



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**August 29, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0846](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 14, 2023.
2. [23-0857](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, March 14, 2023.
3. [23-0858](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 11, 2023.
4. [23-0842](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 17, 2023.
5. [23-0843](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, June 7, 2023.
6. [23-0844](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, June 21, 2023.

7. [23-0845](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, July 19, 2023.
8. [23-0860](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, July 26, 2023.
9. [23-0861](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, July 26, 2023.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### PAYMENTS

10. [23-0847](#) Date Range - 07/31/2023 to 08/13/2023  
Payroll in the amount of \$21,558,040.53; Payments in the amount of \$23,214,144.15;  
for a total of \$44,772,184.68.

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. [23-0854](#) Proclaiming September 8-17, 2023 as Welcoming Week.

Deputy Mayor Walker proclaimed September 8-17, 2023, as Welcoming Week and presented the proclamation to Aimee Khuu, Executive Director, Tacoma Community House; Maricres Valdez Castro, Maurice Lekea, and Thierry Ruboneka, Commissioners, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; Theresa Pan Hosley, President, Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation; and Rey Pascua, Commissioner emeritus, Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

12. [23-0848](#) Proclaiming September 2023 as Emergency Preparedness Month.

Deputy Mayor Walker proclaimed September 2023 as Emergency Preparedness Month and presented the proclamation to Shontieka Adeogun, Chief Emergency Management Officer, and Arianna Topbjerg and Julie Winkler, Emergency Management Analysts, Tacoma Fire Department.

13. [23-0855](#) Recognizing Gomer Roseman.

Deputy Mayor Walker recognized Gomer Roseman, Director of Site Development and Construction, Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, and presented the recognition to Roseman.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:24 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on 23-0851, regarding the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries' decision.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Robert Neal, speaking on Ordinance No. 28900.
2. April Smith, speaking on 23-0851.
3. Andy, speaking on the Welcoming Week proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 5:31 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

14. [23-0852](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City by Chad Sutter, owner of Sutter Metals LLC, relating to damage to an overhead door, door frame, and metal building, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$31,674.85.

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City by Chad Sutter, owner of Sutter Metals LLC, relating to damage to an overhead door, door frame, and metal building, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$31,674.85.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

## APPOINTMENTS

15. [RES41264](#) A resolution appointing, reappointing, and reassigning individuals to the Transportation Commission.  
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41264.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

## COMMUNICATIONS

16. [23-0851](#) City Clerk transmitting the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries' decision regarding the Mayor and City Council Members' annual salary.

This item was informational only.

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES41265](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Olson Brothers Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$6,579,277.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from various departmental funds, for a shared-use path in the Brewery District between South 21st and South 25th Streets along Hood Street, for a projected contract total of \$7,566,168.56 - Specification No. PW23-0060F.  
[Darius Thompson, Project Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41265.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

## **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

18. [ORD28900](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, to construct, operate, maintain, and provide cable television services in the City.  
[Jeff Lueders, Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28900.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli introduced Joe Franco, Special Assistant to the Director of Public Works. Franco provided an update on the City's American Public Works Association (APWA) reaccreditation efforts, noting Public Works and Environmental Services were granted full accreditation by the APWA for the third time through 2027, detail of what the accreditation formally verifies and recognizes, what the process is designed for, the APWA accreditation team evaluated both departments on 396 individual practices and identified two model practices that were considered the best in the country, and the benefits of receiving the accreditation.

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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Deputy Mayor Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the August 23, 2023, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Transportation Commission and received a presentation on the Urban Design Project Review Program. She concluded by stating that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on September 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include presentations on the tree code policy and the Safe Routes to School action plan.

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Deputy Mayor Walker announced that on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at approximately noon, the Hōkūle‘a will arrive in the Foss Waterway Seaport, noting the Hōkūle‘a is a traditional Polynesian voyaging canoe that is on a four year journey covering 43,000-nautical miles circumnavigating the Pacific Ocean, a celebration will be held at the Foss Waterway Seaport museum with various activities on Wednesday, canoe tours will be on Thursday, and more information can be found at hokulea.com. She concluded by reminding everyone that the Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting, and City Council study session and business meeting have been cancelled.

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**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to excuse Council Members Diaz and Ushka from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk