



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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August 09, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Council Member Rumbaugh participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Blocker 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 Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0881](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee special meeting, April 21, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [22-0856](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, May 20, 2022.
3. [22-0883](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 24, 2022.
4. [22-0884](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, May 24, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES41011](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, September 13, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Tidelands Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement alternatives, as recommended by the Tidelands Steering Committee. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28813](#) An ordinance vacating 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 design variability for a residential building project.
(Fawcett Avenue Owner, LLC; File No. 124.1431)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41011 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28813.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41011 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28813. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [22-0880](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Kwabi Amoah-Forson

Mayor Woodards recognized Kwabi Amoah-Forson, Founder and Creator, The Peace Bus, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Amoah-Forson.

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived here, at 5:05 p.m.

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Mayor Woodards recognized Boy Scouts of America Troop 299 for attending the meeting and for staying engaged with the Boy Scouts of America.

- 8. [22-0882](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Tacoma Public Utilities’ racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU). Flowers introduced Michael Washington, Assistant Water Division Manager, Tacoma Water, and Alice Massara, Power Supervisor, Tacoma Power. Together, Flowers, Washington, and Massara, presented the TPU departmental highlight, including how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of TPU employees compared to Tacoma and Pierce County populations, internships, industry pathways, education and community partnerships, and internal people initiatives; equitable outreach and engagement; equitable service delivery; the transformation highlight, noting Tacoma Water Equity Committee's vision statement and macro goals; the transformation look forward, noting the organizational culture for equitable workforce policies and practices; and the departmental look forward, noting next steps. City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments, upcoming community engagements, and the transformation timeline and history.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:50 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:51 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES41012](#) A resolution appointing an individual to the City Council At-Large Position 7, for a term to be effective August 9, 2022, through December 31, 2023.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41012.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

Mayor Woodards provided an overview of the process for filling the City Council At-Large Position 7, noting six finalists were interviewed at the August 1, 2022, City Council special meeting; Council Members held an executive session during today's study session to discuss the finalists' qualifications; community members were invited to provide comments about the applicants and the City Council received over 200 comments and letters; finalists will be considered in alphabetical order; Council Members will vote on a motion to amend the resolution to insert the name of the finalist and if the finalist receives at least five votes, the resolution will be amended; and Council Members will immediately consider the amended resolution by roll call vote and if the amended resolution passes with at least five votes, the finalist will be declared to be the new Council Member.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to amend Resolution No. 41012 by inserting the name Andrea K. Capere on page 1, line 23 and on page 2, line 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend Resolution No. 41012. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 0

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to amend Resolution No. 41012 by inserting the name Silong Chhun on page 1, line 23 and on page 2, line 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend Resolution No. 41012. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 3 - Bushnell, Daniels and Ushka

Nays: 5 - Blocker, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to amend Resolution No. 41012 by inserting the name Olgy Diaz on page 1, line 23 and on page 2, line 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend Resolution No. 41012. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the finalist's qualifications.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 41012, as amended. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

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

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:49 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41013](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Alpha Sharp Development Partners, Inc., for the development of 20 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 4343 South Alder Street, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41013.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

11. [RES41014](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Andrew and Tawny Putnam, for the development of 15 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 4501 South Warner Street, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

12. [RES41015](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$2,500, to support The Peace Bus and the “Every Kid Eats” summer program.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41015.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28826](#) 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 District Lodge No. 160 on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, General Unit; and the nonrepresented classifications of Municipal Court Judge and Court Commissioner.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28826.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

14. [ORD28827](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance declaring the public necessity for, and providing for the acquisition by eminent domain certain property located along the South Tacoma Way Corridor between South Pine and South “M” Streets, to construct pedestrian improvements and related facilities in connection with the Water Flume Line Trail Phase III project; and declaring an emergency, and making necessary the passage of this ordinance, and its taking effect immediately.
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28827.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 7:30 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received two written comments for Community Forum regarding a homeless encampment near McKinley Hill Friends Church, and the Tideflats Subarea Plan.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kyle Jolibois, regarding the Pierce County Sheriff.
2. Les Pogue Jr., regarding Ordinance No. 28827.
3. Kathy Lawhon, regarding City Manager's presentation on systems transformation, the Tideflats Subarea Plan, and crime.

Community Forum ended at 7:37 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 July 19, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the monthly budget update, proposed changes to the Bill Credit Assistance Plan, and the City's redistricting efforts; and on August 2, 2022, the Committee received presentations on business license fees, and the planning engagement and communications for the biennial budget and rate setting process. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on August 16, 2022, as a special meeting at 9:00 a.m., and will include a presentation on the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma; and on the same day at 10:00 a.m., the Committee will receive presentations on the monthly budget update, Environmental Services 2023-2024 proposed budget and rate revenue, and Accessory Dwelling Units.

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Deputy Mayor Ushka addressed the written comment received for Community Forum regarding a homeless encampment near McKinley Hill Friends Church.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doris Sorum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk