



City of Tacoma

City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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May 02, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels 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 Daniels.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

[23-0467](#) Remembrance photo.

In honor of Dr. Thomas Dixon.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0438](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee, March 13, 2023.
2. [23-0440](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 10, 2023.
3. [23-0441](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 24, 2023.
4. [23-0442](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 31, 2023.
5. [23-0429](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, January 19, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41188](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Axum General Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,289,636.25, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,483,081.69, budgeted from various departmental funds, for pedestrian and safety improvements located at Edison Elementary, Whitman Elementary, and Lincoln High Schools - Specification No. PW23-0019F.
[Josh Lauer, Project Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41189](#) A resolution accepting grants from the Washington State Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, National Highway Freight Program, Move Ahead Washington, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, and Washington State Transportation Improvement Board, in the total amount of \$50,599,366; and accepting and depositing said sum into the various Capital Project funds, to fund various Public Works projects, including pedestrian facilities, trails, bikeways, safe routes to schools, roadway improvements, traffic signals, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure improvements.
[Sue O'Neill, Engineering Assistant Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41188 and 41189.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41188 and 41189. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [23-0443](#) Proclaiming April 30-May 6, 2023, as National Small Business Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 30-May 6, 2023, as National Small Business Week and presented the proclamation to Charlie Von Drown, Owner, GlumDrop; Morgan Mentzer, Owner and Technician, Camellia's Automotive; and Jonathan Clark, Owner, Bob's Bar-B-Q.

9. [23-0444](#) Proclaiming May 2023 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Council Member Bushnell, on behalf of Mayor Woodards, proclaimed May 2023 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to Faaluaina Pritchard, Executive Director, and Patsy Surh O'Connell, Founder, Asia Pacific Cultural Center; and Grace Brosnon, Assistant Director, Information Technology.

10. [23-0445](#) Proclaiming May 2023 as Bike Month.

Deputy Mayor Walker, on behalf of Mayor Woodards, proclaimed May 2023 as Bike Month and presented the proclamation to Cindy Schaarschmidt, Member, VeloFemmes; Thomas O'Neil, Youth Member, Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group; and Ashley Jones, Active Transportation Intern, Public Works.

11. [23-0446](#) Proclaiming May 2023 as Historic Preservation Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2023 as Historic Preservation Month and presented the proclamation to Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services (PDS); and Kevin Bartoy, Chair, Landmarks Preservation Commission.

12. [23-0447](#) Presentation of the American Public Works Association Project of the Year Sustainability Award.

Jim Rioux, Secretary, and D.J. Bean, Sustainability Committee Chair, Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association, presented the Project of the Year Award to City staff for the renewable natural gas project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:42 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Christopher James, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
2. Dan Maize, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
3. Troy Serad, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
4. Zebb Bruser, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
5. Sasha Funk, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
6. Hex Dukes, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
7. Laura Svancarek, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
8. Matthew Mosley, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
9. Marshall Mosley, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
10. Jeremiah Thomas, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
11. Michelle Ley Earthwright, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
12. Bryant Klaniecki, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
13. Casey Gifford, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
14. Clara Cheeves, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
15. Liz Ryan, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
16. Sue Comis, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
17. Amber Weilert, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.
18. Makailyn Mowder, speaking on the Bike Month proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 6:16 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. [23-0451](#) A motion may be considered to concur with the April 26, 2023, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all motor vehicle accident-related claims against the City by James Nelson, Claim No. W-072-22, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$36,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to concur with the April 26, 2023, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all motor vehicle accident related claims against the City by James Nelson, Claim No. W-072-22, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$36,000.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Diaz and Ushka

RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES41190](#) A resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2023 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and authorizing the execution of agreements with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, the City of Lakewood, and up to 20 individual contractors to support housing, community and economic development, and public service activities. [Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41190.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Interim Deputy City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver reported that PDS received the Star Community Partner Award from Tacoma Public Schools (TPS), noting that the department is being recognized for their efforts to support capital development, and replacement and modernization projects for TPS. He concluded by stating that Community and Economic Development was awarded funding through Washington State Department of Commerce's Small Business Innovation Fund to begin a partnership and create the Grow Tacoma program, noting there will be community business showcase during National Small Business Week on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Edison Square.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Blocker, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported that at the April 13, 2023, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Human Rights Commission and received a presentation on opioid settlement updates; and on April 27, 2023, the Committee conducted interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. He concluded by stating that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on May 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Human Services Commission and a presentation on the Community Safety Plan.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk