



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**March 19, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Rumbaugh 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 Rumbaugh.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-0214](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, February 14, 2024.
2. [24-0215](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, February 14, 2024.
3. [24-0248](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, February 21, 2024.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

4. [24-0250](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 25, 2023.
5. [24-0251](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 8, 2023.
6. [24-0253](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 15, 2023.
7. [24-0274](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 22, 2023.
8. [24-0275](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 29, 2023.
9. [24-0241](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 12, 2023.
10. [24-0242](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 19, 2023.
11. [24-0243](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 26, 2023.
12. [24-0244](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 3, 2023.
13. [24-0245](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 10, 2023.
14. [24-0268](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 17, 2023.
15. [24-0270](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 24, 2023.
16. [24-0267](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 31, 2023.
17. [24-0269](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 7, 2023.

## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

18. [RES41379](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to allow the Tacoma Fire Department to provide personnel or other resources for wildfire or other emergency response, and to establish DNR's payment and reimbursement responsibilities.  
[Gil Barthe, Assistant Chief; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

## RESOLUTIONS

19.     [RES41380](#)     A resolution setting Tuesday, April 2, 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 declaration of surplus and no-cost transfer of Tacoma Power property, located at 1801 North Orchard Street, to Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity for the development of affordable housing, pursuant to Revised Code of Washington 39.33.015. [Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

## PAYMENTS

20.     [24-0240](#)     Date Range - 02/12/2024 to 02/25/2024  
Payroll in the amount of \$23,303,029.80; Payments in the amount of \$18,518,781.61; for a total of \$41,821,811.41.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41379 and 41380.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41379 and 41380. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

21.     [24-0162](#)     Introduction of the 2024 Daffodil Festival Royal Court.

This item was addressed later in the meeting.

## 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. 41385.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. April Smith, speaking on meeting minutes.
2. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Resolution No. 41385.
3. Michelle Reich, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41382 and 41383.
4. Aaron Blanchard, speaking on Resolution No. 41385.
5. Jim Dugan, speaking on Resolution No. 41385.
6. Jessie Baines, speaking on Resolution No. 41385.

Public comment ended at 5:16 p.m.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

21.     [24-0162](#)     Introduction of the 2024 Daffodil Festival Royal Court.

Daffodil Queen Alejandra introduced the 2024 Daffodil Festival Royal Court. The Daffodil princesses then introduced themselves, noting their high school and what they plan to do after graduating.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:24 p.m., and reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**RESOLUTIONS**

22.     [RES41381](#)     A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Asia Pacific Cultural Center (APCC), in the amount of \$1,250,000, budgeted from the General Fund, to support the APCC’s redevelopment project at 4851 South Tacoma Way.  
[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41381.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

23. [RES41382](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 4319 South Alder Holding Company LLC, for the development of 20 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 4319 South Alder Street, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41382.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

24. [RES41383](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with DL Building LLC, for the development of 130 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 702 South 38th Street in the Lincoln Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41383.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

25. [RES41384](#) A resolution modifying program components for the Tacoma Training and Employment Program.  
[Kacee Woods, Program Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41384.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

26. [RES41385](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to provide options and estimated costs to increase deconstruction and salvage efforts in Tacoma.  
[Council Member Walker]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41385.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

27. [RES41386](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to sponsor the Tacoma Refugee Choir’s “From Welcoming to Cooperation” symposium.  
[Council Member Walker]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41386.**

**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, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community forum began at 6:07 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 46 written comments for community forum, regarding Home in Tacoma, civil discourse, the Amici House permit application, homelessness, street improvements, and a ceasefire

resolution for Gaza.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michael Sullivan, regarding deconstruction efforts.
2. Michele Reich, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
3. Tom Krughoff, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
4. Gemini, regarding a ceasefire resolution, and the liquefied natural gas facility on the Tacoma Tideflats.
5. Adina, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
6. Jessi Quizar, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
7. Christopher Escobedo, regarding the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC), and a ceasefire resolution.
8. Talison Crosby, regarding a ceasefire resolution and the NWIPC.
9. Sid Jordan, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
10. Amelia, regarding a human rights treaty, the NWIPC, a ceasefire resolution, and Chicano genocide.
11. E. J. Slager, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
12. Kelsey Centeno, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
13. Nyla Purnell, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
14. Aysha, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
15. Ila Ravichandran, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
16. Zev Cook, regarding a ceasefire resolution and the NWIPC.
17. Kathy Lawhon, regarding various topics.
18. Alexandria Nickerson, regarding a ceasefire resolution and Manuel Ellis.
19. Joy, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
20. Alyssa Urish, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
21. April Smith, regarding staff responding to residents, and a traffic safety project at South 84th Street and McKinley Avenue.
22. M., regarding a ceasefire resolution.
22. Laurie Arnold, regarding a ceasefire resolution, the multi-family tax exemption program, homelessness, and Manuel Ellis.
23. Theresa Evans, regarding a ceasefire resolution and small businesses.
24. Jude Grey, regarding encampment sweeps, Manuel Ellis, a ceasefire resolution, the NWIPC, and decorum.

Community forum ended at 6:50 p.m.

## **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 the February 14, 2024, meeting included a presentation on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment process, and the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan; the February 28, 2024, meeting included a presentation on the proposed Urban Design Project Review ordinance; and the March 13, 2024, meeting was cancelled. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on March 27, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and a presentation on the updated draft of the Six-Year TIP.

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Rumbaugh, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported the February 22, 2024, meeting included interviews for the Human Rights Commission; the March 14, 2024, meeting included an annual report from the Community's Police Advisory Committee, and a presentation on the 2024 Annual Action Plan. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on March 28, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include annual reports from the Human Services Commission and the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.

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Council Member Walker reported the City received a Tree City USA recognition.

Council Member Bushnell made statements regarding City Council comment periods, decorum, and civility. Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation for those who participated in tonight's meeting.

Mayor Woodards reported the City hosted a well-attended anti-theft event for Hyundai vehicles last weekend. She further stated that the State of the City address is scheduled on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Silas High School, noting that this year's format will be different than past years, with opportunities for community members to provide feedback on specific topics.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**



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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk