



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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January 30, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Hines called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Ushka

Absent: 2 - Walker and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Walker arrived at 5:01 p.m. and Mayor Woodards arrived at 5:17 p.m.

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Scott 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 Scott.

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Council Member Walker arrived here, at 5:01 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-0053](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, December 11, 2023.
2. [24-0082](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, December 4, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [24-0101](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 6, 2023.
4. [24-0094](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 13, 2023.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES41349](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Rebuilding Hope! Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County, in the amount of \$290,875, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$606,750, budgeted from various department funds, for sexual assault services and outreach, through December 31, 2024 - Contract No. CW2254935.
[Vicky McLaurin, Systems and Strategy Division Manager;
Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41350](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, February 20, 2024, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the consideration for extending an existing moratorium on certain uses within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District as recommended by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.
[Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director,
Planning and Development Services]

PAYMENTS

7. [24-0095](#) Date Range - 01/01/2024 to 01/14/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$21,627,523.03; Payments in the amount of \$24,339,895.64; for a total of \$45,967,418.67.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41349 and 41350.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41349 and 41350.

The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:03 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for public comment, regarding Resolution No. 41352.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41352.

Public comment ended at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

8. [RES41351](#) A resolution appointing Alexandra Abplanalp to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41351.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41352](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 709 E 34TH ST LLC and Farrow Real Estate Holdings LLC, for the development of 12 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 709 East 34th Street, in the McKinley Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41352.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

10. [RES41353](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, regarding Christmas holiday scheduling.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41353.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

11. [RES41354](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to support the distribution of 500 Raising Girls winter care bags with essential hygiene items and winter warm items to youth and young adults in the City.
[Council Member Daniels]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41354.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28954](#) 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, effective retroactive to January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28954. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28955](#) An ordinance amending Subchapter 12.08C of the Municipal Code, relating to the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program, to add a new Section 12.08C.1310, entitled “Electronic records”, to authorize the acceptance of electronic documents and signatures.
[Kurt Fremont, Business Operations Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28955 was set over for final reading next week.

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Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 5:17 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, stated the January 2, 2024, meeting was cancelled; the January 16, 2024, meeting included election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair, review of the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget process, and discussion for 2024 Committee agenda topics. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on February 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a presentation on a proposed telecommunications franchise agreement with Ziply Fiber Pacific LLC.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk