



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126
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July 19, 2022
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Council Member Walker participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0806](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, April 13, 2022.
2. [22-0807](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, April 27, 2022.
3. [22-0779](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 4, 2022.
4. [22-0780](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 18, 2022.
5. [22-0781](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, June 1, 2022.
6. [22-0782](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, June 15, 2022.

7. [22-0802](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, June 29, 2022.
8. [22-0803](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, June 29, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. [22-0789](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 12, 2022.
10. [22-0791](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 19, 2022.
11. [22-0792](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 26, 2022.
12. [22-0793](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, April 26, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41001](#) A resolution setting Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of North 24th Street and North Cedar Street, to cure building encroachments.
(Matt Shrader and Karen Fierro; File No. 124.1435)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]
14. [RES41002](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, in the amount of \$320,000, budgeted from the Real Estate Excise Tax Fund, for design and construction costs relating to the redevelopment of Gas Station Park, located at 4801 South Park Avenue.
[Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41001 and 41002.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41001 and 41002. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:02 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 No. 41003.

Public Comment ended at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

15. [RES41003](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Deed to the United States of America/General Services Administration, for the transfer of properties located at 1703 and 1717 Pacific Avenue, also known as Union Station. [Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41003.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

16. [RES41004](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, for the purpose of partially funding renovations to the Korean American Association of Tacoma building, located at 8645 Pacific Avenue. [Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41004.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28823.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28824](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.110, entitled “Other official expenditures”, to provide additional compensation authorization to the City Manager and/or Director of Utilities to facilitate the successful recruitment and retention of key unrepresented employees; and to sunset on December 31, 2023. [Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director; Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28824 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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the June 22, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the surplus property policy and the Capital Facilities Program; and on July 13, 2022, the Committee received presentations on the historic preservation and demolition review process in mixed-use centers, and Environmental Services capital projects. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on July 27, 2022, and will include presentations on the 2030 Climate Action Plan and on the Pierce Conservation District.

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Deputy Mayor Ushka shared that the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) gave an award to the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for their work in including health equity in VISION 2050; as well as acknowledged planners around the community that helped contribute to the success of the work, including Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services. She further acknowledged that many of the Council Members sit on the PSRC and expressed appreciation to them for their work as well.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:21 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:55 p.m.

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- 19. [22-0808](#) 6:00 p.m. - Presentations from selected applicants for the City Council At-Large Position 7 vacancy.

Mayor Woodards provided an overview of the process for filling the City Council At-Large Position 7, noting that the 24 selected applicants will provide three-minute presentations in alphabetical order; by next week's study session each Council Member will select up to four names as their top finalists; the finalists will be identified at the Tuesday, July 26, 2022, City Council meeting and will be interviewed at a special City Council

meeting; the City Council expects to appoint someone to fill the vacancy at the Tuesday, August 16, 2022, meeting; community members are invited to provide comments about the applicants through the Council Applicant Comments form online at cityoftacoma.org/councilmeetings or by email to cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org, by noon, on Friday, July 22, 2022; and if there are more than four qualified applicants selected as finalists, the Council Members will discuss changing the number of finalists.

The City Council received presentations from the following applicants:

1. Gwendolyn "Anne" Artman
2. Evan Brazitis
3. Andrea K. Capere
4. Maricres Valdez Castro
5. Silong Chhun
6. Alexandra Corrigan-Luke
7. Sean Dannen
8. Olgy Diaz
9. Negar "Natalie" Ghayoumi
10. Jon M. Higley
11. Sara Irish
12. Andre Jiminez
13. Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez

The City Council meeting recessed at 6:50 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

14. Yvonne McCarty
15. Pat McGregor
16. Korbett Mosesly
17. Patricia A. Perkins
18. J. Manny Santiago
19. Corwin Ray Scott
20. Valentine Smith
21. Kimber Starr
22. Heidi Stephens
23. Craig Vialle
24. Tisha Marie "TishaMarie" Wosencroft

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone of the process, noting that there will be an executive session at the Tuesday, July 26, 2022, study session; Council Members will nominate up to four applicants as their top finalists at the Tuesday, July 26, 2022, City Council meeting; if there are more than four qualified applicants selected as finalists, the Council Members will discuss changing the number of finalists; the finalists will have a

20-minute interview at a special City Council meeting; there will be an executive session at the Tuesday, August 2, 2022, study session; community members are invited to provide comments about the applicants through the Council Applicant Comments form online at cityoftacoma.org/councilmeetings by noon, on Friday, July 22, 2022; the City Council expects to appoint someone to fill the vacancy at the Tuesday, August 16, 2022, meeting; and more information on the process, timeline, and applicants can be found at cityoftacoma.org/councilmeetings. Mayor Woodards and Deputy Mayor Ushka concluded by expressing appreciation to the 43 applicants for applying and for the 24 applicants for providing their presentations.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to excuse Council Member Blocker from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

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Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation to the City Clerk's Office for their assistance in the process to fill the City Council At-Large Position 7.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.


Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor


Doris Sorum, City Clerk