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# City of Tacoma

## City Council Voting Record\*

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/84834233126](http://www.zoom.us/j/84834233126) Passcode: 349099

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

July 7, 2026

5:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER – 5:01 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL Present: 9**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

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

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

- RES41954** A resolution awarding a contract to Axum General Construction Inc, in the amount of \$1,222,088.71, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for improvement of pedestrian and safety facilities adjacent to Baker Middle School, for a projected contract total of \$1,344,297.58, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. PW25-0028F.
- RES41955** A resolution awarding a contract to R L Alia Company, in the amount of \$667,000, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the removal and replacement of 1,100 linear feet of wastewater sewer pipe located in the alley between East "G" Street and East "F" Street from East 36th Street to East Division Lane, for a projected contract total of \$767,050, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. ES25-0141F.

**MOTION: Bushnell**

**SECOND: Hines**

**The Consent Agenda was adopted.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0 Items Removed: 0**

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## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. **26-0528** Proclaiming July 2026 as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## REGULAR AGENDA

4. **26-0558** A motion may be considered, pursuant to Section 3.4 of the Tacoma City Charter, to confirm City Manager Hyun Kim's appointment of Ramiro Chavez as the Environment and Public Works Director for the City of Tacoma, effective at 12:00 a.m., on July 13, 2026, and subject to the terms and conditions of a written offer and acceptance of employment and the applicable provisions of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

**MOTION: Bushnell**

**SECOND: Hines**

**Adopted.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

## RESOLUTIONS

5. **RES41956** A resolution calling for a special election on November 3, 2026, concurrent with the general election, providing for transmittal to the Pierce County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, of Safe Homes for All Initiative Measure No. 1 for placement on the November 3, 2026, special election ballot, and directing the City Clerk to transmit to the Pierce County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.

**MOTION: Bushnell**

**SECOND: Hines**

**Adopted.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

6. **RES41957** A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$16,000, to support the 2026 SavorFest PNW.

**MOTION: Bushnell**

**SECOND: Hines**

**Adopted.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

7. **ORD29113** 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 Firefighters Union, Local 31, and the Professional Public Safety Management Association.

**Passed.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

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## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

8. **ORD29114** An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, by amending Chapter 13.01, entitled "Definitions", and Chapter 13.11, entitled "Critical Areas Preservation", to update the Critical Areas Preservation Ordinance, a periodic update required by State law, to incorporate new scientific information and ensure consistency with other policy and laws, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**MOTION: Rumbaugh**

**SECOND: Bushnell**

Adopted – to consider as a substitute, Substitute Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 29114, to clarify biodiversity classifications without reducing protections, by amending the definitions of "Mitigation" and "Wetlands" in Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") 13.01.110 on page 4 and 8 of the Exhibit to more closely align with the requirements of the State Growth Management Act, and amending TMC 13.11.510 Subsection B.1.a.(2) on page 47 of the Exhibit.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

**MOTION: Sadalge**

**SECOND: Bushnell**

Adopted – to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 29114, Exhibit A to add a new subsection 4 to Tacoma Municipal Code 13.11.820.A to read as follows:

"4. Tidel flats Manufacturing/Industrial Center. High Impact Uses shall be allowed in the Tidel flats Manufacturing/Industrial Center consistent with the base zoning of the Seaport zoning districts, subject to compliance with the development standards set forth in the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Overlay for hazardous substance storage and management."

Ayes: 8 Nays: 1 (Palmer) Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

**MOTION: Sadalge**

**SECOND: Bushnell**

Adopted – to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 29114, Exhibit A by amending Tacoma Municipal Code 13.11.240.B.2.a to clarify the definition of reasonable use of property, to read as follows:

"a. The maximum amount of disturbance shall be no more than 10 percent of the critical area and buffer area on the lot area or 2,500 square feet, whichever is greater."

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

**MOTION: Sadalge**

**SECOND: Bushnell**

Adopted – to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 29114, Exhibit A by making three amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code 13.11.270.J. to clarify the general mitigation requirements for vegetated buffers around wetlands and streams, to read as follows:

**TMC 13.11.270:**

Subsection J.3.d: "Removal of debris, lawn, and any illegal fill placed after 1990, as determined by the City."

Subsection J.4.a: "Except as allowed under 13.11.200 and 13.11.210, all existing improvements and structures in a buffer must be removed when the vegetative buffer installation is required pursuant to subsection (2)(a) of this section;"

Subsection J.8: "Protection and Maintenance of Vegetative Buffer – Critical areas and buffers shall be placed in recorded critical area easements or tracts, or be noticed on title, pursuant to TMC 13.11.280 and shall be maintained in perpetuity."

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

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**MOTION: Hines**

**SECOND: Bushnell**

**Adopted – to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 29114, Exhibit A by making amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) 13.11.200 and 210 to streamline the process for permitting low-impact utility work in improved City right-of-way adjacent to critical areas or buffers, to read as follows:**

**TMC 13.11.200, Subsection B.1:**

**“The maintenance and repair of legally existing utilities, roads, structures, or facilities used in the service of the public, and the installation of utility lines, pipes, and associated equipment within developed right-of-way, provided such work does not expand the developed footprint of the facility or right-of-way or alter any regulated critical area or buffer. Activities must be in compliance with the current City Stormwater Management Manual and Regional Road Maintenance Manual and provide all known and reasonable protection methods for the critical area.”**

**TMC 13.11.210, Subsection B.9:**

**“i. Co-location of minor accessory utilities with pedestrian trails may be allowed so long as all other criteria of this section are met.”**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

**Set over for final reading next week as substituted and amended.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Economic Development Committee

**ADJOURNMENT – 6:03 p.m.**