



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**February 13, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

### FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Bushnell 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 Bushnell.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Anne Whitley-Artman.

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

1. [24-0110](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, October 19, 2023.

### AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

2.     [RES41359](#)     A resolution awarding a contact to Transpo Group USA, Incorporated, in the amount of \$550,000, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for transportation modeling services, for an initial contract period of four years - Specification No. PW23-0103F.  
[Adam Leslie, P.E. PTOE, Senior Transportation Engineer;  
Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]
  
3.     [RES41360](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to New X, Inc, in the amount of \$506,545.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$582,526.75, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for replacement of substandard sidewalks and curb ramp construction at various locations within the South End Neighborhood Council District - Specification No. PW23-0216F.  
[Sandra Guffey, Engineering Technician IV; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

### PAYMENTS

4.     [24-0136](#)     Date Range - 01/15/2024 to 01/28/2024  
Payroll in the amount of \$20,889,119.24; Payments in the amount of \$33,389,133.79; for a total of \$54,278,253.03.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41359 and 41360.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41359 and 41360. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.     [24-0147](#)     Proclaiming February 2024 as American Heart Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 2024 as American Heart Month and presented the proclamation to Sebrena Chambers, Strengthening Families Division Director, Pierce County Health Department; Alex Hamasaki, State Government Relations Director, and Ashley Mohoric, Senior Development Director, American Heart Association; and Dr. David Lundgren, Executive Division Director, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Center for Neurosciences and Spine.

6.     [24-0146](#)     Recognizing TV Tacoma's 40th Anniversary.

Mayor Woodards recognized TV Tacoma's 40th anniversary and presented the recognition to Amy Clancy, Director, Jeff Lueders, Division Manager, and Andy Hillier, Television Station Manager, Media and Communications Office.

7.     [24-0145](#)     Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Michelle McLean.

Mayor Woodards recognized Michelle McLean, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to McLean.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:39 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Carl Teitge, speaking on Resolution No. 41365.

Public comment ended at 5:44 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

8.        [RES41361](#)     A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.  
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41361.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Hines

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9.        [RES41362](#)     A resolution authorizing an increase to and extending a contract with Northwest Industrial Staffing, Inc, in the amount of \$500,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$2,380,000, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome and Convention Center Operations fund, for on-call temporary personnel services, through July 30, 2024 -Specification No. PT18-0420F.  
[Josh Kropf, Assistant Director; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41362.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Hines

10. [RES41363](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to existing contracts with BNSF Railway Company, in the amount of \$1,013,093.82, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$2,714,170.82, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for rail crossing improvements at 6th Avenue and Titlow Beach and South 19th Street and Narrows Marina - Specification No. PW20-0228F.  
[Veronica Munyao, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41363.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Hines

11. [RES41364](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R. L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$2,367,967.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$2,723,162.05, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the restoration of approximately eight blocks of residential streets and construction of ADA-compliant curb ramps - Specification No. PW23-0219F.  
[Veronica Munyao, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41364.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Hines

12. [RES41365](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R. L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$6,208,025.75, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$7,139,229.61, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the restoration of approximately 17 blocks of residential streets and construction of ADA-compliant curb ramps - Specification No. PW23-0241F. [Josh Lauer, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41365.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Hines

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:49 p.m., and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

13. [ORD28956](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year franchise agreement to Ziply Fiber Pacific, LLC, to construct, operate, and repair a telecommunications system in the City. [Jeff Lueders, TV and Video Production Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

**Ordinance No. 28956 was set over for final reading on March 5, 2024.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community forum began at 6:04 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for community forum regarding the Manny Ellis trial, Home in Tacoma, and historic districts.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Zipporah, regarding the City Council meeting process.
2. Dannie Cline, regarding funding for community centers and programs.
3. Zephyra, regarding a cease fire resolution.
4. Morgan Vanderpool, regarding a cease fire resolution.
5. April Smith, regarding issues at South 75th Street and East McKinley Avenue and appreciation for staff.
6. Melissa, regarding a cease fire resolution.
7. Lorrie Arnold, regarding a cease fire resolution.
8. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding a cease fire resolution.
9. Michele Reich, regarding Native American genocide and education.
10. Emily Thuma, regarding a cease fire resolution.
11. Claudia Krumpach, regarding a cease fire resolution.
12. River Reier, regarding a cease fire resolution.
13. Tee Sandoval, regarding a cease fire resolution.
14. Zev Cook, regarding a cease fire resolution.
15. Dakota Case, regarding a cease fire resolution.
16. Ila Ravichandran, regarding a cease fire resolution.
17. Gemini, regarding a cease fire resolution.
18. Talison Crosby, regarding Palestine.
19. Aspen D., regarding a cease fire resolution.
20. Joy Dworkin, regarding a cease fire resolution.
21. Eric Herde, regarding a cease fire resolution.
22. Jamie Crosswhite, regarding Palestine.
23. Tyler Daniels, regarding a cease fire resolution and City personnel policies.
24. Xanat Romo, regarding Palestine.
25. Ever Jones, regarding Palestine.
26. Beverly Allen, regarding a cease fire resolution.
27. Aysha Kloub, regarding a cease fire resolution.
28. Jennifer Barfield, regarding a cease fire resolution.
29. Olivia Coley, regarding a cease fire resolution.

Community forum ended at 6:53 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the January 25, 2024, meeting the Committee

held interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA), and received the Community on Immigration and Refugee Affairs' 2022-2023 annual report and 2024 work recommendations; and at the February 8, 2024, meeting the Committee received annual reports from the Tacoma Housing Authority, Human Rights Commission (HRC), and TCRA. She concluded by stating the next regular meeting will be held in a hybrid format on February 22, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include the Human Services Commission annual report and HRC interviews.

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Council Member Scott made comments regarding shared values, a cease fire resolution, and nuclear weapons.

Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation to Council Member Bushnell and staff for the open house for residents in the Manitou Annexation Area, which was held at the STAR Center on Saturday, February 10, 2024. She concluded by reminding everyone that today is Special Election Day and ballot drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk