



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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March 08, 2022

5:00 PM

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Blocker 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 Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Sue Kidd.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0276](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee special meeting, November 18, 2021.
2. [22-0277](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, December 9, 2021.
3. [22-0281](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee special meeting, October 5, 2021.
4. [22-0282](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, October 19, 2021.
5. [22-0283](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, November 2, 2021.

6. [22-0269](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 19, 2022.
7. [22-0271](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board, January 27, 2022.
8. [22-0274](#) Minutes of the Transportation Commission, December 15, 2021.
9. [22-0275](#) Minutes of the Transportation Commission, January 19, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. [22-0286](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 11, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40921](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, March 22, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 6,350 square feet of Tacoma Power property, located at 3404 South 45th Street, to Chris and Mitzi Dunayski, for the amount of \$250,000.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]
12. [RES40922](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of \$408,941.00; accepting and depositing said sum into the Surface Water Fund; and authorizing the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$136,313.67, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for a projected total of \$545,254.67, for the Titlow Park Regional Stormwater Treatment Design project.
[Mary Henley, Senior Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28807](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of an alley right-of-way abutting and lying south of East 30th Street, between East “K” Street to the west, and Valley View Terrace to the east, to allow for expanded residential yard use.
(Aaron Beckord; File No. 124.1425)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40921 and 40922 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28807.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28807.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40921 and 40922, and setting Ordinance No. 28807 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to add a proclamation to tonight's agenda as Item 13A, proclaiming Tuesday, March 8, 2022, as International Women's Day and March 2022 as Women's History Month.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

- 13A. [22-0308](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, March 8, 2022, as International Women’s Day and March 2022 as Women’s History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, March 8, 2022, as International Women’s Day and March 2022 as Women’s History Month and presented the proclamation to Jennifer Cummings, Management Analyst, Tacoma Water, and Chair, Women's Lead, INspire, Connect.

14. [22-0290](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition.

Mayor Woodards recognized 30 donors of the City's Rental Assistance Fund at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition.

15. [22-0285](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Human Resources Department’s racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Ben Thurgood, Assistant Director for Continuous Improvement, and Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources (HR). Mr. Thurgood presented the HR departmental highlight, noting the transformation highlight of the Workforce Equity Study, noting the City Council priority areas of belief and trust, and organizational culture; context; actions; results; and insight. Ms. Fritz reviewed how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of HR employees, expansion of the Equal Employment Opportunity program, and completion of a Classification and Compensation Study for non-represented employees; equitable service delivery, noting the launch of an employee learning portal and facilitation of Citywide anti-racist transformation efforts; and the departmental look forward, noting items that are in development. City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments, upcoming items, and the transformation timeline and history.

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. Heidi Stevens, speaking on Resolution No. 40922.
2. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation, and Resolution No. 40922.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation, the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge,

- Resolution No. 40922, and Compassionate Tacoma recognitions.
4. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation, and Resolution No. 40922.

Public Comment ended at 5:52 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

16. [RES40923](#) A resolution appointing Dennis Ball as Judge to Tacoma Municipal Court, Department No. 3, effective March 9, 2022, and until a successor is elected and qualified under the 2022 State of Washington General Election.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40923.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

17. [RES40924](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40924.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

18. [RES40925](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, for expenses related to traffic control devices and services for the 2022 Daffodil Parade.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40925.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:06 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for Community Forum regarding hybrid meetings, stop signs on Marine View Drive and East Side Drive Northeast, the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma, and cable television access and competition for all Multi-Family Property Tax Exemptions.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Leilani King, regarding crime and security for the area on South 40th Street between South Lawrence and South Cedar Streets.
2. Keith Blank, regarding crime and security for the area on South 40th Street between South Lawrence and South Cedar Streets.
3. Wilma Dague, regarding crime and security for the area on South 40th Street between South Lawrence and South Cedar Streets.
4. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding an update on the investigation process of the recent protest incident, the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma, and a community event being held to address homelessness.
5. Theresa Evans, regarding crime, and safety of protestors.
6. Heidi Stevens, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma and Rainier Connect.

- 7. James Dunlap, regarding nuclear war and Tacoma's Sister City in Vladivostok, Russia.
- 8. Kit Burns, regarding the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program.
- 9. Kathy Lawhon, regarding a crisis response team, the Tacoma Police Department, and COVID-19 reporting.
- 10. Les Pogue Jr., regarding Community Forum format, and the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
- 11. April Smith, regarding the intersection at East 84th Street and East McKinley Avenue, and the Litter Free 253 event.

Community Forum ended at 6:28 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Pauli addressed comments from Public Comment and Community Forum regarding the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge and the investigation of the January 26, 2022, protest incident.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the February 9, 2022, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Landmarks Preservation Commission; and on February 23, 2022, the Committee conducted interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and received a presentation on shipping containers and electric fences. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on March 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include additional interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and presentations on the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code and the Transportation Commission's annual update.

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Council Member Bushnell requested information on the public hearing and notice regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.

Mayor Woodards announced that the 2022 State of the City Address will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., and will be available to view online, through the City's Facebook page, on Zoom, and on TV Tacoma. She concluded by reminding everyone that the March 15, 2022, City Council study session and business meeting have been cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled study session and business meeting will be held on March 22, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m..

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris Sorum", written in a cursive style.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk