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City of Tacoma

City Council Agenda

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 Passcode: 349099

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

January 6, 2026

5:00 PM

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

CALL TO ORDER – 5:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Present: 9

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The City Council meeting recessed at 5:37 p.m., and reconvened at 5:48 p.m.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. **25-1121** Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, March 26, 2025.
2. **25-1122** Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, April 9, 2025.
3. **25-1123** Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, April 23, 2025.
4. **25-1133** Minutes of the Operational Strategy and Administrative Committee, November 14, 2025.
5. **25-1130** Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, November 5, 2025.
6. **25-1131** Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, November 5, 2025.
7. **25-1132** Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, November 17, 2025.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

8. **RES41827** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of \$2,099,756, accepting and depositing said sum into the Stormwater Fund, for a total of \$3,324,043, to monitor stormwater transport of contaminants of emerging concern in Western Washington, through March 31, 2028.

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PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. **RES41828** A resolution awarding a contract to Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$1,376,824, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for engineering services for replacement of pump station variable frequency drives at the Central Treatment Plant - Architectural and Engineering Roster Contract No. CW2279132.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. **ORD29090** An ordinance vacating a seven-foot-wide strip of North 44th Street, between Waterview Street and the alley, to cure an existing building encroachment and facilitate future development.
(Michael and Shelly Reed; File No. 124.1465)

PAYMENTS

11. **25-1144** Date Range - 12/01/2025 to 12/14/2025
Payroll in the amount of \$24,144,646.79; Payments in the amount of \$27,528,961.59; for a total of \$51,673,608.38.

MOTION: Bushnell
SECOND: Hines

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SECOND: Hines

To accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 29090.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0 Items Removed: 0

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. **25-1127** Proclaiming January 2026 as National Mentoring Month.
13. **25-1128** Proclaiming January 2026 as Whole Child Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

14. **RES41829** A resolution appointing Sergio Flores as Judge to Tacoma Municipal Court, Department No. 2, through December 31, 2026, until a successor is elected and qualified under the 2026 General Election.

MOTION: Bushnell
SECOND: Hines
Adopted.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

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15. **RES41830** A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Community's Police Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

16. **RES41831** A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

17. **RES41832** A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Arts Commission.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

18. **RES41833** A resolution appointing individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

19. **RES41834** A resolution appointing City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, through December 31, 2026.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

20. **RES41835** A resolution nominating and electing Council Member Joe Bushnell to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2026.

MOTION: Hines

SECOND: Walker

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

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PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

21. **RES41836** A resolution awarding a contract to Psomas Inc., in the amount of \$2,011,861.72, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for planning, data collection, and design services for the Portland Avenue Vision Zero Improvements project - Specification No. PW24-0308F.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

22. **RES41837** A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$4,107,365.00, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from various funds, for roadway surface improvements, ADA-compliant curb ramps, stormwater main replacement, and a new pedestrian and bicycle connection, for a projected contract total of \$4,723,469.75, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. PW25-0198F.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

23. **RES41838** A resolution awarding a contract to US Oil & Refining Co., in the amount of \$3,218,750.00, plus a 35 percent contingency, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for bulk asphalt oils, for an initial contract term of five years, for a projected contract total of \$4,345,312.50, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. PW25-0268F.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

24. **RES41839** A resolution authorizing an increase to and extending the contract with Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$1,589,181, budgeted from the Stormwater Fund, to continue a field study to monitor stormwater and storm sediments for contaminants of emerging concerns, for a projected contract total of \$2,799,468, plus applicable taxes, through April 30, 2028 - Architectural and Engineering Roster Contract No. CW2265700.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

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RESOLUTIONS

25. **RES41840** A resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a low-interest Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan from the Washington State Department of Health, in the estimated amount of \$1,000,000, for two water main replacement projects.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

Adopted.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

26. **RES41841** A resolution approving the cancellation of the following eight regular City Council meetings and eight regular study sessions in 2026: January 20, February 17, March 17, May 26, September 8, November 24, December 22, and December 29.

MOTION: Bushnell

SECOND: Hines

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SECOND: Bushnell

To amend Resolution No. 41841, on page 1, line 10, and on page 2, line 3, by inserting the dates of April 7 and September 1.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

Adopted as amended.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

27. **ORD29079** An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to SQF, LLC dba Verta, to construct, operate, and repair a telecommunications system in the City.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 1 (Palmer)

28. **ORD29087** An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.70 of the Municipal Code, relating to Local Option Taxes, by adding new Sections 6A.70.043 and 6A.70.044, and imposing a local one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax, to fund investments in criminal justice, effective April 1, 2026.

Passed.

Ayes: 9 **Nays:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstaining:** 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

29. **ORD29091** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.10.310, entitled "System development charge", for charge adjustments and annual increases, effective February 1, 2026.

Set over for final reading next week.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ADJOURNMENT – 7:24 p.m.