



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**September 13, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Blocker called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

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**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to appoint Council Member Blocker to serve as presiding officer of the Council while the Mayor attends the meeting virtually.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**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

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Diaz 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 Diaz.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0965](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, April 28, 2022.
2. [22-0966](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, May 12, 2022.
3. [22-0967](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, May 26, 2022.
4. [22-0977](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, June 14, 2022.
5. [22-0979](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, June 28, 2022.
6. [22-0978](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, August 11, 2022.
7. [22-0984](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, August 1, 2022.
8. [22-0971](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, June 15, 2022.
9. [22-0969](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, July 20, 2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

10. [22-0996](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 21, 2022.
11. [22-0997](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 28, 2022.

## RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES41022](#) A resolution setting Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of Commerce Street, lying north of the Sound Transit right-of-way, for a private walkway.  
(Cornus House LLC; File No. 124.1430)  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41022. 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**

13. [22-0993](#) Proclaiming September 9-18, 2022, as Welcoming Week.

Presiding Officer Blocker proclaimed September 9-18, 2022, as Welcoming Week and presented the proclamation to Emani Donaldson, Chair, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and Erin Guinup, Executive and Artistic Director, Tacoma Refugee Choir.

14. [22-0994](#) Proclaiming September 15-October 15, 2022, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Presiding Officer Blocker proclaimed September 15-October 15, 2022, as Hispanic Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to representatives from Latinx Unidos of the South Sound, University of Washington Tacoma Celebrando Comunidad Planning Committee, and the Office of Equity and Human Rights.

15. [22-0992](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Natia Manaea.

Presiding Officer Blocker recognized Natia Manaea, Site Coordinator at Gray Middle School, Communities in Schools of Tacoma, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Manaea.

16. [22-0988](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Tacoma Fire Department's racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Tory Green, Chief, Tacoma Fire Department (TFD). Chief Green introduced Bruce Bouyer, Deputy Chief, and Mary Hallman, Assistant Chief, TFD; and presented the TFD departmental highlight, including how the workforce reflects the community, noting the

racial and demographic diversity of TFD employees. Bouyer further presented how the workforce reflects the community, noting efforts taken to increase diversity and eliminate barriers. Hallman reviewed the purposeful outreach and engagement, noting an example of continuous quality improvement efforts of identifying areas of need based on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) data and targeting those communities with more training, citizen CPR rates by race, and the need to increase CPR education to the public. Chief Green further reviewed the purposeful outreach and engagement, noting four committees that he established, three of which are internal, including details of the one external committee entitled Community Advisory Committee; and described the equitable service delivery. Bouyer continued by outlining the departmental look forward, noting upcoming events, programs, and increased roles with the Community Advisory Committee. City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments, upcoming community engagements, and the transformation timeline and history.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 6:02 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Resolution Nos. 41023 and 41024.
2. April Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 41023.
3. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41023 and 41024.
4. TishaMarie Wosencroft, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41023 and 41024.
5. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41023 and 41024.

Public Comment ended at 6:14 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES41023](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Cornus House LLC, for the development of 199 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2502 Pacific Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center, to a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41023.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Walker

**Nays:** 1 - Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

18. [RES41024](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with GPNW Investments Inc, for the development of eight multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2533 Tacoma Avenue South, 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. 41024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

19.     [RES41025](#)     A resolution consenting to delay the transfer of the Carlton Center Building to the University of Washington Tacoma.  
[Council Member Blocker]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

20.     [22-0897](#)     This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement alternatives, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 6:25 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 11 written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Les Pogue Jr., resident.
2. Michelle Mood, resident.
3. Andrew Troske, U.S. Oil & Refining Co.
4. Julie Andrzejewski, Indivisible Tacoma.
5. Barbara Church, resident.
6. Robin Evans-Agnew, resident.
7. Tom Link, resident.
8. Esther Day, resident.
9. Neal Anderson, resident.
10. Norma Ramirez, resident.
11. Heidi Stephens, resident.
12. Kit Burns, resident.
13. Marilyn Kimmerling, resident.
14. Chelsea Vetter, resident.
15. Stacy Oaks, resident.
16. Liz Scott, resident.
17. Erin Dilworth, Communities for a Healthy Bay.

- 18. Oneida Arnold, resident.
- 19. Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma.
- 20. David Schroedel, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber.
- 21. Janeen Provazek, resident.
- 22. Bruce Kendall, Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board.
- 23. Kathy Lawhon, resident.
- 24. Theresa Evans, resident.

The public hearing ended at 7:27 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 7:27 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 7:37 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 13 written comments for Community Forum regarding the proposed camping ordinance, crime on Hosmer Street and the surrounding area, and Working Families Tax Credit.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Mike Egge, regarding the proposed camping ordinance, homelessness, public safety, and Council Members employment.
- 2. Ramona N'Goran, regarding homeless encampments.
- 3. Michelle Reich, regarding homeless encampments, the proposed camping ordinance, and public safety.
- 4. Carrieann Hempel, regarding homeless encampments and crime.
- 5. Kyu Lee, regarding crime.
- 6. True, regarding the proposed camping ban ordinance.
- 7. Velma Stewart, regarding homeless encampments.
- 8. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Alberta J. Canada Apartments.
- 9. Patricia Barre, regarding the proposed camping ordinance and Council Members employment.
- 10. Catherine Lee, regarding the proposed camping ordinance.
- 11. Zoe Forbes, regarding the proposed camping ordinance.
- 12. Les Pogue Jr., regarding the Community Forum format and the proposed camping ordinance.
- 13. Athena Brewer, regarding details for the celebration of the Neighborhood Council Program's 30th Anniversary.

14. Naomi Smith, regarding the proposed camping ordinance.
15. John Sullivan, regarding the proposed camping ordinance.
16. Andrea Haug, regarding the proposed camping ordinance.
17. Laurie Arnold, regarding homeless encampments and the proposed camping ordinance.
18. Sally Perkins, regarding funding for a therapeutic non-police crisis response team.
19. Heidi Stephens, regarding International Clean Air Day and the Tideflats Subarea Plan.
20. Chelsea Talbert, regarding the proposed camping ordinance.
21. Oneida Arnold, regarding homelessness and the proposed camping ordinance.
22. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding homeless encampments, a non-police crisis response team, and social housing czar.
23. Daisha Gomillion, regarding crime, homeless encampments, and public safety.
24. Kit Burns, regarding homelessness and public housing.
25. April Smith, regarding the proposed camping ordinance
26. TishaMarie Wosencroft, regarding the proposed camping ordinance.
27. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding a mental health crisis response team and the City budget.
28. Trisha Novotny, regarding the proposed camping ordinance.
29. Brian Wolk, regarding homeless encampments and the proposed camping ordinance.

Community Forum ended at 8:33 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

### Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the August 16, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma, the Environmental Services 2023-2024 proposed budget and rate revenue, the monthly budget update, and Accessory Dwelling Units; and on September 6, 2022, the Committee received a follow up presentation on the Accessory Dwelling Unit policy, recommended an applicant to the Public Utility Board, and received additional presentations on the State Auditor's Office 2021 audit exit conference, and revenue strategy and fee schedule proposals. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on September 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and will include



presentations on Tacoma Public Utilities' preliminary budget and rates, Accessory Dwelling Unit Accelerator, potential amendments to Chapter 6B.220 of the Municipal Code, and the Recycle Reset project.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk