



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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February 15, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Daniels and McCarthy

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:13 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Rumbaugh 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 Rumbaugh.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of those who have lost their lives to or have been impacted by COVID-19 and systemic racism.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0191](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, August 30, 2021.
2. [22-0192](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, September 1, 2021.
3. [22-0193](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 8, 2021.

4. [22-0190](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, January 26, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. [22-0183](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 23, 2021.
6. [22-0188](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 30, 2021.
7. [22-0189](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, December 7, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40915](#) A resolution setting Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the air rights over a portion of South 15th Street, lying between South Court “E” and South Fawcett Avenue, and a westerly portion of South Fawcett Avenue, lying south of South 15th Street, to facilitate building design variability on a residential building project.
(Fawcett Avenue Owner, LLC; File No. 124.1431)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40915.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40915. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jamie, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40916 and 40917.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40916 and 40917.
3. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Resolution Nos. 40916 and 40917.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:13 p.m.

4. Alfred Kirk, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40916 and 40917.

Public Comment ended at 5:15 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40916](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Broadway I LLC through Broadway V LLC, for the development of 53 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 23 North Broadway, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40916.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

10. [RES40917](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with The Walker Holding I LLC and The Walker Holding II LLC, for the development of 42 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 444 St. Helens Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40917.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28803](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.210, entitled “Holidays - Belt Line Railway”, to provide for the addition of June 19th “Juneteenth” as a paid holiday for Tacoma Rail employees, beginning in calendar year 2022; and by amending Section 1.12.248, entitled “Personal Time Off plan”, regarding criteria for a permissible cash-out of accrued personal time off for represented employees.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28803.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28804](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of Sewer Revenue Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$105,000,000, to finance and/or reimburse the City for costs associated with the construction, improvement, and equipping of the City's municipal sewer system, and to pay costs of issuing the bonds; providing the form and terms of the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the method sale and the final terms of the bonds.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28804 was set over for final reading next week.

13. [ORD28805](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of Solid Waste Revenue Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000, to finance and/or reimburse the City for costs associated with the construction, improvement, and equipping of the City's municipal solid waste system, and to pay costs of issuing the bonds; providing the form and terms of the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the method sale and the final terms of the bonds.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28805 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the January 13, 2022, meeting, the Committee elected the Chair and Vice Chair and received presentations on the camping ordinance and on committees, boards, and commissions that the Committee oversees; on January 27, 2022, the Committee received presentations on the Aspen Court property and on a comparison of municipal approaches to unlawful camping; and on February 10, 2022, the Committee received

presentations on alternative response and divertible calls and on the camping ordinance schedule and outreach. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on February 24, 2022, at 4:30 p.m, through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board and a presentation on community volunteer opportunities as part of the larger camping ordinance discussion.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to excuse Council Member McCarthy 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, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk