



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**August 16, 2022**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

## SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER OLGY DIAZ

Council Member Olgy Diaz was sworn into office by Washington Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Bushnell 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 Bushnell.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

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Comments were made from newly sworn in Council Member Diaz.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0891](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, April 21, 2022.
2. [22-0906](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, May 11, 2022.
3. [22-0907](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, May 25, 2022.
4. [22-0904](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, July 27, 2022.

5. [22-0903](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, July 13, 2022.
6. [22-0895](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission June 13, 2022.
7. [22-0890](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, June 6, 2022.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

8. [22-0905](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, May 17, 2022.
9. [22-0900](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 7, 2022.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

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

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:15 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. April Smith, speaking on newly sworn in Council Member Diaz.

Public Comment ended at 5:17 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

10. [22-0902](#) A motion may be considered to concur with the August 10, 2022, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all repair cost-related claims against the City by Spartan Plumbing Inc., Claim No. L-023-22, relating to contractor negligence in setting a utility pole and damage to a residential sewer line, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$31,833.68.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to concur with the August 10, 2022, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all repair cost-related claims against the City by Spartan Plumbing Inc., Claim No. L-023-22, relating to contractor negligence in setting a utility pole and damage to a residential sewer line, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$31,833.68.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

11. [22-0909](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Keith Armstrong v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-07394-1, relating to claims associated with his prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$199,000.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Keith Armstrong v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-07394-1, relating to claims associated with his prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$199,000.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 12. [RES41016](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Transportation Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41016.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli announced that on Saturday, August 13, 2022, the Tacoma Dome hosted Abraham's House Festival of Giving, noting the event saw 3,500 community members in need, received almost 20 semi trailers worth of free furniture and home goods, and shared a comment that Abraham's House Charity posted about the great work of Tacoma Venues and Events staff.

**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 July 27, 2022, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Climate Action Plan; and on August 10, 2022, the Committee conducted interviews for the Transportation Commission and received a presentation on the Planning Commission's 2021-2022 annual report and 2022-2024 work program. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a virtual format on August 24, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Board of Building Appeals and a presentation on the Pacific Avenue Corridor study.

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Council Member Blocker informed everyone that he has submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for \$10,000 to support the

Hilltop Street Fair, noting the CCR will be brought forward to be discussed at the August 23, 2022, study session and to be voted on at August 23, 2022, City Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk