



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Tacoma Public Utilities - Auditorium
3628 South 35th Street, Ground Floor, Tacoma, WA 98409
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 Passcode: 349099
June 25, 2024
5:00 PM

Change of Location

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Hines called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

Absent: 2 - Scott and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 5:02 p.m and participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 5:02 p.m.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [24-0668](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, November 7, 2023.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. [24-0680](#) Recognizing Tacoma Stars Reserves.

Deputy Mayor Hines recognized Tacoma Stars Reserves and presented the recognition to Josh Paul, Director of Operations, Tacoma Stars Reserves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:08 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Yvonne McCarthy, speaking on Ordinance No. 28971.

Public comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES41455](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Mercer Health and Benefits, LLC, in the amount of \$645,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$2,020,000, budgeted from the Health Care Trust Fund, for employee benefits brokerage and consulting services, for an additional two years - Specification No. HR19-0136F. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41455.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41456](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a renewal of an Aquatic Lands Lease with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, in the amount of \$11,445.12 per year, budgeted from the Facilities Fund, for a portion of the Commencement Bay harbor area abutting and including the Marine Security Operations Center, through April 30, 2036. [Regan Bogart, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41456.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Scott

Abstain: 1 - Diaz

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28971](#) An ordinance adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2024 and 2025-2030. [Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28971.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

Absent: 2 - Scott and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28972](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement changes to non-represented classifications due to organizational need, to include rates of pay and classification changes to reflect the organizational structure. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28972 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 5:22 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received nine written comments for community forum regarding the City Charter review, construction at "A" Street and 84th Street, the levy lid lift, Harrison Shooting Range, and vehicle emissions.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jay Herring, regarding the City Charter.
2. Amalie O'Connor, regarding drug use and crime in the Theater District.
3. April Smith, regarding the City Charter.
4. Janeen Provazek, regarding the Climate Commission and policing accountability.
5. Stacy Oaks, regarding the City Charter, Climate Commission, and policing accountability.
6. Laurie Arnold, regarding public participation for Public Comment and Community Forum.
7. Daren Holter, regarding the Harrison Shooting Range.
8. Ed Jacobs, regarding homeless camp sweeps.
9. Steve Haverly, regarding the City Charter.
10. Ann Dorn, regarding the City Charter and form of government.
11. Sean Arent, regarding the City Charter.
12. Michele Reich, regarding Bastet.
13. Aife Pasquale, regarding the City Charter, Climate Commission, and policing accountability.
14. Haze Leviathan, regarding policing accountability.
15. Gloria Baughman, regarding the City Charter and policing accountability.
16. Laura King, regarding the City Charter and City Manager.
17. Gemini, regarding the City Charter and Climate Commission.
18. John, regarding the City Charter and Climate Commission.
19. Talison Crosby, regarding the City Charter and Climate Commission.
20. Marian Schwartz, regarding the City Charter, Climate Commission, and policing accountability.
21. Oneida Arnold, regarding the City Charter, Climate Commission, and policing accountability.
22. Holden Whitson, regarding policing accountability.
23. Synth Zuber-Fantulin, regarding the City Charter.
24. Daelin Cavanaugh, regarding the City Charter.
25. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the City Charter and Alberta J. Canada Apartments.
26. Barb Church, regarding the City Charter and Climate Commission.
27. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding the City Charter.
28. Eric Herde, regarding the City Charter.
29. Beverly Allen, regarding the City Charter and policing accountability.
30. Ovunayo X, regarding the City Charter and policing accountability.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:14 p.m., and reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

31. Theresa Power-Drutis, speaking on homelessness.

Community forum ended at 6:22 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Daniels, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, stated the June 11, 2024, meeting included presentations on the Green Jobs and Pathways Summit held in May 2024 at Clover Park Technical College; and the June 25, 2024, meeting included a progress report of the City's implementation of green Economic Development Strategy; and recognition of outgoing Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Robinson. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include an update on the 2024 Disparity Study and evaluating the City's Equity in Contracting Program.

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Council Member Walker announced Summer Late Nights programs will take place from June 24 to August 30, 2024, through a partnership between the City, Pierce County, Metro Parks Tacoma, Tacoma Public Schools, and other community partners; outlined the program offerings; and expressed appreciation for those who helped with outreach to youth.

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Deputy Mayor Hines responded to comments made during community forum regarding hate speech and racist comments by anonymous virtual participants during the June 11, 2024, community forum.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Council Member Scott from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

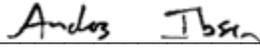
ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk