



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**January 24, 2023**

**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 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Ushka 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 Ushka.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0036](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, August 10, 2022.
2. [23-0037](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, September 12, 2022.
3. [23-0053](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, October 26, 2022.
4. [23-0046](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 23, 2022.
5. [23-0047](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, March 9, 2022.
6. [23-0052](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, December 12, 2022.

7. [23-0041](#) Disclosure of Remote Interest pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Section 6.6 and Municipal Code Section 1.46.030 A and B as follows:  
Name Council Member Olgy Diaz  
Affiliation Department of Natural Resources, Deputy Legislative Director

### AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

8. [23-0063](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 9, 2022.
9. [23-0048](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 13, 2022.
10. [23-0054](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 20, 2022.
11. [23-0058](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 27, 2022.
12. [23-0066](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, September 27, 2022.

### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

13. [RES41124](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Grant Agreement and any associated term extensions with Pierce County Flood Control Zone District, in the amount of \$650,000; accepting and depositing said sum into the Surface Water Fund; and authorizing matching funds in the amount of \$97,500, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for a cumulative total of \$747,500, to improve the functionality of the Leach Creek Holding Basin.  
[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES41125](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to and extending the contract with Selectron Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$293,404, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,268,404, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, to implement permitting and inspection services and support for Tacoma Power and Planning and Development Services - Contract No. CW2237725.  
[Jennifer Ward, Technology Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28869](#) An ordinance reclassifying an approximately 0.34-acre site, located at 8441 South “C” Street, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to a C-1 General Neighborhood Commercial District, to allow for the construction of a 12-unit apartment building.  
(Royal Construction Group, LLC; File No. LU22-0134)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

## PAYMENTS

16. [23-0040](#) Date Range - 12/19/2022 to 01/01/2023  
Payroll in the amount of \$19,417,958.17; Payments in the amount of \$29,731,636.95; for a total of \$49,149,595.12.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41124 and 41125 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28869.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28869.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41124 and 41125, and setting Ordinance No. 28869 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:02 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:04 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

17.     [RES41126](#)     A resolution amending the Policy for the Sale/Disposition of City-owned General Government Real Property to add two tracks for disposition, one for ownership developments and one for rental developments; and to update the Area Median Income baseline requirements to allow a sliding scale for rental developments.  
[Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41126.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18.     [ORD28868](#)     An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Human Resources Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28868.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 5:23 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 14 written comments for Community Forum regarding drug possession laws and crime, homelessness, a moratorium within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District, Home in Tacoma (HIT) Project Phase 2, and the need for a Native American genocide resolution.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding the need for a Native American genocide resolution.
2. Travis Vilmont, regarding homeless encampments, crime, parking, City salaries, and disposable to-go containers.
3. Carole Braaten, regarding liquefied natural gas (LNG) and the Environmental Impact Statement.
4. Morteza Kamali, regarding crime.
5. Theresa Evans, regarding the 2030 Climate Action Plan and Resolution No. 41092 regarding the sale of renewable natural gas.
6. Les Pogue Jr., regarding surplus property and crime.
7. Stacy Oaks, regarding drug possession laws.
8. Kristen Wynne, regarding State v. Blake and drug possession laws.
9. Eva Bowen, regarding drug possession laws.
10. Dale Olson, regarding homeless encampments and crime.

Community Forum ended at 5:43 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Deputy Mayor Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the January 11, 2023, the Committee held elections for Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and received presentations on the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan and the Mountain Division rail line divestment. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on January 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include presentations on the HIT Project Phase 2, 2023 Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, and the trees in the right-of-way code.

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Council Member Ushka announced the Lunar New Year celebration in the Lincoln District, noting it will be from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 28, 2023; it is the Year of the Rabbit; in awareness of the shooting at a festival in Monterey Park, California, security will be taken seriously; expressed appreciation to City staff for assisting with the security and clean up of the event; and shared a quote from a member of the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

Mayor Woodards provided an update on the behavioral health crisis response team, noting the goal is to have the team ready by the end of June; and shared details about the Business Services Manager position, including that it is now posted online to receive applications, a description of the position, and the salary. She continued by acknowledging the recent shootings involving youth, noting review of the Tacoma Violent Crime Reduction Plan, pulling together all services available to address crime in the community, and expressing appreciation to the City's first responders. Mayor Woodards concluded by announcing there are available positions in the Tacoma Police Department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk