



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

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

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October 01, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Bushnell participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Margy McGroaty.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1019](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, March 27, 2024.
2. [24-1020](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, April 10, 2024.
3. [24-1021](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, April 24, 2024.
4. [24-1018](#) List of names regarding preserving and extending our tree canopy.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [24-1024](#) Proclaiming Friday, October 4, 2024, as Manufacturing Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Friday, October 4, 2024, as Manufacturing Day and presented the proclamation to Ray Hume, Lead Research and Design Engineer, Homeostasis; and Mike Runion, President and Co-owner, 7 Seas Brewing.

6. [24-1022](#) Proclaiming October 2024 as Filipino American History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2024 as Filipino American History Month and presented the proclamation to Maricres Castro, Vice Chair, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; and members of the Filipino-American community.

7. [24-1023](#) Proclaiming October 2024 as Tacoma Arts Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2024 as Tacoma Arts Month and presented the proclamation to Jasmine Brown, Vice Chair, Tacoma Arts Commission.

8. [24-1026](#) Proclaiming October 2024 as Walk and Roll to School Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2024 as Walk and Roll to School Month and presented the proclamation to attendees from Bryant Montessori and the Whitman Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:49 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comments for public comment, regarding Resolution No. 41531.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jesse Scott-Kandoll, speaking on Resolution No. 41531.
2. Marianna Hyke, speaking on Resolution No. 41531.
3. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 41531.

4. Laurie Arnold, speaking on Resolution No. 41531.

Public comment ended at 5:59 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41530](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Dobbs Heavy Duty Holdings LLC, in the amount of \$3,172,025, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for six compressed natural gas automated side-loader garbage trucks to collect solid waste, recycling, and/or yard waste, for a projected total of \$3,806,430 - Sourcewell Contracts 032824-PMC and 110223-LEG.
[Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41530.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41531](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 1436 E 31ST ST LLC, for the development of eight multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 1434-1436 East 31st Street in the Lower Portland Avenue Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Pat Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41531.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

11. [RES41532](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of agreements with the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, in the amount of \$870,000, budgeted from the Public Safety Fund, to purchase 2.27 acres to facilitate the future construction of a new Fire Station 7, to enhance emergency response capabilities.
[Justin E. Davis, Facilities Management Division Manager, Public Works; Sionna Stallings-Ala'ilima, Interim Fire Chief]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41532.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

12. [RES41533](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to support the Alchemy Skateboarding expansion project and youth access fund.
[Council Member Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41533.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

13. [RES41534](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,000, to sponsor the Tacoma Halloween Parade.
[Council Member Sadalge]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41534.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28979](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year franchise agreement to Unite Private Networks, L.L.C., to construct, operate, maintain, remove, replace, and repair fiber-optic communications facilities within public right-of-way areas.
[Jeff Lueders, Cable and Franchise Services Division Manager;
Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28979. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported that the September 3, 2024, meeting was cancelled; the September 17, 2024, meeting included a briefing on Tacoma Public Utilities' (TPU) cost of service analysis and rate design results; and the October 1, 2024, meeting included briefings on the proposed ordinance changes to deductions from the gross earning tax, and TPU preliminary budget and rates. He concluded that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include briefings on updates to the City's fee schedule, excise tax at Tacoma venues, and proposed amendments to Title 6 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recognize Interim Deputy City Manager Melanie Harding.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Scott

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels 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 Daniels.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1046](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, August 28, 2024.
2. [24-1047](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, August 28, 2024.
3. [24-1048](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, September 11, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. [24-1070](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 9, 2024.
5. [24-1072](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 16, 2024.
6. [24-1073](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 23, 2024.

PAYMENTS

7. [24-1055](#) Date Range - 09/09/2024 to 09/22/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,563,337.14; Payments in the amount of \$24,312,520.95;
for a total of \$46,875,858.09.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Scott

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. [24-1041](#) Proclaiming Monday, October 14, 2024, as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, October 14, 2024, as Indigenous Peoples' Day and presented the proclamation to Sylvia Miller, Tribal Council Vice Chair, Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

10. [24-1040](#) Proclaiming October 2024 as Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2024 as Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month and presented the proclamation to Shashank Chitnis and members of the Hindu community.

8. [24-1042](#) Proclaiming Saturday, October 12, 2024, as Green Tacoma Day and Saturday, October 26, 2024, as Arbor Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, October 12, 2024, as Green Tacoma Day, and Saturday, October 26, 2024, as Arbor Day and presented the proclamation to Michael Carey, Urban Forest Program Manager, and Lizzy Matteri, Restoration Ecologist, Environmental Services; Daniel Cuevas, Planting Director, Tacoma Tree Foundation; and Dana Coggon, Executive Director, Pierce Conservation District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:42 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. April Smith, speaking on Green Tacoma Day.
2. Michele Reich, speaking on Indigenous Peoples' Day.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 41535.

Public comment ended at 5:51 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41535](#) A resolution conferring honorary street names in the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' native Twulshootseed language for 28 public roadways, comprising 62 intersections, and resulting in approximately 174 honorary signs to be installed within the 1873 Survey Area of the Puyallup Reservation.
[Brennan Kidd, P.E. PTOE, Assistant Division Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41535.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Scott

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 6:15 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received seven written comments for community forum, regarding Home in Tacoma and permitting process.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. April Smith, regarding sidewalk conditions.
2. Theresa Evans, regarding street renaming.
3. Ovunayo X, regarding the South Tacoma warehouse project and police accountability.
4. Joseph Ostheller, regarding urban forestry.
5. Michele Reich, regarding global conflict.
6. Marianna Hyke, regarding labor standards.
7. Vassana Patterson, regarding labor standards.
8. Nick Jesch, regarding labor standards.
9. Darren Holter, regarding Tidy-Up Tacoma.
10. Sally Perkins, regarding homelessness.
11. Kit Burns, regarding permitting process and Home in Tacoma 2.
12. Anthony Steele, regarding police accountability.
13. Claire Thomas, regarding Palestine.
14. Krishna Agrawal, regarding ShotSpotter, Israel, and form of government.
15. Xanat Rome, regarding form of government, police accountability, and ShotSpotter.
16. Catelyn Henion, regarding ShotSpotter.
17. Aife, regarding ShotSpotter.
18. Talison Crosby, regarding Palestine.
19. Gemini, regarding Palestine and police accountability.
20. Holden, regarding Palestine and ShotSpotter.
21. Sean, regarding ShotSpotter.
22. Kathy Lawhon, regarding climate change.
23. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding Palestine.
24. Aric Gerspacher, regarding the South Tacoma warehouse project.

Community forum ended at 6:53 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

The report was postponed until next week.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Council Members Bushnell and Scott from the meeting

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge and Walker

Absent: 3 - Bushnell, Scott and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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October 15, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:01 p.m.

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.

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Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:01 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1062](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 13, 2023.
2. [24-1063](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 27, 2023.
3. [24-1064](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, December 6, 2023.
4. [24-1065](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, December 20, 2023.
5. [24-1075](#) 2025-2026 Proposed Biennial Operating and Capital Budget.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41536](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, October 29, and Tuesday, November 19, 2024, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the dates for the first and second public hearings by the City Council on the proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget, 2025-2026 Capital Budget, and the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

7. [RES41537](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 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 Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2025.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41536 and 41537.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41536 and 41537. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [24-1074](#) Proclaiming Thursday, October 17, 2024, as Community Conflict Resolution Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Thursday, October 17, 2024, as Community Conflict Resolution Day and presented the proclamation to Maralise Hood Quan, Executive Director, Center for Dialog & Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:09 p.m.

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

No speakers came forward to address the City Council.

Public comment ended at 5:10 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. [24-1017](#) A motion may be made to concur with the Tacoma Public Utilities Board's approval on October 9, 2024, to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of the claim of Herbert Padilla, III, TPU Claim No. L-010-24, related to an incident occurring on February 24, 2023, involving a Tacoma Power vehicle, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$54,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to concur with the Tacoma Public Utilities Board's approval on October 9, 2024, to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of the claim of Herbert Padilla, III, TPU Claim No. L-010-24, related to an incident occurring on February 24, 2023, involving a Tacoma Power vehicle, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$54,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

APPOINTMENTS

10. [RES41538](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41538.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41539](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$35,000, for a Pride-themed decorative crosswalk on Broadway in Downtown Tacoma.
[Council Member Diaz]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41539.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

MOTION: Council Member Diaz moved to amend Resolution No. 41539, by adding an additional section 4. under “be it resolved” as follows:

“4. That the City Council further desires to study the feasibility of a citywide program to install decorative crosswalks in other locations in the City including outreach to Tacoma’s diverse communities regarding themes, designs, and locations, and hereby refers initiation of that study to the City Council’s Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee.”

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

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

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

Nays: 1 - Scott

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

Council Member Rumbaugh, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported the September 26, 2024, meeting included an informational briefing on the competitive funding process recommendations for 2025 and 2026; and the October 10, 2024, meeting was cancelled. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 26, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include Municipal Code compliance review and revisions.

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Council Member Sadalge invited the community to attend Tacoma Fire's Open House for local district firehouses on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.; and the McKinley Hill Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Council Member Bushnell invited the community to attend the Hosmer Trick or Treat event on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Woodards stated the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board special meeting will begin following this meeting's adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor 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 Deputy Mayor Hines.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Dr. Maxine Mimms.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1097](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, May 22, 2024.
2. [24-1098](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, June 26, 2024.
3. [24-1066](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 17, 2024.
4. [24-1067](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 21, 2024.
5. [24-1068](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 6, 2024.
6. [24-1069](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 20, 2024.

7. [24-1100](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, September 25, 2024.
8. [24-1101](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special study session, September 30, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to suspend Rule 4A of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to add an additional Resolution, Resolution No. 41544, to tonight's agenda as Item 16A on the Regular Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

CONSENT AGENDA

9. [24-1122](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 30, 2024.
10. [24-1125](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 6, 2024.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41540](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$604,152.90, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for household hazardous waste transportation and management services, for an initial contract period of three years, with the option to renew two additional three-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,812,458.70 - Specification No. ES24-0118F.
[Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

- 12. [RES41541](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Foundation for Tacoma Students, in the amount of \$880,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General Fund, to develop and award a request for proposals, and administer grants with providers to deliver programmatic services aligned with the City’s Participatory Budgeting process in Council District 4, through December 31, 2028 - Direct Negotiation. [Liesl Santkuyl, Financial Services Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

- 13. [RES41542](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Washington State Health Care Authority, in the amount of \$1,000,000, and depositing said sum into the Human Rights and Human Services Fund, and awarding a contract to the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, in the amount of \$1,000,000, budgeted from the Human Rights and Human Services Fund, for a street medicine team pilot program, for an initial contract period through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods - Direct Negotiation. [Vicky McLaurin, Systems and Strategy Division Manager; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

PAYMENTS

- 14. [24-1119](#) Date Range - 09/23/2024 to 10/06/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,526,296.38; Payments in the amount of \$35,978,138.14; for a total of \$58,504,434.52.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41540 through 41542.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41540 through 41542. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 15. [24-1118](#) Recognizing David Fischer.

Mayor Woodards presented a recognition to David Fischer, Chief Executive Officer, Tacoma Arts Live.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:17 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41542.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 41542.

Public comment ended at 5:23 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES41543](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Morris and Willner Partners Inc., in the amount of \$1,500,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$3,450,000, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for professional services and temporary staffing, as needed - Specification No. IT19-0441F.
[Brian Tetreault, Business Services Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41543.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

- 16A. [RES41544](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Tacoma Fire Chief to develop a spending plan for the additional funds should the levy lid lift for fire services pass during the General Election on November 5, 2024.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41544.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

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Mayor Woodards announced the community forum schedule for the months of November and December has been modified due to conference travel, cancelled meetings, and holidays, noting the November 12, 2024, forum will be rescheduled to November 19, 2024; the November 26, 2024, forum will be rescheduled to December 3, 2024; and the December 10, 2024 forum will be rescheduled to December 17, 2024.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 5:28 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 53 written comments for community forum, regarding cats, homelessness, Home in Tacoma, and a ceasefire resolution.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Unknown, regarding homelessness.
2. James, regarding homelessness.
3. April Smith, regarding graffiti and Home in Tacoma.
4. Michele Reich, regarding Global Cat Day.
5. Samantha McLenachen, regarding psychedelics.
6. Herb Daniels, regarding psychedelics.
7. Toby Johnson, regarding homelessness.
8. Sally Perkins, regarding homeless encampment sweeps.
9. Scott Smith, regarding senior centers.
10. Sean Arent, regarding worker's rights.
11. Marshall Jett, regarding homelessness.
12. Darren Moore, regarding the climate crisis.
13. Barb Church, regarding the climate crisis and pollution.
14. Stacy Oaks, regarding the climate crisis, pollution, and homelessness.
15. Aife Pasquale, regarding homelessness.
16. Phil Harty, regarding the South Tacoma warehouse project and pollution.
17. Rat, regarding the climate crisis.
18. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding the climate crisis and homelessness.
19. Gemini, regarding pollution.
20. Amalie O'Connor, regarding homelessness and safety.
21. Kathy Lawhon, regarding public comment periods and pollution.

- 22. Eric Herde, regarding worker's rights and homelessness.
- 23. Kit Burns, regarding Home in Tacoma.
- 24. Ovunayo X, regarding City leadership.

Community forum ended at 6:11 p.m.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:11 p.m., and reconvened at 6:28 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

The report was postponed to the October 29, 2024, meeting.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to excuse Council Member Rumbaugh from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m..

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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

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October 29, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1142](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 11, 2023.
2. [24-1143](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 25, 2023.
3. [24-1144](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 3, 2024.
4. [24-1096](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, August 26, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES41545](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with DKS Associates, in the amount of \$299,824.25, plus applicable taxes, for the cumulative total of \$1,709,902.44, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, to perform additional traffic analysis and design on the Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvements Project - Specification No. PW22-0018F.
[Charla Kinlow, PMP, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

6. [RES41546](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Moss Adams LLP, in the amount of \$602,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,838,895, budgeted from various departmental funds, for 2024 and 2025 annual audit services - Contract No. CW2229570.
[Susan Calderon, Assistant Director/Controller; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41547](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$4,000,000, and depositing said sum into the Revolving Loan Fund, for Community Reinvestment Project loans and grants to stabilize, grow, and prevent displacement; and authorizing a subrecipient agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority.
[Dierdre Patterson, Business and Economic Development Analyst;
Pat Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28981](#) An ordinance vacating a 16-foot-wide alley lying south of vacated South 30th Street and north of South Tacoma Way and lying between South Wilkeson Street and vacated South Ash Street to address and eliminate existing building and industrial storage use encroachments.
(Bradken, Inc.; File No. 124.1453)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41545 through 41547, and first reading of Ordinance No. 28981.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28981.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41545 through 41547, and setting Ordinance No. 28981 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9. [24-1159](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, October 29, 2024, as Student Government Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, October 29, 2024, as Student Government Day and presented the proclamation to D'Angelo Baker, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office; and Nichol Everett, Secondary Social Studies Instructional Facilitator, and Megan Capes, Social Studies Teacher, Tacoma Public Schools.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:20 p.m., and reconvened at 5:28 p.m.

- 10. [24-1160](#) Proclaiming November 2024 as Native American Heritage Month.

The Native American Heritage Month proclamation was postponed to the November 5, 2024, meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:30 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for public comment, regarding Ordinance No. 28986.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Cathie Urwin, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
2. April Smith, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
3. Tom Giske, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
4. Laura Svancarek, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
5. Pamela Wrenn, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
6. Michele Reich, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
7. Kit Burns, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
8. Greg Duras, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
9. Gemini, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.

Public comment ended at 5:48 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41548](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Capital Industries Inc, in the amount of \$1,871,255, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for the purchase of front-load, rear-load, roll-off, metal containers, lids, and parts on an as-needed basis, for an initial contract period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$4,678,138 - Specification No. ES24-0168F.
[Lewis Griffith, Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41548.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

18. [24-1049](#) This is the date set for the first public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 5:50 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Baigeh Tucker.
2. Maricres Castro.
3. Matthew Wilson.
4. Kristopher Hampton.
5. Robb Krehbiel.
6. Esther Day.
7. Teresa Owens.
8. Allyson Hinzman.
9. Matt Frank.
10. Lori Ramsdell.
11. Ron Herrera.
12. Nancy Chapa.
13. Alex McNealley.
14. Brian Hanerly.
15. Claudia Ehreth.
16. Scott Smith.
17. Michele Reich.
18. Hayes Alexander.
19. Jon Grant.
20. Patrick McElligott.
21. Cheryl Tucker.
22. Christopher Perry.
23. Tom Danielson.
24. Kelly Moland.
25. Ryan Pregent.
26. Jacob Fehr.
27. Shannon Handley.
28. John Brown.
29. Dr. Janis Clark.
30. Candice Rude.

The public hearing ended at 6:49 p.m.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:52 p.m., and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

19. [24-1051](#)

This is the date set for the first public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2025-2026 Capital Budget and 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 7:15 p.m.

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

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The City Council meeting recessed at 7:19 p.m., and reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Larry Leveen.

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:22 p.m., and reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

- 2. Christopher James.
- 3. Laura Svancarek.
- 4. Sara Kiesler.
- 5. Carla Gramlich.
- 6. Michele Reich.
- 7. Dan Maize.
- 8. Jen Halverson-Kuehn.
- 9. Zebb Bruser.
- 10. Tina Johnson.

The public hearing ended at 7:39 p.m.

20. [24-1053](#)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2025. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 7:40 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Michele Reich.

The public hearing ended at 7:49 p.m.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 12. [ORD28982](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase in the Ad Valorem general property tax revenue collection in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general property tax levy in 2025.

[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28982 was set over for final reading on November 19, 2024.

- 13. [ORD28983](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Ad Valorem tax levies necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from property tax levies to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.

[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28983 was set over for final reading on November 19, 2024.

- 14. [ORD28984](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase for the Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and percentage for 2025.

[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28984 was set over for final reading on November 19, 2024.

- 15. [ORD28985](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Emergency Medical Services levy necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from the property tax levy to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.

[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28985 was set over for final reading on November 19, 2024.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 7:51 p.m., to conduct the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board special meeting and public hearing, and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

- 16. [ORD28986](#) An ordinance adopting the Home in Tacoma Phase 2 zoning and standards amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission, and amending various chapters in Titles 1, 2, 9, 10, 12, and 13 of the Municipal Code, to support additional housing choice, supply, and affordability in the City, and to comply with changes to state law.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

- 17. [24-1173](#) Multiple motions may be made to amend Ordinance No. 28986 regarding Home in Tacoma.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new (Tacoma Municipal Code) TMC 13.06.010.C “Zoning”, to change proposed zoning near North 49th Street and Waterview Street from current proposed Urban Residential 1 (UR-1) to Urban Residential 3 (UR-3) to align with density allowed in proximity to an existing mixed-use center. (Proposed Amendment No. 1)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.010.C “Zoning”, to change proposed zoning near South 49th Street and South Wilkeson Street from the current proposed Urban Residential 1 (UR-1) to Urban Residential 2 (UR-2) to be consistent with zoning surrounding Giaudrone Middle School. (Proposed Amendment No. 2)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to amend to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.010.C “Zoning”, to change proposed zoning near South 54th Street and South Alaska Street from the current proposed Urban Residential 1 (UR-1) to Urban Residential 2 (UR-2) to be consistent with zoning surrounding South 56th Street. (Proposed Amendment No. 3)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.010.C “Zoning”, to change proposed zoning near South 72nd Street and South Alaska Street from current proposed Urban Residential 1 (UR-1) to Urban Residential 3 (UR-3) to be consistent with UR-3 zoning near the existing commercial area. (Proposed Amendment No. 3a)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.020.F “Urban Residential Districts (UR-1, 2, and 3) Development Standards,” Subsection 1, to modify the language in the Urban Residential (UR) Zones development standards table to clarify that the expanded 8-foot side setback is only required for buildings that include units whose primary entrance faces that same side yard. (Proposed Amendment No. 4)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.04.093 “Unit Lot Subdivisions”, Subsection H.5., to modify the language in the Unit Lot Subdivision section to be more inclusive of other types of legal arrangements (beyond just Homeowners Associations) to allow for shared utility maintenance and costs with appropriate security and guarantee. (Proposed Amendment No. 5)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.090.C “Site Development Standards”, Subsection 3.j., to change the proposed Reduced Parking Area by removing the portion along the 6th Avenue corridor to require more parking while still aligning with State requirements. (Proposed Amendment No. 6a)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion failed.

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Sadalge and Scott

Nays: 5 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Scott moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.090.C “Site Development Standards”, Subsection 3.j, to change the proposed Reduced Parking Area by removing the portion along the South 19th Street corridor to require more parking while aligning with State requirements. (Proposed Amendment No. 6b)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion failed.

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Sadalge and Scott

Nays: 5 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by calling for a parking and access study, three years after adoption of Home in Tacoma, on the effects on parking and access in Reduced Parking Areas, with a focus on those areas where the State doesn't preclude the City from requiring parking.

(Proposed Amendment No. 6c)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Sadalge, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Nays: 3 - Diaz, Rumbaugh and Scott

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.090.F “Pedestrian and bicycle support standards”, Subsection 4.f, to modify the pedestrian walkway connection requirements as follows:

- **1 to 2 units: minimum 3-foot width**
- **3 or more units: minimum 4-foot width.**

(Proposed Amendment No. 7)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by removing those provisions relating to trees on non-development sites to be included in a separate tree preservation code applicable to all trees in the City, to remove all proposed Tree Preservation regulations which are intended to apply to property outside the land use permitting process and refer those proposed regulations to the Council’s Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee to immediately initiate a separate, broader policy discussion about expanding the City’s Urban Forestry Program and further implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan, including examination of:

- Tree preservation standards citywide (beyond just the UR zones),
- Appropriate City resources for tree planting and maintenance, and
- Regulatory and non-regulatory tools for tree preservation.

(Proposed Amendment No. 9)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.090.B “Landscaping Standards”, Subsections 3.g.(4) and 3.e.(2)(d), to modify and clarify that the City should use the Urban Forestry Fees (Tree Credit Fees and Canopy Loss Fees) to plant trees in the same Watershed as the project that generated the fees. (Proposed Amendment No. 10)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.05.010.B “Variances”, Subsection 2.d., to modify the language regarding the tree planting and retention requirements to adjust the minimum tree credit requirements (the “floor”) to 10 percent in all Urban Residential (UR) zones, while still requiring payment of required mitigation fees. (Proposed Amendment No. 11)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.05.010.b “Variances”, Subsection 2.d., and TMC 13.06.090.b “Landscaping Standards”, to remove the Variance requirement and associated criteria for reducing on-site tree credits and removing large trees, while:

- **Maintaining the proposed incentives for tree preservation, including the enhanced tree credits and flexibilities on development standards,**
- **Maintaining the Tree Credit Fee for projects that don’t meet on-site tree credit requirements, and**
- **Maintaining the Canopy Loss Fee for projects that remove large trees. (Proposed Amendment No. 12)**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Sadalge.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.090.b “Landscaping Standards”, to create an additional option for applicants to relocate or replace trees removed from a project site to available private or public property within the same Tacoma watershed area as the project. The receiving property could be private, including religious organizations, or public, including schools or parks. It would be the applicant’s responsibility to seek, identify and secure agreement from the owner of the receiving property. The transfer and responsibility for maintenance of the relocated or replaced tree will be documented in an agreement recorded on the receiving property conforming to City requirements. (Proposed Amendment No. 13)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.090.B “Landscaping Standards” to add additional protection for large trees 20 or more inches in diameter, and to bring any other reference in the tree code of trees over eighteen inches DBH to be brought into alignment with the 20-inch standard. The additional regulations specific to the removal of large trees would require the payment of the Canopy Loss Fee or require replanting an equivalent amount of tree canopy (“inch-for-inch”) – for example, removal of a 20-inch tree could require planting of 10-inches of new trees, which could be five 2-inch trees, and the canopy loss fee for 10 inches of tree removal. This is applicable to both development and non-development.

The new trees can be replanted on the property where the large tree removal occurred or be planted on a private property within the same Tacoma watershed area. If not on the property where the removal occurred the replanting could occur on private property, including, religious organizations, or public property, including schools or parks.

It would be the applicant’s responsibility to seek, identify and secure agreement from the owner of the receiving property. The planting and responsibility for maintenance of the relocated or replaced tree will be documented in an agreement recorded on the receiving property conforming to City requirements. (Proposed Amendment No. 14)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Council Member Rumbaugh withdrew the motion.

**MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by amending new TMC 13.06.020.F “Urban Residential Districts (UR-1, 2, and 3) Development Standards,” Subsection 1, to modify the language in the Urban Residential (UR) Zones development standards table to reduce the on-site tree credit requirements by 5 percent in each UR zone.
(Proposed Amendment No. 15)**

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to amend the Home in Tacoma ordinance by adding a new section to TMC Title 13 to provide incentives for the development of housing units that will be sold to individual owners upon completion rather than rented. In exchange for a binding covenant that completed housing unit or units would be sold individually to homeowners, the following incentives would be available. The incentives would also apply to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) if the owner lives within the same lot or parcel as the ADU, and to townhouses, condominiums, community land trusts, and other non-profit ownership models.

- No alley access would be required if the alley is not currently developed.**
- The on-site tree credit requirements would be reduced to the minimum “floor” level without requiring a Tree Credit Fee.**
- Any otherwise due Canopy Loss Fees for removed trees would be waived.**
- The rear yard height limit in the UR-1 and UR-2 districts to would be raised to 35- feet (from the current 25 feet).**

(Proposed Amendment No. 8)

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Council Member Sadalge withdrew the motion.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to incorporate all of the approved amendments into a substitute ordinance, and to direct the City Manager to bring forward the substitute ordinance to be considered at the November 19, 2024, City Council meeting. Public comment on the substitute ordinance will be taken at that meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

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ACTION: Ordinance No. 28986, as a substitute, was set over for final reading on November 19, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

The report was postponed.

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

The report was postponed.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to suspend Rule 9C of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to reschedule community forums from the meetings of:

- **Tuesday, November 12 to Tuesday, November 19;**
- **Tuesday, November 26 to Tuesday, December 3; and**
- **Tuesday, December 10 to Tuesday, December 17, 2024.**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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November 05, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Scott 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 Scott.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1145](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, January 11, 2024.
2. [24-1146](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, January 25, 2024.
3. [24-1175](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 8, 2024.
4. [24-1176](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 22, 2024.
5. [24-1177](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, March 14, 2024.
6. [24-1178](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee special meeting, March 28, 2024.
7. [24-1179](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, April 11, 2024.

8. [24-1180](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, April 25, 2024.
9. [24-1171](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, July 18, 2024.
10. [24-1201](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 10, 2024.
11. [24-1168](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 9, 2024.
12. [24-1169](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 9, 2024.
13. [24-1202](#) 2025-2026 Tacoma Public Utilities Preliminary Biennium Budget.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

14. [24-1174](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 13, 2024.

PAYMENTS

15. [24-1182](#) Date Range - 10/07/2024 to 10/20/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,639,902.04; Payments in the amount of \$22,968,409.52; for a total of \$45,608,311.56.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. [24-1181](#) Proclaiming Monday, November 11, 2024, as Veterans Appreciation Day.

Council Member Walker proclaimed Monday, November 11, 2024, as Veterans Appreciation Day and presented the proclamation to all the veterans in attendance.

17. [24-1170](#) Proclaiming November 9-16, 2024, as Stormwater Awareness Week.

Council Member Scott proclaimed November 9-16, 2024, as Stormwater Awareness Week and presented the proclamation to Jason Berg, Washington Stormwater Center, and Dana DeLeon, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services.

18. [24-1160](#) Proclaiming November 2024 as Native American Heritage Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed November 2024 as Native American Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to Olivia Mathison, Principal Associate Civil Engineer, Environmental Services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:20 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. April Smith, speaking on Stormwater Awareness Week.
2. Michele Reich, speaking on Veterans Appreciation Day and Native American Heritage Month.
3. Larry Norman, speaking on Stormwater Awareness Week.
4. Jessica Johnston, speaking on Native American Heritage Month and Ordinance Nos. 28990 and 28991.
5. Nancy, speaking on Native American Heritage Month and Resolution No. 41554.

Public comment ended at 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

19. [RES41549](#) A resolution appointing and reassigning individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma's Leadership Team.
[Anna Le, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41549.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

20. [RES41550](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41550.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

21. [RES41551](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Power Unit, regarding the classifications of Telecommunications Engineer and Senior Telecommunications Engineer.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41551.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

22. [RES41552](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee, regarding the continuation of health and welfare benefits for 2025.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41552.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

23. [RES41553](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., Commissioned Unit, regarding the continuation of health and welfare benefits for 2025.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41553.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

24. [RES41554](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., Community Service Officer Unit, regarding the continuation of health and welfare benefits for 2025.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41554.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

25. [RES41555](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, to support an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy.
[Deputy Mayor Hines]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41555.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

26. [ORD28987](#) 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 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical and Power Units; and the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28987 was set over for final reading next week.

27. [ORD28988](#) An ordinance authorizing Tacoma Rail to update the Rail Rate Policy to include a ceiling on the working cash balance.
[Dan McCabe, Rail Chief Information and Financial Officer;
Alan Matheson, Rail Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28988 was set over for final reading next week.

28. [ORD28989](#) An ordinance authorizing the reissuance of Tacoma Municipal Belt Line (TMBL) 8807 series freight switching tariff and TMBL 6004 series demurrage tariffs, effective January 1, 2025, and a switching tariff supplement, effective January 1, 2026. [Dan McCabe, Rail Chief Information and Financial Officer; Alan Matheson, Rail Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28989 was set over for final reading next week.

29. [ORD28990](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.40 of the Municipal Code, relating to Alarm Devices, by amending various sections, and by adding a new Section 6B.40.115, entitled “Administrative review by Director of false alarm fee - appeal”, and a new Section 6B.40.140, entitled “Requirement to maintain industry standard information current for alarm users”; to increase the false alarm service fee, add an option to not respond to alarm calls from locations that trigger excessive false alarms, and enhance requirements for alarm companies to confirm valid alarm calls prior to requesting police response, effective January 1, 2025. [Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28990 was set over for final reading next week.

30. [ORD28991](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Business and Occupation Tax, by amending various sections to repeal the preferential tax rate and related deduction for International Investment Management Services, remove outdated language, and update the definition of “farmers”, effective January 1, 2025. [Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28991 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

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Daniels, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported the September 24, 2024, meeting included review of the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan; the October 8, 2024, meeting was cancelled; the October 22, 2024, meeting included presentations of accomplishments, challenges, and priorities from staff liaisons and leadership of various commissions, boards, and committees; and the October 29, 2024, meeting included an overview of the 2023-2024 Tacoma Creates Annual Report. She concluded by stating the next meeting is a special meeting and will be held in a hybrid format on November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., and will include interviews for the Tacoma Arts Commission.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported the October 15, 2024, meeting included a briefings on the Tacoma Dome excise tax proposal, 2025-2026 fee schedules, and proposed revisions to Tacoma Municipal Code Subtitles 6A and 6B; and the November 5, 2024, meeting included interviews for the Audit Advisory Board and Board of Ethics, and briefings on a telecommunications agreement and the Multi-Family Tax Exemption program. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on November 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include the Audit Advisory Board quarterly meeting, updates on cybersecurity, and a briefing on commercial rates for "Call-2-Haul".

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Council Member Bushnell commented on the anniversary of the United States Marines.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that today is General Election Day; the City Council will hold a special meeting on Friday, November 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., to discuss the proposed biennial capital and operating budgets and potential amendments; the study session on November 12, 2024, has been cancelled, and the regular 5:00 p.m. business meeting will still be held; and community forums for the remainder of the calendar year have been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 19, Tuesday, December 3, and Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

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

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

November 12, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Hines

Council Members Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker, and Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Council Member Scott moved to continue final reading of Ordinance No. 28991 to the meeting of December 3, 2024, at the request of staff.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Hines

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:09 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for public comment, regarding Ordinance No. 28990.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Ordinance No. 28990.

Public comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

1. [ORD28987](#) 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 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical and Power Units; and the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28987. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Hines

2. [ORD28988](#) An ordinance authorizing Tacoma Rail to update the Rail Rate Policy to include a ceiling on the working cash balance.
[Dan McCabe, Rail Chief Information and Financial Officer;
Alan Matheson, Rail Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28988. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Hines

3. [ORD28989](#) An ordinance authorizing the reissuance of Tacoma Municipal Belt Line (TMBL) 8807 series freight switching tariff and TMBL 6004 series demurrage tariffs, effective January 1, 2025, and a switching tariff supplement, effective January 1, 2026.
[Dan McCabe, Rail Chief Information and Financial Officer;
Alan Matheson, Rail Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28989. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Hines

4. [ORD28990](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.40 of the Municipal Code, relating to Alarm Devices, by amending various sections, and by adding a new Section 6B.40.115, entitled “Administrative review by Director of false alarm fee - appeal”, and a new Section 6B.40.140, entitled “Requirement to maintain industry standard information current for alarm users”; to increase the false alarm service fee, add an option to not respond to alarm calls from locations that trigger excessive false alarms, and enhance requirements for alarm companies to confirm valid alarm calls prior to requesting police response, effective January 1, 2025.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28990. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Hines

- 5. [ORD28991](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Business and Occupation Tax, by amending various sections to repeal the preferential tax rate and related deduction for International Investment Management Services, remove outdated language, and update the definition of “farmers”, effective January 1, 2025.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28991 was continued to the meeting of December 3, 2024, earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no committee reports given.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Council Member Daniels and Deputy Mayor Hines from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Hines

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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November 19, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Diaz participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Bushnell 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 Bushnell.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1213](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, May 7, 2024.
2. [24-1214](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee and Audit Advisory Board joint meeting, May 21, 2024.
3. [24-1215](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, June 4, 2024.
4. [24-1231](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, November 8, 2023.
5. [24-1232](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, December 13, 2023.
6. [24-1206](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, September 9, 2024.

7. [24-1240](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, October 7, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41556](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 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 amendments to Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to permitting levels of service and public notice.
[Shirley Schultz, Interim Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

PAYMENTS

9. [24-1243](#) Date Range - 10/21/2024 to 11/03/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,423,819.34; Payments in the amount of \$28,410,070.99; for a total of \$50,833,890.33.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41556.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41556. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [24-1230](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, November 20, 2024, as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Wednesday, November 20, 2024, as Transgender Day of Remembrance and presented the proclamation to Oliver Webb, Chair and Community Advocate, Diversity Alliance of the Puget Sound Board.

11. [24-1250](#) Proclaiming Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday and presented the proclamation to Jan Parker, owner, Jan Parker Cookery, and Luciano Garofalo, Partner, Link Community Clinic.

12. [24-1241](#) Proclaiming November 17-23, 2024, as National Apprenticeship Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed November 17-23, 2024, as National Apprenticeship Week and presented the proclamation to Jared Ross, Executive Secretary, Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council; and Deborah Trevorrow, LEAP and Workforce Programs Analyst, Community and Economic Development.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:31 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for public comment, regarding Ordinance No. 28986.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Gemini, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
2. Cathie Urwin, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
3. Robb Krehbiel, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
4. April Smith, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 28986, 28993, 28997, 28998, and 28999.
5. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
6. Fletcher, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
7. David Fisher, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
8. Zipporah, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986 and Transgender Remembrance Day.
9. Talison Crosby, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
10. James Hildago, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
11. Anonymous, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
12. Tom Giske, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
13. Michele Reich, speaking on Transgender Remembrance Day
14. Courtney Davis, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
15. Sharon Freeman, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
16. David Shroedel, speaking on Resolution No. 41560.
17. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolution No. 41560 and Ordinance No. 28986.
18. Kit Burns, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.
19. Chris Karnes, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.

20. Alton McDonald, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.

21. Gomer Roseman, speaking on Ordinance No. 28986.

Public comment ended at 6:12 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41557](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Northwest Industrial Staffing, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$2,980,000, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome and Convention Center Operations funds, for on-call temporary personnel services, through January 31, 2025 - Specification No. PT18-0420F.
[Josh Kropf, Assistant Director; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41557.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES41558](#) A resolution approving changes to the Tacoma Power Electric Rate and Financial Policy.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41558.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

- 15. [RES41559](#) A resolution approving changes to the Water Rate and Financial Policy.
[Jodi Collins, Water Financial Stewardship Manager; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41559.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

- 16. [RES41560](#) A resolution adopting the priority issues for the 2025 session of the Washington State Legislature.
[Sonja Hallum, Interim Deputy City Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41560.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

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Mayor Woodards stated that first reading of ordinances (items 22 through 30) would take place before second reading of ordinances (items 17 through 21).

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 22. [ORD28992](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to the Port of Tacoma to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system in City right-of-way areas.
[Jeff Lueders, Cable and Franchise Services Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28992 was set over for final reading on December 10, 2024.

23. [ORD28993](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective April 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28993 was set over for final reading on December 3, 2024.

24. [ORD28994](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.06.374, entitled “Electric Vehicle Public Charging Provided by Tacoma Power - Schedule EVPC”, by updating the tariff on electric vehicle public charging fees, effective January 1, 2025.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28994 was set over for final reading on December 3, 2024.

25. [ORD28995](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges and Electrical Code, to update language regarding fees for inspection, permit, disconnection, and reconnection, effective April 1, 2025.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager, Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28995 was set over for final reading on December 3, 2024.

26. [ORD28996](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.06.373, entitled “Electrofuel service pilot - Schedule EF”, to reflect the costs of serving large new customers, effective January 1, 2025.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28996 was set over for final reading on December 3, 2024.

27. [ORD28997](#) An ordinance amending the Official Schedule of Stormwater and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.
[Geoffrey M. Smyth P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28997 was set over for final reading on December 3, 2024.

28. [ORD28998](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, to adjust rates and charges, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28998 was set over for final reading on December 3, 2024.

29. [ORD28999](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.
[Jodi Collins, Financial Stewardship Manager; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28999 was set over for final reading on December 3, 2024.

30. [ORD29000](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, related to Water - Regulations and Rates, for water service construction charge adjustments, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.
[Jodi Collins, Financial Stewardship Manager; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29000 was set over for final reading on December 3, 2024.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28982](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase in the Ad Valorem general property tax revenue collection in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general property tax levy in 2025.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28982.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

18. [ORD28983](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Ad Valorem tax levies necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from property tax levies to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28983.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

19. [ORD28984](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase for the Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and percentage for 2025.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28984.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

20. [ORD28985](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Emergency Medical Services levy necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from the property tax levy to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28985.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

21. [ORD28986](#) An ordinance adopting the Home in Tacoma Phase 2 zoning and standards amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission, and amending various chapters in Titles 1, 2, 9, 10, 12, and 13 of the Municipal Code, to support additional housing choice, supply, and affordability in the City, and to comply with changes to state law.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

This item was considered later in the meeting.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance Nos. 28992 through 29000 were considered earlier in the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

31. [24-1050](#) This is the date set for the second public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 7:03 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received seven written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Chris Perry.
2. Dr. Janis Clark.
3. Nancy Chapa.
4. Lori Ramsdell.
5. Sally Perkins.
6. Laura Morris.
7. Nathan Carlson.
8. James Hidalgo.
9. Michael Whalen.

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:21 p.m., and reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

10. Nora Bruce.
11. Megan Mason.
12. Sonja Pitts.
13. Claudia Ehreth.
14. Allyson Hinzman.
15. Matt Frank.
16. Patrick McElligott.
17. Kris Hampton.
18. Josh Haia.
19. Carson Diaz.
20. Michael Crider.
21. Kate Van Denbrandt.
22. Daniela Ayala.
23. Ryan Walling.
24. Jonquon.
25. Brian Winn.
26. Marilyn Kimmerling.
27. Gloria B.
28. Anonymous.
29. Tim Villa.

30. Francesca Mendoza.
31. Peter Roderic.
32. Talison Crosby.
33. Scott Lelli.
34. Donna Ponepinto.
35. Taylor Hintsala.
36. Ian Mueller.
37. Jeffrey Wurts.
38. Bill Jones.
39. Steve Collins.
40. Janell Murry.
41. Natalie Stice.
42. Ron Herrera.
43. Paris Nichols.
44. Brian Hamerly.
45. Taylor Konkright.
46. Cody Shea.
47. Ben Baker.
48. Bryan Leigh.
49. Devin Rydel Kelly.
50. Zev Cook.
51. Janet VanFleet.
52. Jonathan Pottle.
53. Candice Ruud.
54. Levi Loved.
55. Todd Iverson.
56. Bruce Dougherty.
57. Alton McDonald.
58. Chris Shoul.
59. Alexa Kemmerling.

The City Council meeting recessed at 9:17 p.m., and reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

60. Val Swanson.
61. Aydee Casado.
62. Gemini.
63. Kathy Harris.
64. Abigail Odell.
65. Lisa Petersen.
66. Vanessa Moffatt.
67. Michele Reich.
68. Zipporah.

The public hearing ended at 9:31 p.m.

32. [24-1052](#) This is the date set for the second public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2025-2026 Capital Budget and 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 10:00 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Eva Bowen.

The public hearing ended at 10:03 p.m.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

21. [ORD28986](#) An ordinance adopting the Home in Tacoma Phase 2 zoning and standards amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission, and amending various chapters in Titles 1, 2, 9, 10, 12, and 13 of the Municipal Code, to support additional housing choice, supply, and affordability in the City, and to comply with changes to state law.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28986.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 28986 by amending Exhibit A and new Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Section 13.06.010.C, "Zoning", to change proposed zoning near East 48th Street and East Portland Avenue from current proposed Urban Residential 1 (UR-1) to Urban Residential 3 (UR-3).

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28986 by amending new TMC 13.06.090.B "Landscaping Standards", by adding a the following language under new TMC Subsection 13.06.090.B.3.e.(3)(f) - Special Protections for Very Large Trees:

"Within Urban Residential (UR) Districts, existing trees that are 24" DBH or larger shall not be removed unless preserving the tree(s) would, despite exploring reasonable site layout alternatives, significantly limit the reasonable development of the site, as follows:

- Avoiding development in the critical root zone or drip line, or otherwise approved tree protection area, would result in a portion of a dwelling unit being less than 15 feet in width; or**
- Tree removal is needed for the construction or installation of necessary pedestrian access, utilities, retaining walls, or other similar improvements associated with development."**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28986 by adding a new subsection TMC 13.06.020.F.4, "Incentives for Ownership Opportunitites", to read as follows:

"Flexibilities to certain development standards is provided in order to incentivize developments that create new homeownership opportunities to owner-occupant households earning no more that 150 percent of the Pierce County family median income for at least the first 5-years from certification of occupancy. To ensure compliance, a binding title restriction conforming to City requirements shall be recorded on the property.

a. Incentives. The following development standards are modified as provided herein for qualifying homeownership projects:

- (1) The rear yard height limit in the UR-1 and UR-2 districts is raised to 35-feet,
- (2) No alley access is required if the alley is not currently developed,
- (3) The on-site tree credit requirement is reduced to the minimum "floor" level without requiring Tree Credit Fees or Canopy Loss Fees."

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to amend Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28986 by adding a new subsection TMC 13.06.020.F.5, "Incentives for Accessory Dwelling Units", to read as follows:

"Flexibilities to certain development standards is provided to current owner-occupant households earning no more than 150 percent of the Pierce County family median income. Incentives would be available when adding up to 2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their own property and adding a binding title restriction that one of the units will be owner occupied for at least the first 5-years from certification of occupancy.

a. Incentives. The following development standards are modified as provided herein for qualifying homeownership projects:

- (1) The rear yard height limit in the UR-1 and UR-2 districts is raised to 35-feet,**
- (2) No alley access is required if the alley is not currently developed,**
- (3) The on-site tree credit requirement is reduced to the minimum "floor" level without requiring Tree Credit Fees or Canopy Loss Fees."**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28986. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 10:47 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 1,806 written comments for community forum, regarding a ceasefire resolution, homelessness budget, Greater Tacoma Convention Center 20th Anniversary, Veteran's Day "Freedom Ball" Celebration, Business Safety and Resilience Program, garbage clean up, Native American Heritage Month, and gross earnings tax exemption.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Debra Johnson, regarding affordable housing.
2. Dr. Janis Clark, regarding Veterans Day.
3. Sally Perkins, regarding homelessness.
4. Dez Chalpont, regarding psychedelics.
5. Lukas Barfield, regarding psychedelics.
6. Michele Reich, regarding Native American Heritage Month.
7. John Staub, regarding ShotSpotter.
8. Alton McDonald, regarding police accountability.
9. Zipporah, regarding Climate Commission, budget shortfalls, and senior centers.
10. Barb Church, regarding ShotSpotter.
11. Gemini, regarding the tree protection amendments, Climate Commission, and ShotSpotter.
12. Talison Crosby, regarding public and democratic process and Climate Commission.
13. Oneida Arnold, regarding ShotSpotter and government accountability.
14. Aife, regarding democracy.
15. April Smith, regarding disability awareness.
16. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding public safety and ShotSpotter.
17. Gloria B, regarding ShotSpotter and Climate Commission.

Community forum ended at 11:20 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

The report was moved to the December 3, 2024, meeting.

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Mayor Woodards reminded that community forums have been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 17, 2024; and the following meetings have been cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday: the Economic Development Committee, Study Session, and business meetings of Tuesday, November 26, 2024; the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting of Wednesday, November 27, 2024; and the Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting of Thursday, November 28, 2024. She concluded by stating there will be a special City Council meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., regarding the biennial budget amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192

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November 20, 2024

9:00 AM

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 10:35 a.m.

Council Member Diaz participated virtually.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PENDING LITIGATION

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Daniels

The City Council convened to executive session at 9:25 a.m.

The executive session was extended by 15 minutes at 9:54 a.m.

The executive session concluded, and the City Council special meeting reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

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The City Council special meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 10:38 a.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. David Schroedel, speaking on the Biennial Budget.
- 2. Patrick McElligott, speaking on the Biennial Budget.
- 3. Cheri, speaking on the Biennial Budget.
- 4. Sally Perkins, speaking on the Biennial Budget.
- 5. Timothy Villa, speaking on the Biennial Budget.
- 6. Matt Frank, speaking on the Biennial Budget.

Public comment ended at 10:49 a.m.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- 1. [24-1247](#) 2025-2026 Biennial Budget Public Hearings Debrief

At approximately 10:50 a.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli made opening remarks on the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget. Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Finance, presented a debrief on the public hearings held October 29 and November 19, 2024, including outreach, noting community and business surveys; and key topics from community meetings and public hearings.

- 2. [24-1249](#) 2025-2026 Biennial Budget Discussion

At approximately 10:55 a.m., City Manager Pauli introduced discussion of the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, including a reminder of the structural gap projections for 2026 and 2027-2028; risks in the 2025-2026 proposed budget; a summary of proposed amendment funding sources; and a high-level summary of funding issues, noting identifying reductions to help fund proposed adjustments.

Discussion ensued regarding Council funding, appreciation for staff, structural debt, and capital facility repair and replacement.

- 3. [24-1245](#) Council Budget Amendments for Consideration - the City Council may consider and vote on motions related to modifications and provisos to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office

At approximately 11:11 a.m., Mayor Woodards introduced consideration of Council Members’ proposed budget amendments, including a review of the process.

MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$50,000 for the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign from the 2025-2026 Council Contingency budget.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

Discussion ensued regarding the Grand Cinema capital campaign, mission, and timeline; Council Contingency Fund function, impacts, and available funds; capital funding requests; and the process for today’s discussion, motions, and directing the City Manager to bring forward a budget modification at the first reading of the ordinances on December 3, 2024.

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The City Council special meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m., and reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Mayor Woodards withdrew her motion.

Discussion continued about revising the special meeting process to allow Council Members to present each of their proposed amendments, and make motions and take action later in the special meeting.

Mayor Woodards presented proposed amendments to support the Summer Late Nights Program, and to provide funding for the Downtown Tacoma Partnership Retail Advocate position in 2025.

Council Member Walker presented proposed amendments to support Vision Zero projects, and the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum Esplanade project.

Council Member Sadalge presented a proposed amendment to add the McKinley Hill Streetscape design project to the Capital Facilities Program.

Council Member Rumbaugh presented a proposed amendment to support the Seaport Museum commercial pump project.

Council Member Walker presented a proposed amendment in support of the Oasis Youth Center.

Council Member Scott presented proposed amendments regarding support for traffic box wraps with public art, and to support the Rebuilding Hope Sexual Assault Center capital funding request.

Council Member Daniels presented a proposed amendment for a new business safety and resilience program.

Council Member Bushnell presented a proposed amendment to reduce Council Contingency Funds by \$150,000.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding supporting community programs, downtown businesses, and prioritizing needs; funding sources, noting support from other agencies and organizations, and how funds will be identified; funding restrictions; methods to reallocate funding from the Council Fund; existing fund allocation; criteria; potential impacts on full-time-equivalent staff positions; and next steps.

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The special meeting recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Hines presented a proposed amendment to retain 16 rover positions in the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD), noting funding sources, structural deficits, and overtime costs.

Discussion continued regarding the proposed TFD budget amendment.

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The special meeting recessed at 2:36 p.m., and reconvened at 3:03 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding next steps for the special meeting, bringing the proposed TFD budget amendment back for discussion at a future meeting, and additional discussion at the study session on December 3, 2025.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$8,000 from contractual savings in the General Fund and \$10,000 from Council Contingency Funds for 2023-2024 or 2025-2026 as necessary for the Oasis Youth Center, together with a reduction

of up to \$8,000 from contractual savings in the General Fund and \$10,000 from Council Contingency Funds for 2023-2024 or 2025-2026 as necessary allocated in the 2025-2026 preliminary budget to the General Fund.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$50,000 for the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign from the 2025-2026 Council Contingency budget.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hines.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$150,000 from the General Fund for the Summer Late Nights Program together with a reduction of \$150,000 allocated in the 2025-2026 preliminary budget to the Building Resilience Against Youth Violence and Exploitation (BRAYVE) program.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$42,500 for the Downtown Tacoma Partnership Retail Advocate Position from unspent funds from the 2023-2024 Council Contingency budget.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

MOTION: Council Member Scott moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$25,000 from the Tidy-Up Tacoma fund for additional anti-graffiti public art together with a reduction of \$25,000 allocated in the 2025-2026 preliminary budget to the private graffiti abatement program.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Diaz

MOTION: Council Member Scott moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and a proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$25,000 from Council Contingency funds for 2025-2026 in support of Rebuilding Hope's [Sexual Assault Center] facility.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to direct the City Manager to add an appropriation for up to \$50,000 for the Foss Waterway Seaport from the [Urban Development Action Grant] UDAG 1195 Fund to provide a loan that encompasses funding for the Commercial Pump Out.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$1,000,000 of the Real Estate Excise Tax 3210 grant match fund to support Vision Zero projects.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$36,000 from [the] Real Estate Excise Tax 3210 fund for Foss Waterway Seaport Museum Esplanade project together with a reduction of \$36,000 allocated in the 2025-2026 preliminary budget to the unfit/unsafe sidewalk program.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a proviso to the 2025-2026 Capital Facilities Program on file with the Budget Office to add the McKinley Hill Street Scape design to the Capital Facilities Program.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating up to \$250,000 from the General Fund for the business safety and resilience program with a reduction of up to \$250,000 allocated in the 2025-2026 preliminary budget to the Community and Economic Development Department. This reduction will be supported by shifting up to \$250,000 in administrative costs to a State Grant that was received after the proposed budget.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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December 03, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels 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 Daniels.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1266](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 24, 2024.
2. [24-1246](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 23, 2024.
3. [24-1248](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 23, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to continue Ordinance No. 28997 to the meeting of December 17, 2024, at the request of staff.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

CONSENT AGENDA

4. [24-1296](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, February 20, 2024.
5. [24-1298](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 27, 2024.
6. [24-1299](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 5, 2024.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41561](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Republic Parking Northwest, LLC, d.b.a. Reef Parking, in the amount of \$256,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,873,360, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome Fund, for professional parking services for the Tacoma Dome, through June 30, 2025 - Specification No. PF16-0327F.
[John McClees, Assistant Director; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

PAYMENTS

8. [24-1297](#) Date Range - 11/04/2024 to 11/17/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,560,376.16; Payments in the amount of \$29,656,216.54; for a total of \$52,216,592.70.

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41562](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 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 declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000.
[Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28981](#) An ordinance vacating a 16-foot-wide alley lying south of vacated South 30th Street and north of South Tacoma Way and lying between South Wilkeson Street and vacated South Ash Street to address and eliminate existing building and industrial storage use encroachments.
(Bradken, Inc.; File No. 124.1453)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41561 and 41562 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28981.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41561 and 41562 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28981. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:06 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received four written comments for public comment, regarding Ordinance Nos. 29002, 28998, and 29001.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Paul Quinn, speaking on Ordinance No. 28998.
2. Annette Agee, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
3. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
4. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41565 and 41568 and Ordinance Nos. 28991, 28993, 28994, 28995, 28996, and 29001.
5. Laurie Arnold, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
6. Jami, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
7. Theresa Evans, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 28991 and 29002.
8. Jonathan Pottle, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
9. Lori Ramsdell, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
10. Sonja Pitts, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
11. Nathan Blackmer, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
12. Dr. Janis Clark, speaking on Resolution No. 41568 and Ordinance No. 29002.
13. Michael Whalen, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
14. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Resolution No. 41568 and Ordinance No. 29002.
15. Bruce Dougherty, speaking on Resolution No. 41568.

Public comment ended at 5:38 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

11. [RES41563](#) A resolution appointing Darlene Leevey to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41563.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge and Walker

Absent: 2 - Scott and Mayor Woodards

12. [RES41564](#) A resolution reappointing Colleen Barta and Dean Burke to the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41564.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41565](#) A resolution authorizing transfer of a telecommunications system from Unite Private Networks, LLC to Ziplly Fiber Pacific LLC d.b.a. Ziplly Fiber, to construct, operate, and maintain subject to the provisions of the existing telecommunications franchise, Municipal Code, and Charter.
[Jeff Lueders, Cable and Franchise Services Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41565.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

14. [RES41566](#) A resolution approving the General Government Fee Schedule for special and miscellaneous services, to include charges to the public for various departmental services.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41566.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

15. [RES41567](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,000, to sponsor the Hilltop holiday event.
[Council Member Scott]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41567.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

16. [RES41568](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$30,000, to support the transition of Tacoma’s senior services from Lighthouse and Beacon Activity Centers to Metro Parks Tacoma facilities.
[Council Member Sadalge]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41568.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28991](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Business and Occupation Tax, by amending various sections to repeal the preferential tax rate and related deduction for International Investment Management Services, remove outdated language, and update the definition of “farmers”, effective January 1, 2025.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to consider as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28991.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott and Walker
Absent: 2 - Daniels and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28991. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott and Walker
Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

18. [ORD28993](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective April 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28993. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott and Walker
Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

19. [ORD28994](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.06.374, entitled “Electric Vehicle Public Charging Provided by Tacoma Power - Schedule EVPC”, by updating the tariff on electric vehicle public charging fees, effective January 1, 2025.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28994.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

20. [ORD28995](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges and Electrical Code, to update language regarding fees for inspection, permit, disconnection, and reconnection, effective April 1, 2025.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager, Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28995.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

21. [ORD28996](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.06.373, entitled “Electrofuel service pilot - Schedule EF”, to reflect the costs of serving large new customers, effective January 1, 2025.
[Ying Hall, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28996.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

22. [ORD28997](#) An ordinance amending the Official Schedule of Stormwater and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.
[Geoffrey M. Smyth P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

Ordinance No. 28997 was continued to the December 17, 2024, meeting, earlier in the meeting.

23. [ORD28998](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, to adjust rates and charges, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]
- ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28998.**
The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:
Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott and Walker
Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards
24. [ORD28999](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.
[Jodi Collins, Financial Stewardship Manager; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]
- ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28999.**
The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:
Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott and Walker
Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards
25. [ORD29000](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, related to Water - Regulations and Rates, for water service construction charge adjustments, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.
[Jodi Collins, Financial Stewardship Manager; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]
- ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29000.**
The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:
Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott and Walker
Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

26. [ORD29001](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented and nonrepresented employees, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29001 was set over for final reading next week.

27. [ORD29002](#) An ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Council Member Scott moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification to the 2025-2026 budget ordinance to reduce revenues by the \$8,900,000 reliance on cash and make corresponding reductions totaling \$8,900,000 in expenses and a proviso that directs that \$5,600,000 of the expense reduction is allocated to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget for personnel and offset by the removal of a \$1,400,000 vacancy assumption. The allocation of the remaining reductions is to be determined by the City Manager following discussions with the City Council beginning in January 2025, and to explore revenue options and strategies.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Daniels, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Nays: 3 - Diaz, Hines and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$4,200,000 from the General Fund for the Fire Department together with reduction of \$5,600,000 allocated in the 2025-2026 preliminary budget for personnel and offset by the removal of a \$1,400,000 vacancy assumption.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m., and reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

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ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and failed. The motion failed.

Ayes: 3 - Diaz, Hines and Rumbaugh

Nays: 5 - Bushnell, Daniels, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

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The City Council meeting recessed at 7:13 p.m., and reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

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ACTION: Ordinance No. 29001 was set over for final reading next week.

- 28. [ORD29003](#) An ordinance adopting the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program of the Comprehensive Plan, and adopting the 2025-2026 Capital Budget. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29003 was set over for final reading next week.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. in order to convene the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board special meeting, and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

- 29. [24-1211](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to permitting levels of service and public notice. [Shirley Schultz, Interim Land Use Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 8:03 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Lindsay Wills.

The public hearing ended at 8:11 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 8:12 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received eight written comments for community forum, regarding the Tacoma Municipal Code, Climate Commission, and ceasefire resolution.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Joseph Ostheller, regarding community wellbeing.
2. Jami, regarding the budget, Climate Commission, and ShotSpotter.
3. Anonymous, regarding homelessness.
4. Theresa Evans, regarding unknown.
5. Kathy Lawhon, regarding meeting procedure.
6. Stacy Oaks, regarding the Climate Commission.
7. Dr. Janis Clark, regarding Veterans Day.
8. Debra Johnson, regarding homelessness and senior housing.
9. Miles Krueger, regarding the Climate Commission.
10. Catelynn Heian, regarding the Climate Commission.
11. Gemini, regarding the Climate Commission.
12. Talison Crosby, regarding the Climate Commission.
13. Ian Freeman, regarding the Climate Commission.
14. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding the Climate Commission.
15. Aric Gerspacher, regarding the Climate Commission.
16. Aife Pasquale, regarding the Climate Commission.
17. Rachel Nickerson, regarding psychedelics.
18. Catherine Lord, regarding psychedelics.
19. Ovunayo X, regarding the budget, cost of living, and pollution.

Community forum ended at 8:41 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

The report was postponed to next week.

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported the September 25, 2024, meeting included updates on the Transportation Master Plan; the October 9, 2024, meeting included presentations from the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and Transportation Commission on this year's accomplishments and priorities, and future priorities; the October 23, 2024, meeting included a presentation on an impact fee study and updates to the City's right-of-way manual; the special meeting of October 30, 2024, included interviews for the Urban Design Board; and the special meeting of November 20, 2024, was cancelled. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on December 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include consideration of appointments for the Landmarks Preservation Commission, a progress report on Vision Zero, and an overview of the proposed new Solid Waste Development Manual.

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Council Member Rumbaugh stated she will host a Town Hall meeting at the University of Washington Tacoma, Milgard Hall, on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., regarding homelessness in Downtown Tacoma.

Deputy Mayor Hines stated he will host a Town Hall meeting at Eliseo, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., regarding senior services.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Mayor Woodards from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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December 10, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, 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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1334](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, June 18, 2024.
2. [24-1335](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, July 16, 2024.
3. [24-1336](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee special meeting, July 29, 2024.
4. [24-1275](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, October 14, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that modifications are expected to the agenda, to amend Ordinance No. 29001, and two proposed substitutes for Ordinance No. 29002.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. [24-1314](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 19, 2024.
6. [24-1315](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 26, 2024.
7. [24-1316](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 2, 2024.
8. [24-1329](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 19, 2024.
9. [24-1320](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 26, 2024.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41569](#) A resolution awarding a contract to two contracted agencies and six programs, in the amount of \$1,699,152.50, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General Fund, Human Rights and Human Services Fund, and Special Revenue Fund, for contracts providing community and human services - Specification No. NC24-0136F.
[Jason McKenzie, Business Services Manager; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]
11. [RES41570](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$400,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,000,000, budgeted from the Wastewater and Stormwater funds, for repairs to wastewater and stormwater mains on an as-needed basis in various locations throughout the City - Specification No. ES23-0014F.
[Kari Prussen, P.E., Engineering Assistant Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES41571](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$1,455,000, and depositing said sum into the Affordable Housing Fund; and approving an amendment to the agreement with Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority for property acquisition for affordable housing.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Patricia Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41569 through 41571.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41569 through 41571. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:10 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received eight written comments for public comment, regarding Resolution Nos. 41578 and 41579, and Ordinance Nos. 29002 and 29014.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jon Staub, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
2. Richard Vale, speaking on unknown.
3. Sally Perkins, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
4. Aife Pasquale, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
5. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
6. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
7. Ovunayo X, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
8. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41578 and 41579, and Ordinance No. 29003.
9. Nancy Chapa, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
10. Lori Ramsdell, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.

11. Amine El Ghouayel, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
12. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41578 and 41579, and Ordinance No. 29011.
13. Gemini Gnull, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
14. Ian Lindhartsen, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
15. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29002 and 29014.

The City Council meeting recessed at 5:36 p.m., and reconvened at 5:42 p.m.

16. Catelynn Henon, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
17. Barbara Church, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
18. Talison Crosby, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
19. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
20. Dr. Janis Clark, speaking on Ordinance No. 29002.
21. Jamie, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29002 and 29014.
22. Joseph, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.

Public comment ended at 5:54 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES41572](#) A resolution appointing Rowen Higley to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41572.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

14. [RES41573](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Urban Design Board.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41573.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

15. [RES41574](#) A resolution reappointing Jeff Ball to the Audit Advisory Board.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41574.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

16. [RES41575](#) A resolution reappointing Diane Tilstra to the Board of Ethics.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41575.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES41576](#) A resolution awarding a contract to eight agencies and 18 programs, in the amount of \$15,130,208, plus sales tax, budgeted from the General Fund and the Human Rights and Human Services Fund, for contracts providing community and human services - Direct Negotiation.
[Jason McKenzie, Business Services Manager; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41576.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

18. [RES41577](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Staff Pro Inc. d.b.a. Allied Universal Security Services, in the amount of \$1,500,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$16,600,000, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome and Convention Center Operations funds, for provisions of security and guest services for the Tacoma Dome and the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, through January 31, 2025 - Specification No. PF16-0328F. [Sean McBroom, Security Manager; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41577.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

19. [RES41578](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Encompass Property Management, LLC, for the development of 16 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 631 North Trafton Street in the Sixth Avenue Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Pat Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41578.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

20. [RES41579](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Meacham Development, LLC, for the development of six multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 619 South 35th Street in the Lincoln Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Pat Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41579.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

21. [RES41580](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. [Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41580.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

22. [ORD28992](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to the Port of Tacoma to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system in City right-of-way areas. [Jeff Lueders, Cable and Franchise Services Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28992.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

- 23. [ORD29001](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented and nonrepresented employees, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to amend Ordinance No. 29001, Exhibit A, by amending page 21 and page 22 to delete the last four steps from the following classifications:
"Skilled Occupational Intern" and "Venues and Events Attendant".**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on amended Ordinance No. 29001. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

- 24. [ORD29002](#) An ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved as a substitute, Second Substitute Ordinance No. 29002.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.

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The substitute had substantive changes and public comment was taken.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich.
2. Dr. Janis Clark.
3. Allyson Hinzman.
4. Talison Crosby.
5. Jamie.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 29002. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

25. [ORD29003](#) An ordinance adopting the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program of the Comprehensive Plan, and adopting the 2025-2026 Capital Budget. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29003. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

26. [ORD29004](#) 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 Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26; and the Professional Public Safety Management Association. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29004 was set over for final reading next week.

27. [ORD29005](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, to repeal Sections 1.06.228, 1.06.229, 1.06.230, and 1.06.231, and to repeal, replace, and rename Section 1.06.226 as “Claims and Collections”, to update and consolidate the claims and collections procedures and provide for an increase in administrative settlement authority. [Chris Bacha, City Attorney; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29005 was set over for final reading next week.

28. [ORD29006](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.100 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utilities Gross Earnings Tax - Public Utilities, by amending Section 6A.100.040, entitled “Deductions”, to add a deduction for grants; expand the deduction for interdepartmental rent to include all utilities; repeal tax deductions for Contributions In Aid of Construction, interest earned from bond proceeds, and the sale of property; remove deductions no longer utilized; update the tax deduction for hauling recyclable materials to a tiered structure; and clarify language.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29006 was set over for final reading next week.

29. [ORD29007](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing, to move specific application fees to the City's Fee Schedule, and clarify conditions for Final Certificates of Tax Exemption, effective January 1, 2025.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Patricia Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29007 was set over for final reading next week.

30. [ORD29008](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, to add a new Chapter 6A.140, entitled “Vendor Refreshment Serving Tax”, to impose an excise tax on major vendors responsible for the sale of food and beverage at specific City-owned facilities, effective January 1, 2025.
[Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29008 was set over for final reading next week.

31. [ORD29009](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, by amending Chapter 6A.50, entitled “Electricity Business and Solid Waste Collection Business” to update the tax deduction for hauling recyclable materials, and by amending various chapters to align language regarding tax deductions and refund statutes, effective January 1, 2025.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29009 was set over for final reading next week.

32. [ORD29010](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, by amending Section 12.09.070, entitled “Special Permits,” to expand reporting requirements, clarify the City’s enforcement authority, and assist in the administration of related taxes and deductions, effective January 1, 2025.
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29010 was set over for final reading next week.

33. [ORD29011](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Land Use Permits and Procedures, to revise levels of service timelines and public noticing procedures for land use permits, to implement Washington State Substitute Senate Bill 5290 and Substitute House Bill 1105, effective January 1, 2025.
[Shirley Schultz, Interim Land Use Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29011 was set over for final reading next week.

34. [ORD29012](#) An ordinance modifying the 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget to appropriate funds, adjust project budgets, and implement additional changes in transfers and other budget adjustments, as well as appropriating additional estimated revenues.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29012 was set over for final reading next week.

35. [ORD29013](#) An ordinance modifying the 2023-2024 Capital Budget to appropriate funds, adjust project budgets, implement additional changes in transfers and other budget adjustments, and appropriate additional estimated revenues.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29013 was set over for final reading next week.

36. [ORD29014](#) An ordinance amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel, by adding a new chapter entitled “Climate and Sustainability Commission”, to establish a Climate and Sustainability Commission and appoint current members of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to the new Commission. [Council Member Walker]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29014 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided appreciation for staff in the Office of Management and Budget, their departmental budget counterparts, and executive leadership team.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Rumbaugh, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported the October 24, 2024, meeting included updates to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 8.30 "Public Nuisance". She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on December 12, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include briefing on final recommendations for TMC Chapter 1.45 "Neighborhood Councils" and a participatory budget update.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported the November 19, 2024, meeting was a joint session with the Audit Advisory Board and included a briefing on the 2022-2023 financial audit exit conference for the Transportation Benefit District, the City's 2023 financial and federal audit exit conference, updates on cyber security threats, and briefings on proposed amendments to the TMC regarding special permits and taxes (Ordinance Nos. 28992, 29006, 29009, and 29010); and the December 3, 2024, meeting included briefings on City Charter Review topics of ranked choice voting and democracy voucher program. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on December 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include short-term rental housing code review, and briefings on City Charter review topics related to citizen referendums and fiscal notes.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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

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December 17, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor 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 Deputy Mayor Hines.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Metro Parks Commissioner Tim Reid.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-1348](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 23, 2024.
2. [24-1349](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 30, 2024.
3. [24-1350](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 13, 2024.
4. [24-1351](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 27, 2024.
5. [24-1352](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, March 26, 2024.
6. [24-1353](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 9, 2024.

7. [24-1370](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 24, 2024.
8. [24-1371](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, August 14, 2024.
9. [24-1355](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 17, 2024.
10. [24-1356](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 1, 2024.
11. [24-1357](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission special meeting, May 8, 2024.
12. [24-1369](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, November 18, 2024.
13. [24-1332](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, November 4, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to suspend Rule 4A of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to amend the agenda as follows:

- **remove Item 19, a letter to the Metro Parks Tacoma Board of Commissioners regarding senior services from the agenda; and**
- **add a settlement motion as Item 22A on the Regular Agenda.**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

CONSENT AGENDA

14. [24-1372](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 2, 2024.
15. [24-1360](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 9, 2024.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES41581](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$615,618.36, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General Fund, for dash cameras inclusive of software, maintenance, and accessories, for an initial contract period of up to five years - Sourcewell Contract No. 101223-AXN - CW2270229. [Mayra Wheelock, Police Financial Manager; Avery Moore, Police Chief]

RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES41582](#) A resolution setting Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., as the date to reconvene a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 7731 for the conversion of the overhead primary electrical distribution, telephone, and cable television systems to underground along:
- Segment No. 1 - Waterview Street from North 49th Street southeasterly 4,400 feet, more or less, also along Dale Street from Waterview Street southwesterly 100 feet, more or less;
 - Segment No. 2 - North 43rd Street from Ruston Way to Tacoma Utility Pole No. 19510, being approximately 160 feet southwesterly of Waterview Street.
- [Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

18. [24-1354](#) Date Range - 11/18/2024 to 12/01/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$23,497,153.88; Payments in the amount of \$37,164,701.69; for a total of \$60,661,855.57.

COMMUNICATIONS

19. [24-1373](#) A letter from the City Council to the Metro Parks Tacoma Board of Commissioners regarding senior services.
[Deputy Mayor Hines]

This item was removed from the agenda under Agenda Modifications.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

20. [RES41583](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce Conservation District, in the amount up to \$611,878, budgeted from the Stormwater Fund, to assist with green stormwater infrastructure and low impact development projects, co-manage the open space volunteer program, and help grow the City's urban tree canopy, through December 31, 2026.
[Elizabeth Matteri, Associate Natural Resources Analyst; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]
21. [RES41584](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma, in the amount of \$637,078, budgeted from various departmental funds, to design, implement, and manage an engineering pathways program in support of engineer careers for a five-year term.
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41581 through 41584.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41581 through 41584. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

22. [24-1347](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, December 18, 2024, as International Migrants Day.
- Council Member Sadalge proclaimed Wednesday, December 18, 2024, as International Migrants Day and presented the proclamation to Maricres Castro, Commissioner, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs and Board Member, Tacoma Refugee Choir; Dr. Ijazulhaq Ismail Zada, Afghan Tacoma Community; Chris Chisolm, volunteer, Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest; J. Woody Lotts, Executive Director, Tacoma Refugee Choir; and Tasneem Amer, Iyad Angel, and Aton Myar, members, Nile Collective.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:28 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received four written comments for public comment, regarding Resolution No. 41588, and Ordinance Nos. 29006 and 29014.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Dez Chalfant, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
2. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Payments.
3. Rebecca Stith, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
4. Zipporah, speaking on International Migrants Day and Ordinance No. 29014.
5. Phil Harty, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
6. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 41587.
7. Oneida Arnold, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
8. Talison Crosby, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
9. Gemini, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
10. John Staub, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
11. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
12. Dr. Janis Clark, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
13. Aife, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
14. Rachel, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
15. Barb Chruch, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
16. Bryce Philips, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
17. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
18. Catelyn Henion, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
19. Michele Reich, speaking on International Migrants Day.
20. Aric Gerspacher, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
21. Stephanie Reasor, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
22. Joe Kunzler, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
23. Esther Day, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.
24. Tony, speaking on Resolution No. 41587.
25. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Ordinance No. 29014.

Public comment ended at 6:14 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

22a. [24-1375](#)

A motion may be made to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City as set forth in Claim Number 17671 filed September 6, 2023, related to an incident occurring from and between June 18, 2022 and June 23, 2022, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$14,900,000 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City as set forth in Claim Number 17671 filed September 6, 2023, related to an incident occurring from and between June 18, 2022, and June 23, 2022, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$14,900,000 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

23. [24-1318](#)

A motion may be made to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Tatyana Kramarevsky v Waybright and City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 24-2-05411-7, related to a sidewalk trip and fall incident occurring on November 10, 2022, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$125,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Tatyana Kramarevsky v Waybright and City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 24-2-05411-7, related to a sidewalk trip and fall incident occurring on November 10, 2022, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$125,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

APPOINTMENTS

24. [RES41585](#) A resolution reappointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41585.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

25. [RES41586](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Arts Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41586.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

26. [RES41587](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 4315 S Alder Street LLC, for the development of ten multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 4315 South Alder Street in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Pat Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41587.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

27. [RES41588](#) A resolution transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the April 22, 2025, Special Election ballot, that would authorize an increase in the City of Tacoma property tax of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a maximum levy rate of \$1.95 for collection in 2026 and authorize an increase in gross earnings tax on certain utilities in the amount of 2 percent for the sole purpose of funding street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements including pedestrian and bicycle improvements; and directing the City Clerk to transmit to the Pierce County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.

[Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41588.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

28. [RES41589](#) A resolution approving the cancellation of the following 11 regular City Council meetings and 11 regular study sessions in 2025: January 21, February 18, March 11, May 27, September 2, September 23, November 4, November 12, November 25, December 23, and December 30.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41589.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

29. [RES41590](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$15,000, to sponsor the Special Olympics Washington statewide competition.
[Council Member Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41590.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 30.** [ORD28997](#) An ordinance amending the Official Schedule of Stormwater and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026. [Geoffrey M. Smyth P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28997.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28997. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

- 31.** [ORD29004](#) 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 Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26; and the Professional Public Safety Management Association. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29004. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

32. [ORD29005](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, to repeal Sections 1.06.228, 1.06.229, 1.06.230, and 1.06.231, and to repeal, replace, and rename Section 1.06.226 as “Claims and Collections”, to update and consolidate the claims and collections procedures and provide for an increase in administrative settlement authority.
[Chris Bacha, City Attorney; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29005.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

33. [ORD29006](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.100 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utilities Gross Earnings Tax - Public Utilities, by amending Section 6A.100.040, entitled “Deductions”, to add a deduction for grants; expand the deduction for interdepartmental rent to include all utilities; repeal tax deductions for Contributions In Aid of Construction, interest earned from bond proceeds, and the sale of property; remove deductions no longer utilized; update the tax deduction for hauling recyclable materials to a tiered structure; and clarify language.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29006.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

34. [ORD29007](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing, to move specific application fees to the City's Fee Schedule, and clarify conditions for Final Certificates of Tax Exemption, effective January 1, 2025.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Patricia Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29007.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

35. [ORD29008](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, to add a new Chapter 6A.140, entitled “Vendor Refreshment Serving Tax”, to impose an excise tax on major vendors responsible for the sale of food and beverage at specific City-owned facilities, effective January 1, 2025.
[Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29008.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

36. [ORD29009](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, by amending Chapter 6A.50, entitled “Electricity Business and Solid Waste Collection Business” to update the tax deduction for hauling recyclable materials, and by amending various chapters to align language regarding tax deductions and refund statutes, effective January 1, 2025.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29009.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

37. [ORD29010](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, by amending Section 12.09.070, entitled “Special Permits,” to expand reporting requirements, clarify the City’s enforcement authority, and assist in the administration of related taxes and deductions, effective January 1, 2025.
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29010.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

38. [ORD29011](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Land Use Permits and Procedures, to revise levels of service timelines and public noticing procedures for land use permits, to implement Washington State Substitute Senate Bill 5290 and Substitute House Bill 1105, effective January 1, 2025.
[Shirley Schultz, Interim Land Use Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29011.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

39. [ORD29012](#) An ordinance modifying the 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget to appropriate funds, adjust project budgets, and implement additional changes in transfers and other budget adjustments, as well as appropriating additional estimated revenues.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29012.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

40. [ORD29013](#) An ordinance modifying the 2023-2024 Capital Budget to appropriate funds, adjust project budgets, implement additional changes in transfers and other budget adjustments, and appropriate additional estimated revenues.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29013.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

41. [ORD29014](#) An ordinance amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel, by adding a new chapter entitled “Climate and Sustainability Commission”, to establish a Climate and Sustainability Commission and appoint current members of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to the new Commission. [Council Member Walker]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29014.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Scott

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

42. [24-1210](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000. [Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

The public hearing was not held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This item was not addressed.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum was not held.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

This item was not addressed.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

This item was not addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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

January 07, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

Council Member Scott arrived at 5:01 p.m.

Council Member Diaz 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.

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Council Member Scott arrived here, at 5:01 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of President Jimmy Carter.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to suspend Rule 4A of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to amend the agenda to consider Item 9, Resolution No. 41593, regarding the Deputy Mayor election, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

9. [RES41593](#) A resolution nominating and electing Council Member Kiara Daniels to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2025.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41593.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [24-1374](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 9, 2024.
2. [24-1380](#) Minutes of the City Council study session special meeting, April 16, 2024.

PAYMENTS

3. [24-1385](#) Date Range - 12/02/2024 to 12/15/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,411,977.61; Payments in the amount of \$33,936,546.17;
for a total of \$56,348,523.78.

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41591](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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 declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000.
[Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]
5. [RES41592](#) A resolution setting Monday, February 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 8668, for placement of asphalt street pavement with a structural section, concrete curbs, gutters, surface water mains, and catch basins; and placement of asphalt alley pavement with a structural section, surface water mains, and catch basins, at the following locations:
- Segment No. 1 - Wapato Street from South 66th Street to South 68th Street;
 - Segment No. 2 - North 27th Street from Carr Street west to the dead end;
 - Segment No. 3 - The alley between Bell Street and Pacific Avenue from South 43rd Street to South 45th Street.
- [Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

COMMUNICATIONS

6. [24-1381](#) A letter from the City Council to the Metro Parks Tacoma Board of Commissioners regarding senior services.
[Deputy Mayor Hines]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41591 and 41592.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41591 and 41592. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [25-0001](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, January 7, 2025, as Cambodian Educational and Cultural Exchange Heritage Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, January 7, 2025, as Cambodian Educational and Cultural Exchange Heritage Day and presented the proclamation to Rady Mey Oum, Founder/President, Cambodian Classical and Folk Dance of the Northwest.

8. [25-0002](#) Proclaiming January 2025 as National Mentoring Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2025 as National Mentoring Month and presented the proclamation to Jolynn Kenney, Executive Director, Mentor Washington; and representatives from Palmer Scholars, Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center, and Big Brothers and Sisters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:40 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Tony, speaking on unknown.
2. Aife, speaking on National Mentoring Month.
3. Gemini, speaking on Resolution No. 41593 and National Mentoring Month.
4. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41593 and National Mentoring Month.
5. Larry, speaking on Resolution No. 41591.
6. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 41592 and National Mentoring Month.

Public comment ended at 5:54 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES41593](#) A resolution nominating and electing Council Member Kiara Daniels to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2025.
[Mayor Woodards]

This item was considered earlier in the meeting.

10. [RES41594](#) A resolution appointing Anastasia Burpee to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41594.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that Foss Waterway development parcels 9 and 10 were sold in December 2024, and the properties are planned for development, noting the decades-long history of City staff and partners work on this area.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Daniels, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the November 21, 2024, special meeting included Tacoma Arts Commission interviews; and the December 10, 2024, meeting included a workshop on the Economic Development Strategy Plan. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on January 14, 2025, and will include proposed updates to Tacoma Creates.

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Mayor Woodards wished everyone a Happy New Year, and reminded that City Clerk's Office is seeking volunteers to serve on committees to prepare statements "For" and "Against" City of Tacoma Proposition S2 to fund street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements for streets, including pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Statements prepared by the "For" and "Against" committees will appear in the voters' pamphlet for the April 22, 2025, Special Election. To be considered for appointment to either committee, submit a letter of interest by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025, by email or by mail.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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

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January 14, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Bushnell participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Sadalge 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 Sadalge.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

1. [RES41595](#) A resolution ratifying a contract with Motorola Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$832,880.86, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Communications Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund, to replace Tacoma Fire radios which have reached end-of-support.
[Steve Taylor, Senior Technology Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

RESOLUTIONS

2. [RES41596](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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 consideration for extending an existing moratorium on certain uses within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District.
[Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
3. [RES41597](#) A resolution accepting grants from the Puget Sound Regional Council, Transportation Improvement Board, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$10,627,945; and depositing said sum into the Capital Project funds, together with \$3,741,880 in matching City funds, budgeted from various funds, for a cumulative total of \$14,369,825, to fund Public Works projects, including pedestrian facilities, ADA accessibility, bikeways, roadway improvements, traffic signals, transportation plans, and other transportation infrastructure improvements.
[Dan Hansen, P.E., Grant Coordinator; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

4. [25-0013](#) Date Range - 12/16/2024 to 12/29/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,341,506.29; Payments in the amount of \$30,639,138.28; for a total of \$52,980,644.57.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions Nos. 41595 through 41597.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions Nos. 41595 through 41597. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [25-0009](#) Proclaiming Monday, January 20, 2025, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, January 20, 2025, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and presented the proclamation to Ashley Young, Special Events Coordinator, Tacoma Venue and Events; and Kwabi Amoah-Forson, Founder, The Peace Bus.

6. [25-0010](#) Proclaiming January 2025 as Whole Child Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2025 as Whole Child Month and presented the proclamation to Laura Allen, Whole Child Director, Tacoma Public Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:15 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Skylar Schmitt, speaking on Ordinance No. 29015.
2. Michelle Reich, speaking on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
3. Carole Sue Braaten, speaking on Resolution No. 41596.
4. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41595.
5. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 41597 and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
6. Esther Day, speaking on Resolution No. 41596.

Public comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

7. [RES41598](#) A resolution appointing Priya Saxena to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41598.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

8. [RES41599](#) A resolution appointing City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, for 2025.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41599.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

- [25-0015](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000.
[Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:32 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Michelle Reich.
- 2. Larry Vigueria.
- 3. Carole Sue Braaten.
- 4. Kit Burns.
- 5. Austin Miles.

The public hearing ended at 5:55 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

- 9. [RES41600](#) (Continued from the meeting of January 14, 2025) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000. [Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to continue Resolution No. 41600 to the meeting of January 28, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 10. [ORD29015](#) An ordinance amending Subchapter 12.08C of the Municipal Code, relating to the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program, by adding a new Section 12.08C.1320, entitled “Grease Interceptor Education Requirement”, to establish requirements to educate commercial tenants and property owners on the conditions of private grease interceptors for food- or beverage-related businesses. [Council Member Diaz]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29015 was set over for final reading on January 28, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

11. [25-0015](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000.
[Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 6:02 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for community forum, regarding Streets Initiative 2, homelessness, and Local Improvement District 7731.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Joseph Ostheller, regarding the sale of public property.
2. Aife, regarding public comment periods, the sale of public property, and community organizing.
3. Tony, regarding homelessness.
4. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding sale of public property.
5. Andrew Weber, regarding homelessness.
6. Michele Reich, regarding cat microchipping.
7. Carole Sue Braaten, regarding Puget Sound Energy liquefied natural gas and Schuster slope fault lines.
8. David Berg, regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.
9. Randy Gookstetter, regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.
10. Austin Miles, regarding homelessness.
11. Oneida Arnold, regarding homelessness.
12. Sally Perkins, regarding homelessness.
13. Kit Burns, regarding safety at the intersection of 6th Street and South Sprague Avenue.
14. Larry Viguera, regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma and homelessness.

Community forum ended at 6:27 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Rumbaugh, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported that the December 12, 2024, meeting included briefings on District 2 participatory budgeting and recommendations to update Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.45; and the January 9, 2025, meeting included review of Neighborhood Council Standards and Guidelines. She concluded that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on January 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., and will include Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board interviews, and election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

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Council Member Rumbaugh responded to community forum comments regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.

Council Member Sadalge invited the community to the Tet Lunar New Year celebration on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Eastside Community Center.

Mayor Woodards responded to public comment and community forum comments and expressed appreciation to attendees.

Mayor Woodards invited the community to the City's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Awards on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Tacoma Convention Center. She stated this year's theme is "Building Bridges" and will begin with a community outreach fair at 11:00 a.m., followed by the program at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Woodards shared a letter of appreciation from a community member about Tacoma Police Officer John Forbes.

Mayor Woodards stated the City has received \$10.6 million in grant funds for critical infrastructure projects, and information is available on the City website.

Mayor Woodards announced that the City of Tacoma has been selected as an official "Fan Zone" for the 2026 World Cup, which will provide opportunities for people to participate in World Cup events beyond attending games, noting the economic and cultural opportunities.

Mayor Woodards stated the Council study session and business meeting of Tuesday, January 21, 2025, have been cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled City Council study session and business meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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January 28, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Daniels called to meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 5:16 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Scott 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 Scott.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [25-0057](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 28, 2024.
2. [25-0058](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 15, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES41601](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Dobbs Peterbilt, in the amount of \$570,248, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a projected contract total of \$627,273, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for one electric vehicle rear load garbage truck to collect solid waste and/or recycling - Sourcewell Contract Nos. 032824-CRN and 110223-LEG.
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41602](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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 consideration for extending an existing moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

PAYMENTS

5. [25-0062](#) Date Range - 12/30/2024 to 01/12/2025
Payroll in the amount of \$23,681,884.87; Payments in the amount of \$43,678,515.11; for a total of \$67,360,399.98.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41601 and 41602.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41601 and 41602. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker
Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6. [25-0067](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, January 29, 2025, as Lunar New Year.

Council Member Sadalge proclaimed Wednesday, January 29, 2025, as Lunar New Year and presented the proclamation to Patsy Surh O'Connell, Founder and President; Lua Pritchard, Executive Director; Dr. Belinda Louie, Vice President, Asia Pacific Cultural Center; and members of the Asian-American community.

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Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 5:16 p.m.

- 7. [25-0064](#) Recognizing JustServe.

Mayor Woodards recognized JustServe and presented the recognition to Pat Garlock, President, Tacoma Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Vanna Sing, Chief Executive Officer, Tacoma Healing Awareness Community; Jeannette Twitty, Director, House of Matthew; Dr. Jimmie Lee and Bonita Lee, Empowerment Center; and JustServe partners.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m., and reconvened at 5:42 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:43 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for public comment, regarding Resolution Nos. 41609 and 41611.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Paul Stamets, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
2. Gemini, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41609 and 41611.
3. April Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 41611.
4. Esther Day, speaking on Resolution No. 41611.
5. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Resolution No. 41611.
6. Michele Reich, speaking on Lunar New Year.
7. Dez Chalfant, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
8. Jakob Smitherman, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
9. Lukas Barfield, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
10. Cole Schrim, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
11. Jackson Holder, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.

12. Kody Zalewski, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
13. John Dean, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
14. Kari Dean, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
15. Matt Metzger, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
16. Sarah Rasor, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
17. Greg Plancich DDS, speaking on Resolution No. 41610.
18. Carol Bui, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
19. Niko Olejoyegbe, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
20. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Payments; Resolution Nos. 41606, 41607, and 41609; and Ordinance Nos. 29015, 29017, and 29018.
21. Sean Galvin, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
22. Herb Daniels, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
23. Sarah Daniels, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
24. Shannon Strickling, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.
25. Taylor Roberts, speaking on Resolution No. 41609.

Public comment ended at 6:26 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

8. [RES41603](#) A resolution appointing an individual to the Commission on Elected Salaries.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41603.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41604](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R. L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$1,667,959.00, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a projected contract total of \$2,001,550.80, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Wastewater and Public Works Streets Initiative funds, for the replacement of wastewater sewer mains, roadways, and curb ramps on the North 10th and Stevens Street project - Specification No. ES24-0157F.
[Kirk Myklestad, P.E., Professional Engineer; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41604.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

10. [RES41605](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Staff Pro Inc. d.b.a. Allied Universal Security Services, in the amount of \$19,500,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome and Convention Center and Bicentennial Pavilion funds, for the provision of parking, security, and guest services at the Tacoma Dome and Greater Tacoma Convention Center, for an initial contract term of two years and five months, with the option to renew for two additional two-year periods - Specification No. PF23-0245F.
[Sean McBroom, Security Manager; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41605.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41600](#) (Continued from the meeting of January 14, 2025) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000.
[Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41600.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

12. [RES41606](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 282 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Supervisors' Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41606.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge and Scott

Absent: 3 - Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

13. [RES41607](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, Tacoma Police Department Non-Commissioned Management Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41607.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

14. [RES41608](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Transaction Confirmation Agreement with IGI Resources, Inc., to transfer rights and obligations to BP Energy Company, and to align with United States Environmental Protection Agency regulatory requirements.

[Hugh Messer, Operations and Maintenance Division Manager;
Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41608.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

15. [RES41609](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to declare entheogen-related activities amongst the lowest law enforcement priority in the City of Tacoma.
[Council Member Bushnell]

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to adopt Resolution No. 41609.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

16. [RES41610](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to support the Tacoma Athletic Commission's 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament.
[Council Member Hines]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41610.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

17. [RES41611](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an extension of the current employment agreement with Elizabeth Pauli to serve as City Manager, through June 30, 2025.
[Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41611.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD29015](#) An ordinance amending Subchapter 12.08C of the Municipal Code, relating to the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program, by adding a new Section 12.08C.1320, entitled “Grease Interceptor Education Requirement”, to establish requirements to educate commercial tenants and property owners on the conditions of private grease interceptors for food- or beverage-related businesses.
[Council Member Diaz]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29015.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

19. [ORD29016](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Adult Entertainment, to repeal Section 6B.30.160, entitled “Exemption from chapter”, and declaring an emergency, and making necessary the passage of this ordinance, and its taking effect immediately.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29016.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD29017](#) 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 District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 282, of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisors Unit; the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, Tacoma Police Department Non-Commissioned Management Unit; and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors’ Unit.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29017 was set over for final reading next week.

21. [ORD29018](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Sections 1.12.220, 1.12.230, 1.12.232, and 1.12.248, to comply with recent updates to Washington State’s Paid Sick Leave law, retroactive to January 1, 2025.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29018 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

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MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved that the full City Council affirm the following statement:

We understand that the numerous new executive orders and implementing memorandums from the federal government – including those regarding immigration enforcement, pausing federal grants and loans, as well as delaying local infrastructure projects – may cause confusion and fear for some. We will be working closely with our state and federal partners to understand and respond to executive orders or memorandums while ensuring that our city remains a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community for all Tacomans who live, work, and play here.

The City of Tacoma will not engage in any activities that unlawfully infringe upon the rights of our residents, and we will advocate vigorously to maintain previous commitments that the federal government has made to our community. Any request, implementing memorandum or executive order will be evaluated thoroughly to ensure it aligns with our legal and constitutional obligations while upholding our commitment to our residents.

We recognize that trust between local government and the community is essential to public safety and well-being. Our actions will continue to reflect our dedication to fostering an environment where all residents feel secure in accessing city services and engaging in civic life.

The City Council stands united in its commitment to fairness, due process, and the principles of equal protection under the law. We will remain vigilant in protecting the rights of all who call our city home and investments in Tacoma.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 7:24 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received two written comments for community forum, regarding the Humane Society budget cuts and closure of a Tacoma business.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jennifer Adams, regarding multi-family housing, small businesses, artificial intelligence, and water boundaries.
2. Aife Pasquale, regarding psychedelics and homelessness.
3. Elizabeth Latsis, regarding homelessness and traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.
4. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Alberta J. Canada building management.
5. Lorenzo Leonard, regarding homelessness and community safety.
6. Tacoma Business Owner, regarding homelessness.
7. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding psychedelics and trash can removals in Downtown Tacoma.
8. Michele Reich, regarding Tacoma.
9. Ed Wells, regarding pigs in Tacoma.
10. Larry Viguerie, regarding the Tacoma Fire Department and taxes.
11. Randy, regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.

Community forum ended at 7:44 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 the December 17, 2024, meeting included briefings on short-term home rental regulations, fiscal impact notes, and signature gathering time period extensions for initiatives; and the January 21, 2025, meeting included briefings on recommendations of volunteers "For" and "Against" committees for Streets Initiative 2, Moss Adams 2024 audit entrance conference, multi-family tax exemption, proposed animal code updates. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on February 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., and will include briefings on Tacoma Public Utilities board stipends, Zayo telecommunications franchise agreement, and amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code, Chapter 6B.160.

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Council Member Sadalge invited the community to the Lincoln District Lunar New Year Celebration on February 2, 2025.

Mayor Woodards invited the community to the re-opening of the Tacoma Public Library Main Branch after renovation on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to excuse Council Member Rumbaugh from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk