



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**March 07, 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:** 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards  
**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Rumbaugh

Council Members Blocker and Rumbaugh arrived at 5:01 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

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Council Members Blocker and Rumbaugh arrived here, at 5:01 p.m.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0216](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, October 4, 2022.
2. [23-0217](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, October 18, 2022.
3. [23-0218](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, November 1, 2022.
4. [23-0208](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, April 13, 2022.

5. [23-0209](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, April 27, 2022.
6. [23-0210](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 11, 2022.
7. [23-0211](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 25, 2022.
8. [23-0213](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, January 25, 2023.
9. [23-0214](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, January 25, 2023.
10. [23-0215](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, February 8, 2023.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41146](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with CenturyLink, in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,994,800, budgeted from various departmental funds, for telecommunication carrier services, for an additional one year period, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods - Specification No. IT17-0315F.  
[Brian Tetreault, Business Service Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41146.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41146. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. [23-0222](#) Proclaiming March 2023 as Red Cross Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2023 as Red Cross Month and presented the proclamation to Larry Bleich, Community Volunteer Lead and Elected Officials Liaison, South Puget Sound and Olympics Chapter of the American Red Cross.

13. [23-0221](#) Proclaiming March 2023 as Women’s History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2023 as Women’s History Month and presented the proclamation to Charelle Walls, Senior Business Services Analyst, Tacoma Water; Patricia Flores, Executive Director, Catherine Place; Raeshawna Ware, President, Coalition of Revolutionary Enlightened Women of Color (CREW); and members of the CREW. She concluded by recognizing the City's communication professionals: Maria Lee, Megan Snow, Stacy Ellifritt, Wendy Haddow, Rebecca Anderson, Sarah Nystrom, Lay Conn, and Utilities Director Jackie Flowers, and City Manager Elizabeth Pauli as women in our organization who tell the City's story.

Mayor Woodards further recognized that the City Council, for the first time, is a majority woman Council.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:25 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 41146.
2. Eric Musica, speaking on Resolution No. 41146.
3. Michelle Mood, speaking on Ordinance No. 28872.
4. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Ordinance No. 28872.
5. April Smith, speaking on Ordinance No. 28872.
6. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41146, 41147, and 41148, and Ordinance No. 28872.

Public Comment ended at 5:39 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

14. [23-0223](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City by Ilona Lord in the matter of Ilona M. Lord v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 22-2-06615-1, relating to personal injuries from a trip and fall accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$155,000. This represents the City's contribution to the total settlement.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City by Ilona Lord in the matter of Ilona M. Lord v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 22-2-06615-1, relating to personal injuries from a trip and fall accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$155,000. This represents the City's contribution to the total settlement.**

**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

## RESOLUTIONS

15. [RES41147](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Foss Harbor, LLC, for Sites 9 and 10 on the Foss Waterway, including a Lease Agreement with Foss Harbor Marine LLC, for a portion of the Municipal Dock pertaining to Sites 9, 10, and 11, for an initial contract period of ten years, with the option to renew for six additional five-year periods. [Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works; Pat Beard, Business Development Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41147.**

**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

16. [RES41148](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement and Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, retroactive to January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.

[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41148.**

**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

17. [RES41149](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with District Lodge No. 160 on behalf of Local Lodge No. 282 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Supervisors' Unit, regarding deposits to a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association account for employees.

[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41149.**

**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

18. [RES41150](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$4,800, for two Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs members and a Council Member to attend the 2023 Welcoming Interactive conference.

[Council Member Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41150.**

**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

19. [RES41151](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$12,000, for City membership in South Sound Together, for the year 2023.  
[Deputy Mayor Walker]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41151.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hines

## **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

20. [ORD28872](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, by amending Section 13.06.070, entitled “Overlay Districts”, to enact a moratorium on certain uses within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District, for an initial period of up to one year.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28872.**

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

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

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

21. [ORD28873](#) 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 Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, the Professional Public Safety Management Association, and the District Lodge No. 160 on behalf of Local Lodge No. 282 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Supervisors’ Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28873 was set over for final reading next week.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on the behavioral health crisis response team, noting 34 applications were received for the manager position, eight candidates were selected for interview, and two candidates were hired as co-leads of the program. She also shared new apartment totals in the City, noting that between January 2019 and February 2023 7,436 new units have been added with 1,045 of those being affordable units, in addition 824 more affordable units are in the pipeline. She concluded by stating that the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption (MFTE) Program created 2,762 of the new units with 219 of those being affordable, and an additional 5,495 units are in the pipeline with 474 of those being affordable units.

**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 February 8, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on groundwater supply and anticipated per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances regulations, a mid-cycle update on the Planning Commission's work program, and the formation of a Facility Advisory Committee; and on February 22, 2023, the Committee received presentations on the trees in the right-of-way code, the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan, and the Urban Design Review Program. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be in a hybrid format on March 8, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include a presentation on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the February 14, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Port of Tacoma's economic development and the Tacoma Youth Marine Center; and on February 28, 2023, the Committee received presentations on the Downtown Tacoma Partnership and Spaceworks Tacoma. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on March 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a presentation on the future of the Foss Waterway real estate development.

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Council Member Rumbaugh wished the Jewish community Happy Purim, and described the significance of the holiday.

Mayor Woodards announced that the 2023 State of the City Address will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., and will be available to view online, through TV Tacoma, and the City's Facebook page.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk