



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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May 14, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

Absent: 3 - Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Scott arrived at 5:07 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels 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 Daniels.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-0530](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, April 24, 2024.
2. [24-0532](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, April 24, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES41423](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Convergent Technologies LLC, in the amount of \$300,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Facilities Fund, for continuation of projects including facility technology integration and security system services for new and existing systems in facilities maintained by Public Works, for a projected contract total of \$775,000 - Contract No. CW2251475.
[Stephen Kruger, Operations Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

4. [RES41424](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC, in the amount of \$1,125,564.89, plus applicable taxes, plus a five percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,181,843.13, budgeted from the Street Fund, for repainting and maintaining existing roadway striping, including applicable bike lane striping, throughout portions of the City - Specification No. PW24-0016F.
[Basel Kitmitto, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41423 and 41424.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41423 and 41424. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [24-0498](#) Proclaiming May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week.

Deputy Mayor Hines proclaimed May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week, and presented the proclamation to Corey Darlington, Captain, Tacoma Police.

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Council Member Scott arrived here, at 5:07 p.m.

6. [24-0499](#) Recognizing the SOTAbots.

Deputy Mayor Hines recognized the SOTAbots and presented the recognition to Kelby Proctor and Cate Sumner.

7. [24-0525](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion.

Deputy Mayor Hines recognized the Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma Recognition to Andy Leneweaver, President, Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion; Tory Green, Fire Chief; and Patrick McElligott, Vice President, Tacoma Firefighters Union Local 31.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:23 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on National Police Week.
2. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Ordinance No. 28967.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on National Police Week.

Public comment ended at 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. [24-0524](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all remaining claims against the City from Christopher La Pointe, Claim #L-006-24, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$37,764.94 for alleged damages arising out of a power pole placement.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all remaining claims against the City from Christopher La Pointe, Claim #L-006-24, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$37,764.94 for alleged damages arising out of a power pole placement.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41425](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Axum General Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$4,530,140.50, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$4,983,154.55, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for improvements along “J” Street, from North 3rd Street to South 27th Street - Specification No. PW23-0085F. [Charla Kinlow, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41425.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41426](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with AA Legacy Properties LLC, for the development of 20 multi-family market-rate and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 4302 South Puget Sound Avenue in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41426.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

11. [RES41427](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Stealth Investments LLC, for the development of 16 multi-family market-rate and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 711 South 7th Street in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41427.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28967](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, related to Water - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.10.400, entitled “Rates - Inside and outside City limits”, effective July 1, 2024. [Andrew Zaremba, Utilities Economist; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28967. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 5:43 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for community forum, regarding a ceasefire resolution, Home in Tacoma, the City's tree code, and the Urban Design Board.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding Palestine.
2. Nickie Hall, regarding assault and police.
3. CC, regarding Tacoma business licenses.
4. Ann Dorn, regarding the City Charter Review process and proposed amendments.
5. Holden Whitson, regarding Charter amendments.
6. Eric Herde, regarding Charter amendments.
7. Beverly Allen, regarding the Charter amendments.
8. Joe Kunzler, regarding comment periods and sea planes.
9. Heidi Stephens, regarding Urban Design Project Review.
10. Barb Church, regarding Charter amendments.
11. April Smith, regarding Litter Free 253, and Charter amendments.
12. Stacy Oaks, regarding Charter amendments.
13. Kathy Lawhon, regarding policing and the liquefied natural gas facility.
14. Oneida Arnold, regarding Charter amendments.
15. Jude Grey, regarding Charter amendments and policing.
16. Zephyra B, regarding Charter amendments.
17. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding Charter amendments.

Community forum ended at 6:14 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Pauli provided a report regarding the Chambers remodel project, including an overview of the project; City Council business meetings will be held at the Tacoma Public Utilities Auditorium from June 4, 2024, until the project is complete; locations for study sessions and committee meetings will be provided as soon as possible; and more information is available online at cityoftacoma.org/chambersproject.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Rumbaugh, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the April 25, 2024, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the mental health and substance use disorder funding assessment; at the May 9, 2024, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Neighborhood and Community Services System and Strategy division issues statement and competitive funding, and held interviews for the Human Services Commission. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on May 23, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include a presentation on code compliance and Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.30.

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Council Member Walker stated today was the last day of Tacoma Public Schools' Next Move internship with the City Council and thanked the interns Aaron and Cassidy.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Mayor Woodards and Council Member Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker
Absent: 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk