



City of Tacoma

City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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February 27, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Diaz 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 Diaz.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Peter Darling.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-0173](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, January 24, 2024.
2. [24-0174](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, January 24, 2024.
3. [24-0158](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 8, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend the agenda to move Item No. 7, Resolution No. 41370, to the next topic on the agenda after Agenda Modifications.

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

7. [RES41370](#) A resolution appointing Chantell Harmon Reed to serve as the Director of Health of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, effective March 18, 2024.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41370.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41368](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$442,442.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$508,808.30, budgeted from the Stormwater Fund, for construction of stormwater improvements at North 38th and North Tyler Streets - Specification No. ES23-0001F.
[Kevin Sorum, Senior Associate Civil Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
5. [RES41369](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to and extending the contract with Fleet Safety Consultants, in the amount of \$500,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from various department funds, for citywide Commercial Driver's License training, for a projected contract total of \$1,000,000, through August 31, 2025 - Specification No. HR20-0101F.
[Jamie Olson, Human Resources Specialist; Laurie Hardie, Director, Office of Health and Safety]

PAYMENTS

6. [24-0189](#) Date Range - 01/29/2024 to 02/11/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,387,453.25; Payments in the amount of \$23,382,759.44;
for a total of \$45,770,212.69.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41368 and 41369.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41368 and 41369. 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

Deputy Mayor Hines recognized Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, Public Works, and the other City staff who received a Healthy Community Award for the City's Vision Zero Action Plan and speed reduction ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:17 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance No. 28958.
2. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41370.
3. Ryan Spence, speaking on Ordinance No. 28958.
4. Gemini, speaking on Ordinance No. 28958.

Public comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

7. [RES41370](#) A resolution appointing Chantell Harmon Reed to serve as the Director of Health of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, effective March 18, 2024.
[Mayor Woodards]

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41371](#) A resolution adopting the Proctor Neighborhood Plan, an implementation strategy of the Comprehensive Plan.
[Lauren Hoogkamer, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41371.

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

9. [RES41372](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,000, to sponsor the El Jadida Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41372.

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. [RES41373](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,500, to sponsor MOSAIC: Tacoma's Arts and Culture Festival.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41373.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28957](#) An ordinance amending Titles 2 and 3 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building and Development Code and Fire, by amending various chapters, and repealing Chapter 2.05, entitled "Sign Code", in its entirety; to update language, provide protections for properties adjacent to construction, and align with the State of Washington's adoption of changes to state development codes; effective March 18, 2024.
[Chris Seaman, Commercial Building Review Supervisor; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28957 was set over for final reading next week.

12. [ORD28958](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of Ordinance No. 28872, which enacted interim land use regulations within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) to temporarily prohibit the establishment of new or the expansion of existing underground storage tanks, metal recycling, and auto wrecking facilities within the STGPD.
[Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28958 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 6:07 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for community forum, regarding Ukraine and Home in Tacoma.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding civil defense.
2. Lillian Enriquez, regarding student internships.
3. Anita Yoeu Ali, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
4. Alyssa Urish, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
5. Carole Sue Braaten, regarding the Puget Sound Energy liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility.
6. Talison Crosby, regarding the South Tacoma warehouse project, Palestine, the City's climate emergency, and Manuel Ellis.
7. Milo, regarding a ceasefire resolution, Manuel Ellis, and LNG.
8. Zev Cook, regarding a ceasefire resolution, and Charter Review.
9. Catherine Lee, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
10. Gemini, regarding safety, inequality, Gaza, Manuel Ellis, City leadership, LNG, and the South Tacoma warehouse project.
11. Eric Herde, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
12. Toby Kramer, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
13. Lisa Alatorre, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
14. Rolly Garcia, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
15. River Reier, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
16. Jonah Daniel, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
17. Ever Jones, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
18. Laurie Arnold, regarding a ceasefire resolution, and Manuel Ellis.
19. Laura King, regarding the South Tacoma warehouse project.

20. Theo Wygle, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
21. Xanat, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
22. Caitlin Sweeney, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
23. Joseph, regarding the South Tacoma warehouse project.
24. William Kupinse, regarding community forum.
25. Thomas Sui, regarding neighborhood safety.
26. Jie Wong, regarding neighborhood safety.
27. Heidi Stephens, regarding the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) moratorium, meeting procedures, and Palestine.
28. Tee Sandoval, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
29. April Smith, regarding the "A" Street project in Larchmont and 311.
30. Riley, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
31. Kathy Lawhon, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
32. Sulan Mlynarek, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
33. Tyler Daniels, regarding Personnel Management Policy No. 130.
34. Charles Williams, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
35. Melissa, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
36. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
37. Tim Smith, regarding the South Tacoma aquifer and warehouse project, and a ceasefire resolution.
38. Theresa Evans, regarding the STGPD moratorium and protests.
39. Claudia, regarding a ceasefire resolution.
40. Ovunayo X, regarding various topics.

Community forum ended at 6:58 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

This item was not addressed.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

This item was not addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk