



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

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May 21, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

A moment of silence was held in honor of Council Member Ushka.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:31 p.m., and reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

1. [RES41428](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$1,000,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Special Revenue Fund; and authorizing an increase to the agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, in the amount of \$1,000,000, for a total amount of \$2,500,000, for the homebuyer education and first-time homebuyer down payment assistance program.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

PAYMENTS

2. [24-0544](#) Date Range - 04/22/2024 to 05/05/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,877,066.48; Payments in the amount of \$37,343,936.84; for a total of \$60,221,003.32.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41428.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41428. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. [24-0502](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, May 22, 2024, as Franke Tobey Jones Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Wednesday, May 22, 2024, as Franke Tobey Jones Day and presented the proclamation to Judy Dunn, President and Chief Executive Officer; Bob Beckham, Chief Operations Officer and Administrator; and Christine Hall, Senior Director of Marketing and Public Relations; from Franke Tobey Jones.

4. [24-0548](#) Proclaiming Monday, May 27, 2024, as Memorial Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, May 27, 2024, as Memorial Day and presented the proclamation to James Catalinich, Board President and Andy Leneweaver, Service Primary Organizer and Service Emcee, Tacoma Historical Society.

5. [24-0501](#) Proclaiming May 18-24, 2024, as National Safe Boating Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 18-24, 2024, as National Safe Boating Week and presented the proclamation to Bob Hamilton, Flotilla Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

6. [24-0500](#) Proclaiming May 19-25, 2024, as National Public Works Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 19-25, 2024, as National Public Works Week and presented the proclamation to Ramiro Chavez, Director, Public Works.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 6:15 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Memorial Day.
2. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Resolution No. 41432.

Public comment ended at 6:21 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

7. [RES41429](#) A resolution realigning the terms of the Human Services Commission with the competitive funding process.
[Vicky McLaurin, Systems and Strategy Division Manager;
Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41429.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

8. [RES41430](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Services Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41430.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41431](#) A resolution updating the Planning and Development Services fee schedule to create a new fee structure for right-of-way street trees, to implement the Chapter 9.20 of the Municipal Code, entitled Urban Forestry, effective June 1, 2024.
[Corey Newton, P.E., Site and Building Division Manager;
Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41431.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

10. [RES41432](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to convey vacant, undeveloped residential land, located at 6729, 6732, 6733, and 6737 South Proctor Street, to Pierce County Community Land Trust, and repealing Resolution No. 41288 to the extent it authorized sale of the property to Louis Rudolph Homes, LLC, to update the purchaser of the properties.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41432.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

11. [RES41433](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, regarding a new application of rate for forensic services employees when performing certain additional defined duties.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41433.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28968](#) 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 Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28968 was set for final reading on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

13. [24-0536](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2024 and 2025-2030.
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

The public hearing began at 6:34 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich.
2. Heidi Stephens.
3. April Smith.

The public hearing ended at 6:45 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported on the City's age friendly employer certification status.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Daniels, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the April 30, 2024, meeting the Committee received a report on the Washington Minority Business Development Agency and Uncommon Bridges; the May 14, 2024, meeting included interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on June 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will included a debrief of the Green Jobs Pathway Summit which was held on May 8, 2024, and to meet Davida Ingram, Arts and Culture Vitality Division Manager, Community and Economic Development.

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Mayor Woodards stated she was absent for last week's National Police Week proclamation, and made remarks to show support of our dedicated officers and honor the 11 officers who lost their lives in the line of duty over the course of the City's history, and recognized officers for their continued sacrifice to serve the City.

Mayor Woodards announced the cancellation of the study session, business meeting, Economic Development Committee meeting, and community forum on May 28, 2024, due to Memorial Day; and stated community forum is rescheduled to June 4, 2024. She concluded by stating the City Council Chambers Improvement project begins this week. During construction the Council Meetings will temporarily be relocated to the Tacoma Public Utilities Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor


Nicole Emery, City Clerk