



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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

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September 27, 2022

6:00 PM

VIRTUAL FORUM SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the Virtual Forum to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMENTS

Community Member Comments began at 6:03 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 74 written comments for Community Member Comments, regarding the City budget; South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District moratorium; a mental health crisis response team; and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, use of public property.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Claire Thorstad, regarding a mental health crisis response team.
2. Dawn Barstad, regarding homelessness and homeless encampments.
3. Zev Cook, regarding homelessness and affordable housing.
4. Regas Sager, regarding homelessness and public safety.
5. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding the City budget and affordable housing.
6. Karla Rixon, regarding homelessness.
7. Michael Rios, regarding homelessness, homeless encampments, and crime.
8. Tara Ryan, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and a mental health crisis response team.
9. Cathy Pick, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
10. Sarah Howe, regarding affordable housing and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

11. Alfred Kirk, regarding urban planning and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
12. Theodore Wygle, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
13. Sean Arent, regarding a crisis response team and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
14. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, a crisis response team, and the City budget.
15. Matt Estrada, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, the City budget, and a crisis response team.
16. Janeen Provazek, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
17. Ty Moore, regarding crime, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, and affordable housing.
18. Eric Hurde, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and redistricting.
19. Lawrence Ellis, regarding crime.
20. Terrence Williams, regarding homelessness, homeless encampments, and public safety.
21. Steve Bakker, regarding a mental health crisis response team and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
22. Kristina, regarding human rights, homelessness, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, and the City budget.
23. Kristen Wynne, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
24. Esther Day, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
25. Lisa, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and the City budget.
26. Regina Eury, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and the City budget.
27. Dan Bradley, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
28. Jonathan Pottle, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, public safety, the City budget, .
29. Les Pogue Jr., regarding the Virtual Forum format and fires in the City.
30. Andrea Haug, regarding the City's Neighborhood Councils and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
31. Dena Jones, regarding public safety, crime, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, and the City budget.
32. Kirsten, regarding homelessness and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
33. Bethany Jones, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and the Tacoma Police Department (TPD).
34. Mark, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and crime.
35. Jenn Barfield, regarding homelessness, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, and a non-police crisis response team.
36. Brian Wolk, regarding crime and homelessness.
37. Athena Brewer, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

- 38. Alex Scheel, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and a crisis response team.
- 39. Alex Barnes, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and a non-police crisis response team.
- 40. Kathy Lawhon, regarding a non-police crisis response team, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, Virtual Forum format, Alberta Canada apartments, and fires in the City.
- 41. Nicole Enslow, regarding homelessness, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, and a non-police crisis response team.
- 42. Brian, regarding homelessness, crime, affordable housing, and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
- 43. Steve Jones, regarding homelessness and crime.
- 44. Gregory Gicewicz, regarding homelessness, crime, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28331, and the City budget.
- 45. Valentine Smith, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to suspend the rules to continue the Community Member Comments period.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

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- 46. Nora Hacker, regarding homelessness and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
- 47. Stacey Soltoff, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
- 48. Ed Jacobs, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
- 49. Leo Maffei, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and a non-police crisis response team.
- 50. Nathalie Bajinya, regarding homelessness.
- 51. Courtney Love, regarding homelessness, the TPD, and a non-police crisis response team.
- 52. Milo Hensley, regarding Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831 and a crisis response team.
- 53. Hesmirr Mata, regarding homelessness and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
- 54. Steve Novotny, regarding homelessness and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.

- 55. April Smith, regarding the Turning the Tide documentary and adopting storm drains.
- 56. Blake Mara, regarding homelessness, the City budget, and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
- 57. Aimee H, regarding a mental health crisis response team, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, and homelessness.

Community Member Comments ended at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments, and addressed comments regarding homeless encampments.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

This item was not addressed.

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MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the Virtual Forum was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk