



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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January 23, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:01 p.m.

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.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [24-0058](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, May 16, 2023.
2. [24-0051](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, May 23, 2023.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES41342](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Exeltech Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$541,088.82, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for design work to repair the East 34th Street Bridge, for an initial contract period of two years, with the option to renew for an additional one-year period - Specification No. PW23-0141F.
[Charla Kinlow, PMP, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41343](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Federal Railroad Administration, in the amount of \$4,095,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, to assist with acquisition of two zero-emission locomotives and installation of associated on-site charging infrastructure.
[Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]
5. [RES41344](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Puget Sound Regional Council, in the amount of \$3,645,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, to assist with acquisition of two zero-emission locomotives and installation of associated on-site charging infrastructure.
[Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]
6. [RES41345](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$4,950,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, to assist with acquisition of two zero-emission locomotives and installation of associated on-site charging infrastructure.
[Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. 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

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. 41347.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41346.

Public comment ended at 5:05 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41346](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to and extending the contract with Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, in the amount of \$4,257,910, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General Fund, for the provision of legal services for individuals who otherwise would not be able to afford them, through December 31, 2025, for a projected contract total of \$12,223,038 - Contract No. CW2233487.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41346.

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

RESOLUTIONS

- 9. [RES41347](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Meacham Development, LLC, for the development of six multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 1619 East 32nd Street, in the Lower Portland Avenue Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41347.

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

- 10. [RES41348](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement and Letter of Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025. [Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41348.

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

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m., and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28953](#) 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 Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend Ordinance No. 28953 by removing the words “spring and fall” on page 1, lines 14 and 15.

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

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on amended Ordinance No. 28953. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FIRST 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: Ordinance No. 28954 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no other unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 5:27 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for community forum, regarding the City Manager's weekly report.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Beware Wolk, regarding child trafficking.
2. David Lambert, regarding nuclear weapons.
3. Ed Jacobs, regarding homelessness and cold weather response.
4. Michele Reich, regarding nuclear weapons.
5. Sean Arent, regarding nuclear weapons.
6. Jake Nau, regarding homeless encampments.
7. Tim Fairley, regarding homelessness.
8. Dan Worthen, regarding nuclear weapons.
9. George Rodley, regarding nuclear weapons.
10. Carole Sue Braaten, regarding liquefied natural gas (LNG).
11. James Anderson, regarding homeless encampments.
12. Gregor Smith, regarding nuclear weapons.
13. Gemini, regarding nuclear weapons and LNG.
14. Jude Grey, regarding police and public safety funding.

Community forum ended at 5:53 p.m.

Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, addressed community members' comments and Council Member questions regarding homeless encampment removals during inclement weather and the point in time count.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided updates from the Tacoma Police Department related to street racing, noting there has been no recent activity; stolen vehicles, noting recent arrests, vehicle prowls, and ongoing investigations; and a recent commercial burglary.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (rescheduled from the January 9, 2024, City Council Meeting).

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the December 13, 2023, meeting,

the Committee considered reappointments for Landmarks Preservation Commission members, and received the Planning Commission's annual report and work program, noting the request for a mid-year update; and at the January 10, 2024, meeting, the Committee held elections for the Chair and Vice Chair, and received reports on the Proctor Neighborhood Plan and the combined municipal decarbonization strategy.

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Daniels, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the January 23, 2024, meeting, the Committee held elections for Chair and Vice Chair, received reports on the Tacoma Training and Education Program and the Local Employment and Apprenticeship Program, and discussed the meeting schedule for 2024. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on January 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a review of the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan.

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Mayor Woodards provided information on the new collective bargaining agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, and the City's ongoing transformation efforts.

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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 6:07 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk