



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**July 12, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

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

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels 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 Daniels.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0734](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 12, 2022.
2. [22-0735](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 26, 2022.
3. [22-0741](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, June 8, 2022.
4. [22-0742](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, June 8, 2022.
5. [22-0740](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, May 26, 2022.
6. [22-0732](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, April 13, 2022.
7. [22-0737](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, May 18, 2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

8. [22-0754](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, March 22, 2022.
9. [22-0756](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 29, 2022.
10. [22-0760](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 5, 2022.
11. [22-0762](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 12, 2022.
12. [22-0761](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 19, 2022.
13. [22-0764](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, March 13, 2022.
14. [22-0765](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 22, 2022.
15. [22-0767](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 29, 2022.
16. [22-0768](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 5, 2022.
17. [22-0766](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, March 22, 2022.

## RESOLUTIONS

18. [RES40996](#) A resolution setting Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of the alley between North "L" Street and North "M" Street, lying northwest of North 10th Street, to cure a garage encroachment.  
(Carla Moreno Montgomery and Ana Yesenia Celestino-Valdovinos;  
File No. 124.1433)  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE,  
Interim Director, Public Works]

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 19. [ORD28807](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of an alley right-of-way abutting and lying south of East 30th Street, between East “K” Street to the west, and Valley View Terrace to the east, to allow for expanded residential yard use.  
(Aaron Beckord; File No. 124.1425)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40996 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28807.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to consider Ordinance No. 28807, relating to the vacating of an alley right-of-way, separately from the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28807.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28807.**

**The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40996. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

20. [22-0769](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Mattice Hoyt.

Mayor Woodards recognized Mattice Hoyt, Owner, Mattice Beauty Supply and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Hoyt.

21. [22-0770](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Neighborhood and Community Services Department's racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Allyson Griffith, Interim Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS). Griffith stated NCS's equity mission and introduced Keegan Buckley, Program Development Specialist, and Christina Tate, Lead Customer Services Representative, NCS. Buckley presented the NCS departmental highlight, including the transformation highlight of internal improvements; the City Council priority area of organizational culture; and a diversity, equity, and inclusion baseline assessment scale, noting growth in all ten key performance indicators. Buckley further presented how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of NCS employees, equitable hiring, and retention and inclusion. Tate reviewed the transformation highlight of code compliance, noting the City Council priority area of belief and trust, and improvement recommendations following a code compliance and enforcement review; equitable service delivery; and purposeful outreach and engagement. Griffith continued by outlining the departmental look forward, noting next steps. City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments; upcoming community engagements, including the City's

balancing act, the Black Lives Matter Mural, and standing committee meetings; and the transformation timeline and history.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:41 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation.

Public Comment ended at 5:46 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

22.     [RES40997](#)     A resolution appointing Andrea Reay to the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board of Directors to fill an unexpired term, effective July 21, 2022, to expire December 31, 2026, and until a successor is appointed. [Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40997.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

23. [RES40998](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Encompass Property Management, LLC, for the development of 80 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 605 St. Helens Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40998.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

24. [RES40999](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Municipal Court and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Court Clerks Unit, consisting of 18 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40999.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

25. [RES41000](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$6,500, to sponsor the Mayors Innovation Project summer conference in Tacoma.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41000.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

## **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

26. [ORD28822](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance amending Chapter 8.105 of the Municipal Code, relating to Domestic Violence, by repealing the adoption of Chapter 26.50 Revised Code of Washington therein, and adopting by reference Chapter 7.105 Revised Code of Washington; and declaring an emergency, and making necessary the passage of this ordinance, and its taking effect immediately.  
[Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28822.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

27. [ORD28823](#) 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 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Court Clerks Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28823 was set over for final reading next week.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

28. [22-0739](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on a substantial amendment to the Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium's 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, which outlines the uses of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds.  
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

The public hearing began at 6:17 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Les Pogue Jr., resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:25 p.m.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend Rule 16 of the Council Rules of Procedure related to filling Council vacancies and approving the alternative process.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

Mayor Woodards stated that the City received 43 applications for the City Council At-Large Position 7 and outlined the proposed alternative process, noting that each Council Member had been asked to independently select up to eight applicants and provide the names to the City Clerk's Office; all selected applicants would provide a three-minute presentation; upon completion of the presentations, the Council Members would select up to four finalists to continue to the next round of interviews, for up to 20-minutes each; if there were more than four finalist selected, the Council Members would discuss changing the number of finalists; and each finalist will be voted on in alphabetical order until one receives five votes.

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

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



28A. [22-0794](#) Selected applicants for City Council At-Large Position 7 vacancy.

Mayor Woodards stated 24 applicants were selected to provide three-minute presentations at the Tuesday, July 19, 2022, City Council meeting.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to approve the 24 applicants that have been selected from the alternative process.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:42 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding a non-police crisis response team, South Tacoma land use, and Tacoma Police Department internal investigations.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Joe Kunzler, regarding the City Council representative on the Sound Transit Board.
2. Dawn Barstad, regarding homelessness and crime.
3. Barbara Church, regarding communication from the City and City Council.
4. April Smith, regarding an article about how the City is ran, Safe Streets, and illegal fireworks in the City.
5. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Tacoma Police Department (TPD).
6. Les Pogue Jr., regarding attendance at City Council meetings.

Community Forum ended at 6:57 p.m.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided additional information on the Black Lives Matter Mural event mentioned in the systems transformation presentation, noting community members can sign up to volunteer at [tinyurl.com/BLMMuralTacoma](http://tinyurl.com/BLMMuralTacoma), follow the project on Instagram at [@blmmuralproject](https://www.instagram.com/blmmuralproject), and find information on the City's social media pages.

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

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the June 21, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Moss Adams 2021 Exit Audit Conference and Tacoma Public Utilities' (TPU) fixed and variable rate design; and on July 5, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Digital Equity Program and Tacoma Public Library digital equity. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on July 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and will include presentations on the monthly budget update, TPU customer assistance, and the City's redistricting process.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that at today's study session TPD Chief Avery Moore presented the violent crime reduction plan, noting near-, mid-, and long-term strategies; encouraged everyone to listen to the study session if they could not attend to hear what the plan is to address violent crime in the City; and stated an update on the plan will be presented every 90 days.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk