



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**April 25, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Ushka

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:09 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:09 p.m.

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Council Member Blocker 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 Blocker.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

[23-0439](#) Remembrance photo.

In honor of President Emeritus Ronald R. Thomas.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0402](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, December 8, 2022.
2. [23-0399](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, November 9, 2022.

3. [23-0400](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, November 30, 2022.
4. [23-0401](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, January 11, 2023.
5. [23-0412](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, March 13, 2023.
6. [23-0413](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission special meeting, March 25, 2023.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

## ASSESSMENT ROLLS

7. [23-0422](#) The Interim Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for the following:  
LID No. 8640  
  
Placement of alley pavement with a structural section, surface water mains with surface water catch basins where needed on:
  - Alley between Proctor Street and Madison Street from North 38th Street North 130 feet, more or less, thence east to Proctor Street;
  - Alley between North 35th Street and North 36th Street from Warner Street to Puget Sound Avenue;
  - Alley between North 21st Street and North 22nd Street from Washington Street to Adams Street;
  - Alley between North 26th Street and North 27th Street from Warner Street to Puget Sound Avenue; and
  - Alley between Shirley Street and Winnifred Street from North 18th Street to North 21st Street;  
and setting Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner.  
[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41182](#) A resolution awarding contracts to the following contractors:

- Northwest Cascade, Inc. d.b.a. Honey Bucket, in the amount of \$750,000, plus applicable taxes; and
- United Site Services of Nevada, Inc., in the amount of \$750,000, plus applicable taxes;

budgeted from various departmental funds, for portable toilet rental, servicing, septic, and vault pumping services, for an initial contract period from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2026, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,500,000 - Specification No. CT22-0368F.

[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

## PAYMENTS

9. [23-0415](#) Date Range - 03/27/2023 to 04/09/2023  
Payroll in the amount of \$21,454,621.52; Payments in the amount of \$37,406,648.25; for a total of \$58,861,269.77.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41182.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41182. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [23-0416](#) Proclaiming Saturday, April 22, 2023, as Earth Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, April 22, 2023, as Earth Day and presented the proclamation to Kira McPheron, Occupational Intern, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Resolution No. 41186, regarding the Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Agreement with DIMA Construction LLC; and Resolution No. 41187, regarding the Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Meacham Development, LLC.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on the Earth Day proclamation.
2. Tim Smith, speaking on the Earth Day proclamation.
3. Melyssa Stone, speaking on Resolution No. 41184.
4. Alton McDonald, speaking on Item No. 23-0422.

Public Comment ended at 5:26 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

11.     [RES41183](#)     A resolution appointing individuals to the Tacoma 2025 Advisory Committee. [Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41183.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

12. [RES41184](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41184.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## **PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

13. [RES41185](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Western Ventures Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,771,000, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from the Capital Project Fund, for construction of exterior envelope improvements and new heating and cooling systems at the Beacon Activity Center, for a projected contract total of \$2,036,650 - Specification No. PW22-0287F.  
[Mina Zarelli, Project Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41185.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES41186](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with DIMA Construction LLC, for the development of 140 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 2546 Tacoma Avenue South, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41186.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

15. [RES41187](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Meacham Development, LLC, for the development of four multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2367 Yakima Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41187.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28879](#) 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, Clerical Unit; and to create the non-represented classifications of Community Service Officer and Labor Negotiator, Public Safety.  
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28879.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

17. [23-0381](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2023 Annual Action Plan for Housing, Community and Economic Development, and public services.  
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

The public hearing began at 5:37 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Liz Crouse, Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity.
2. Tony, developer for the City.
3. Tim Smith, resident.
4. Alton McDonald, resident.

The public hearing ended at 5:52 p.m.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 5:53 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding homelessness and sustainability.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Michele Reich, regarding Native American genocide.
- 2. Alton McDonald, regarding the Tacoma Police Department.
- 3. Eric Musica, regarding homelessness.
- 4. April Smith, regarding safety.
- 5. Les Pogue Jr., regarding the South Sound Sustainability Expo and the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
- 6. Tim Smith, regarding South Tacoma groundwater.

Community Forum ended at 6:05 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 March 22, 2023, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2; and on April 12, 2023, the Committee received a presentation on the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on April 26, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include a interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

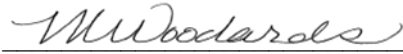
**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka



**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk