
2. [24-1349](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 30, 2024.  
**Attachments:** [EDMin20240130](#)
3. [24-1350](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 13, 2024.  
**Attachments:** [EDMin20240213](#)
4. [24-1351](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 27, 2024.  
**Attachments:** [EDMin20240227](#)
5. [24-1352](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, March 26, 2024.  
**Attachments:** [EDMin20240326](#)
6. [24-1353](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 9, 2024.  
**Attachments:** [EDMin20240409](#)

7.     [24-1370](#)     Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 24, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [IPSMIn20240724](#)
  
8.     [24-1371](#)     Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, August 14, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [IPSMIn20240814](#)
  
9.     [24-1355](#)     Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 17, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [PCMin20240417](#)
  
10.    [24-1356](#)     Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 1, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [PCMin20240501](#)
  
11.    [24-1357](#)     Minutes of the Planning Commission special meeting, May 8, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [PCMin20240508SpMtg](#)
  
12.    [24-1369](#)     Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, November 18, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [TACMin20241118](#)
  
13.    [24-1332](#)     Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, November 4, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [TCABMin20241104](#)

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

### CONSENT AGENDA

14.    [24-1372](#)     Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 2, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [CCMin20240402](#)
  
15.    [24-1360](#)     Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 9, 2024.  
          Attachments:   [CCMin20240409](#)

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES41581](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$615,618.36, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General Fund, for dash cameras inclusive of software, maintenance, and accessories, for an initial contract period of up to five years - Sourcewell Contract No. 101223-AXN - CW2270229. [Mayra Wheelock, Police Financial Manager; Avery Moore, Police Chief]
- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41581](#)  
[Contract and Award Memorandum](#)

## RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES41582](#) A resolution setting Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., as the date to reconvene a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 7731 for the conversion of the overhead primary electrical distribution, telephone, and cable television systems to underground along:
- Segment No. 1 - Waterview Street from North 49th Street southeasterly 4,400 feet, more or less, also along Dale Street from Waterview Street southwesterly 100 feet, more or less;
  - Segment No. 2 - North 43rd Street from Ruston Way to Tacoma Utility Pole No. 19510, being approximately 160 feet southwesterly of Waterview Street.
- [Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]
- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41582](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)  
[Maps](#)

## PAYMENTS

18. [24-1354](#) Date Range - 11/18/2024 to 12/01/2024  
 Payroll in the amount of \$23,497,153.88; Payments in the amount of \$37,164,701.69; for a total of \$60,661,855.57.

## COMMUNICATIONS

19. [24-1373](#) A letter from the City Council to the Metro Parks Tacoma Board of Commissioners regarding senior services.  
 [Deputy Mayor Hines]
- Attachments:** [Letter](#)

## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

20. [RES41583](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce Conservation District, in the amount up to \$611,878, budgeted from the Stormwater Fund, to assist with green stormwater infrastructure and low impact development projects, co-manage the open space volunteer program, and help grow the City's urban tree canopy, through December 31, 2026.  
[Elizabeth Matteri, Associate Natural Resources Analyst; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]  
**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41583](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)  
[Agreement](#)
21. [RES41584](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma, in the amount of \$637,078, budgeted from various departmental funds, to design, implement, and manage an engineering pathways program in support of engineer careers for a five-year term.  
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]  
**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41584](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)  
[Agreement](#)

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

22. [24-1347](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, December 18, 2024, as International Migrants Day.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time set aside for public comment on motions, resolutions, and first and final reading of ordinances. Speakers are asked to identify the specific legislation they wish to address. To comment virtually, use the Zoom link or phone number listed at the top of the agenda and press the Raise Hand button near the bottom of your Zoom window or \*9 on your phone; if speaking in person, please sign in at the back of the Council Chambers. Your name or the last four digits of your phone number will be called out when it is your turn to speak.

Written comments may be submitted to [cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org) at least 24 hours prior to the Tuesday evening City Council meeting for the Public Comment period. Comments will be compiled and sent to the City Council and posted on the City's webpage at [cityoftacoma.org/writtencomments](http://cityoftacoma.org/writtencomments).

## REGULAR AGENDA

- 22a. [24-1375](#) A motion may be made to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City as set forth in Claim Number 17671 filed September 6, 2023, related to an incident occurring from and between June 18, 2022 and Jun 23, 2022, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$14,900,000 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.
23. [24-1318](#) A motion may be made to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Tatyana Kramarevsky v Waybright and City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 24-2-05411-7, related to a sidewalk trip and fall incident occurring on November 10, 2022, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$125,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

## APPOINTMENTS

24. [RES41585](#) A resolution reappointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.  
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]  
**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41585](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
25. [RES41586](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Arts Commission.  
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]  
**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41586](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

**RESOLUTIONS**

26. [RES41587](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 4315 S Alder Street LLC, for the development of ten multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 4315 South Alder Street in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Pat Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]  
**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41587](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Agreement](#)  
[Map](#)  
[Presentation](#)
27. [RES41588](#) A resolution transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the April 22, 2025, Special Election ballot, that would authorize an increase in the City of Tacoma property tax of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a maximum levy rate of \$1.95 for collection in 2026 and authorize an increase in gross earnings tax on certain utilities in the amount of 2 percent for the sole purpose of funding street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements including pedestrian and bicycle improvements; and directing the City Clerk to transmit to the Pierce County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.  
[Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]  
**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41588](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)  
[Presentation](#)
28. [RES41589](#) A resolution approving the cancellation of the following 11 regular City Council meetings and 11 regular study sessions in 2025:  
January 21, February 18, March 11, May 27, September 2, September 23, November 4, November 12, November 25, December 23, and December 30.  
[Mayor Woodards]  
**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41589](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

29. [RES41590](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$15,000, to sponsor the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition.  
[Council Member Walker]  
**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41590](#)  
[City Council Consideration Request](#)

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

30. [ORD28997](#) An ordinance amending the Official Schedule of Stormwater and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.  
[Geoffrey M. Smyth P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]  
**Attachments:** [Substitute Ordinance No. 28997](#)  
[Ordinance No. 28997](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)  
[ESC Recommendation Letter](#)  
[Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 28997](#)
31. [ORD29004](#) 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 Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26; and the Professional Public Safety Management Association.  
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29004](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)  
[Fiscal Impact Memorandums](#)  
[Ordinance Disclosure Memorandum](#)
32. [ORD29005](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, to repeal Sections 1.06.228, 1.06.229, 1.06.230, and 1.06.231, and to repeal, replace, and rename Section 1.06.226 as “Claims and Collections”, to update and consolidate the claims and collections procedures and provide for an increase in administrative settlement authority.  
[Chris Bacha, City Attorney; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29005](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

33. [ORD29006](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.100 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utilities Gross Earnings Tax - Public Utilities, by amending Section 6A.100.040, entitled “Deductions”, to add a deduction for grants; expand the deduction for interdepartmental rent to include all utilities; repeal tax deductions for Contributions In Aid of Construction, interest earned from bond proceeds, and the sale of property; remove deductions no longer utilized; update the tax deduction for hauling recyclable materials to a tiered structure; and clarify language.  
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29006](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
34. [ORD29007](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing, to move specific application fees to the City's Fee Schedule, and clarify conditions for Final Certificates of Tax Exemption, effective January 1, 2025.  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Patricia Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29007](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
35. [ORD29008](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, to add a new Chapter 6A.140, entitled “Vendor Refreshment Serving Tax”, to impose an excise tax on major vendors responsible for the sale of food and beverage at specific City-owned facilities, effective January 1, 2025.  
[Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29008](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
36. [ORD29009](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, by amending Chapter 6A.50, entitled “Electricity Business and Solid Waste Collection Business” to update the tax deduction for hauling recyclable materials, and by amending various chapters to align language regarding tax deductions and refund statutes, effective January 1, 2025.  
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29009](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

37. [ORD29010](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, by amending Section 12.09.070, entitled “Special Permits,” to expand reporting requirements, clarify the City’s enforcement authority, and assist in the administration of related taxes and deductions, effective January 1, 2025.  
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29010](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
38. [ORD29011](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Land Use Permits and Procedures, to revise levels of service timelines and public noticing procedures for land use permits, to implement Washington State Substitute Senate Bill 5290 and Substitute House Bill 1105, effective January 1, 2025.  
[Shirley Schultz, Interim Land Use Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29011](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)  
[Presentation](#)
39. [ORD29012](#) An ordinance modifying the 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget to appropriate funds, adjust project budgets, and implement additional changes in transfers and other budget adjustments, as well as appropriating additional estimated revenues.  
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29012](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
40. [ORD29013](#) An ordinance modifying the 2023-2024 Capital Budget to appropriate funds, adjust project budgets, implement additional changes in transfers and other budget adjustments, and appropriate additional estimated revenues.  
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]  
**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29013](#)  
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

41. [ORD29014](#) An ordinance amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel, by adding a new chapter entitled “Climate and Sustainability Commission”, to establish a Climate and Sustainability Commission and appoint current members of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to the new Commission. [Council Member Walker]

**Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29014](#)

[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

[City Council Consideration Request](#)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

(Public hearings and appeals will begin upon completion of the Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m.)

42. [24-1210](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000. [Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

**Attachments:** [Summary](#)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

The purpose of Community Forum is to assist the City Council in making policy decisions. Items of discussion will be limited to matters over which the City Council has jurisdiction. Arguments shall not be made in support of, or opposition to, any matter on this week’s agenda. Each person may address the City Council one time only during this forum.

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## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

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

Economic Development Committee

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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