



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**August 29, 2023**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

**Absent:** 3 - Diaz, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:44 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [23-0862](#) Public Assembly Venues Update

At approximately 12:01 p.m, Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events (TVE), introduced Lynn Carlotto, Tacoma Theaters General Manager, TVE, and provided an update on public assembly venues, including an agenda, organizational structure, and mission statement. Cook presented details on the Tacoma Dome; Greater Tacoma Convention Center; Cheney Stadium; and Tacoma city theaters, noting COVID-19 pandemic impact and recovery, financial update, capital improvements, community engagement, and programming. Carlotto provided further information on the Tacoma city theaters, including capital improvements, community engagement, programming, and Resident Arts Organizations (RAO). Cook concluded with plans for the future, noting events and attendance, financial stability, and industry diversity.

Discussion ensued regarding, obtaining license for alcohol sales; ALMA venue; barriers in creating non-profits, including integration within the City, grant and other funding models; equity and diversification in RAOs; capital improvements on venues, noting continued deferred maintenance and facility assessments; Climate Pledge Arena events and capacity comparison; future of the property located next to the Tacoma Dome; appreciation for building relationships with entertainers; and consideration of new theater foundations.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:44 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding gift shops, merchandise, and vendors; transportation; and gratitude for the maintained partnerships.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [23-0863](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, August 24, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are two proclamations and one recognition on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming September 8–17, 2023, as Welcoming Week, proclaiming September 2023, as Emergency Preparedness Month, and a Compassionate Tacoma Recognition for Gomer Roseman; and there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda.

## Executive Session - Evaluate the Qualifications of an Applicant

**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to convene to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the qualifications of an applicant, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

The City Council convened to executive session at 12:58 p.m.  
Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 1:28 p.m.

## **Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

The closed session was not held.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk