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City of Tacoma

City Council **Voting Record***

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

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September 9, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Present: 8; Absent: 1 (Scott)

Council Member Scott arrived at 5:03 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. **25-0786** Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 5, 2025.
2. **25-0788** Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 19, 2025.
3. **25-0794** Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, August 13, 2025.
4. **25-0795** Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, August 13, 2025.
5. **25-0797** Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, August 4, 2025.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6. **RES41749** A resolution awarding a contract to General Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$1,520,000, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for construction of the Central Treatment Plant Aerobic Digesters Quad A Restoration and Improvements project, for a projected contract total of \$1,824,000, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. ES24-0017F.
7. **RES41750** A resolution awarding a contract to TK Elevator Corporation, in the amount of \$491,732.37, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for elevator modernization at several Central Treatment Plant buildings, for a projected contract total of \$590,078.84, plus applicable taxes - Sourcewell Contract No. 050224-TKE.

RESOLUTIONS

8. **RES41751** ~~A resolution setting Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 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 proposed Tideflats Subarea Plan, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee, and related amendments to the One Tacoma Plan and Tacoma Municipal Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.~~

PAYMENTS

9. **25-0804** Date Range - 08/11/2025 to 08/24/2025
Payroll in the amount of \$23,544,532.76; Payments in the amount of \$28,184,667.72; for a total of \$51,729,200.48.

Resolution No. 41751, setting a public hearing for the proposed Tideflats Subarea Plan, was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under the Regular Agenda as Item 13A.

MOTION: Daniels

SECOND: Hines

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Scott) Abstaining: 0 Items Removed: 0

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. **25-0768** Proclaiming September 12-21, 2025, as Welcoming Week.
11. **25-0770** Proclaiming September 2025 as Emergency Preparedness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

12. **RES41752** A resolution appointing an individual to the Climate and Sustainability Commission.

MOTION: Daniels

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

13. **RES41753** A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with DKS Associates, in the amount of \$359,560.07, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for changes to the scope of work, design, and consulting on the Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvements project, through June 30, 2026, for a projected contract total of \$2,069,462.51, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. PW22-0018F.

MOTION: Daniels

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Rumbaugh) Abstaining: 0

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- 13A. RES41751** A resolution setting Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 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 proposed Tideflats Subarea Plan, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee, and related amendments to the One Tacoma Plan and Tacoma Municipal Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Moved from the Consent Agenda]

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Hines

To amend Exhibit C in the Public Review Exhibits which includes proposed changes to Title 13, the Land Use Regulatory Code, to modify the use and development standards within the new STT (Seaport Transition – TOD District) to better align with standards applicable in other TOD districts:

1. Height Limit: Align the STT District's height limit with that of the Dome District's zoning (100 ft).
2. Pedestrian Streets: Designate the following as a "Pedestrian" street: East 26th Street, from East "L" Street to Bay Street.
3. Design Review: Expand the applicability of the City's design review program to the STT District, mirroring the standards used in other TOD districts.
4. Minimum Parking Requirements: Eliminate minimum parking requirements for new development except where accessible parking is required.
5. Commercial parking lots: Prohibit new stand-alone commercial surface parking lots within the STT District.
6. Clarify the allowances for Transit Stations: Clarify that allowed transit stations include normal associated components, like pick-up/drop-off areas, bus connection facilities, rail tracks, and utility infrastructure.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Daniels) Abstaining: 0

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Hines

To amend Exhibit C in the Public Review Exhibits which includes proposed changes to Title 13, the Land Use Regulatory Code, to add a new mechanism for flexibility for landscaping and tree canopy standards for public agencies, allowing a public agency to develop an urban forestry plan to demonstrate overall compliance with landscaping and tree canopy standards and streamline permit review.

This option is intended to encourage public agencies to take a leadership role in implementing urban forestry goals and policies of the One Tacoma Plan. This flexibility can facilitate more intensive development of a particular development site, while meeting the urban forestry policies of the One Tacoma Plan and the standards of the landscaping code by planting the required landscaping at another site within the City of Tacoma and preferably within the same watershed, in the agency's permanent control.

To initiate this optional process, public agencies would submit a request to Planning and Development Services (PDS) to be designated as a self-managed agency, including the agency's urban forestry plan, an overview of its urban forestry program, and an analysis demonstrating general consistency with the One Tacoma Plan and landscaping code.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Scott) Abstaining: 0

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MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Daniels

To amend Exhibit C in the Public Review Exhibits which includes proposed changes to Title 13, the Land Use Regulatory Code, to limit the expansion of pre-existing, nonconforming residential and civic/institutional uses within the Core Area of the Tideflats, where the expansion of such uses would be incompatible with heavy industrial and container port operations and pose a significant health risk.

Text edits include:

1. Delete "Pre-existing uses" as a stand-alone use category and instead add notes to the right-hand column "Additional Regulations" to apply specific limitations on expansion of pre-existing uses.
2. Within the designated "Core Area" expressly prohibit the expansion of any nonconforming residential uses or expansion of bed capacity or living space associated with civic/institutional uses in the land use table.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Daniels

To amend Exhibit C in the Public Review Exhibits which includes proposed changes to Title 13, the Land Use Regulatory Code, and Exhibit D which includes proposed changes to Title 19 Shoreline Master Program to correct clear errors in the code and make simple clarifications based on public review of the draft documents and address minor amendments for internal code consistency or consistency with policy intent.

Corrections include:

1. Typographical errors.
2. Format and reference corrections.
3. Spelling out acronyms.

Clarifications include:

1. Clarifying that cross-laminated timber production is separate from sawmill and lumber yard use categories.
2. Clarify that the "Nursery" use category refers to a plant nursery.
3. Clarifying applicability of new Seaport zoning districts within the Shoreline Master Program.
4. Adding names of waterways to maps.
5. Clarify air quality submittal requirements for SEPA review.

Internal consistency corrections include:

1. Ensuring consistent use definitions between Title 13 and Title 19.
2. Applying size limitations on retail uses within the Subarea.
3. Consistency in use of cargo/container terminology.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

MOTION: Daniels

SECOND: Hines

Resolution No. 41751 adopted as amended.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

RESOLUTIONS

14. **RES41754** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 120, regarding the accretion of certain classifications performing work in Planning and Development Services.

MOTION: Daniels

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hines) Abstaining: 0

15. **RES41755** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., Community Service Officers Unit, regarding contributions to a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association account.

MOTION: Daniels

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hines) Abstaining: 0

16. **RES41756** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., Commissioned Unit, regarding a lateral police officer incentive program.

MOTION: Daniels

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hines) Abstaining: 0

17. **RES41757** A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest, for their phone call fund and to support their Welcome Center services.

MOTION: Daniels

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hines) Abstaining: 0

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 18. ORD29051** An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, by amending various sections to implement the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update Work Plan, to strengthen groundwater protections, align with best available science, and ensure consistency with state and local regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Daniels

To move as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 29051, to incorporate staff-recommended revisions and corrections to the ordinance recitals and Exhibit A, including:

- Adding statements regarding the review process to the Recitals.
- Clarifying regulations to allow existing non-conforming underground storage tanks to be replaced, provided the replacement meets the standards for a new tank.
- Replacing waiver language with reference to the variance process.
- Clarifying the application of code to split parcels.
- Minor code cleanups based on public comments.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hines) Abstaining: 0

MOTION: Rumbaugh

SECOND: Daniels

To amend Substitute Ordinance No. 29051 by adding an additional section to the "Be it ordained" portion of the Ordinance to call for a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and the City that defines the respective roles, coordination protocols, and joint implementation of the South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District Code and related stormwater management requirements as follows:

"Section 3. That the City Manager, or their designee, is hereby directed to take all necessary steps to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and use best efforts to complete it within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this Ordinance. The purpose of such Memorandum shall be to define agency roles, coordination protocols, and joint implementation of the STGPD Code and related stormwater management requirements."

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hines) Abstaining: 0

Passed as an amended substitute.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

- 19. ORD29052** (First and Final Reading) An ordinance authorizing recruitment incentives for lateral police officers to adapt to current challenges with hiring, and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance, and its taking effect immediately.

Passed.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 20. ORD29053** 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 Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 120.

Set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY FORUM

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

ADJOURNMENT – 7:21 p.m.