



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**October 17, 2023**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the study session to order at 12:02 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Daniels

Council Member Blocker arrived at 12:03 p.m. and Council Member Daniels arrived at 12:18 p.m.

Mayor Woodards and Council Members Diaz and Ushka participated virtually.

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Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 12:03 p.m.

### Briefing Items

#### 1. [23-1013](#) District 4 Participatory Budgeting Project Briefing

At approximately 12:04 p.m., Reid Bennion, Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), showed appreciation for Council, members of the community, and staff; provided a brief introduction to the District 4 participatory budgeting project; and introduced Liesl Santkuyl, Financial Services Analyst, OMB. Santkuyl presented an overview; introduced and thanked community members, high school members, and community partners; and the voting process, noting District 4 had 12,389 votes from a total population of 45,585. Mac Acabado, Financial Services Analyst, OMB, continued with a visual map, noting votes by collection type, race and ethnicity, language, age, disability, and gender identity. Kenny Coble, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator, Media and Communications Office, presented the project options, noting the winning project of creating community connections through a grant program funding culture event, out-of-school youth programming, and community activities for one year.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 12:18 p.m.

Coble introduced culture ambassadors and community members to speak; Cau Nguyen expressed how so many votes were received and how they got the community involved; Dau Phan shared the decision to get involved and make it successful; Gabby Le shared project highlights; and Christian Lopez Moreno shared creative methods for outreach. Coble concluded with a preview and timeline for the District 2 participatory budgeting process.

Discussion ensued regarding congratulations for the level of community involvement, relationships developed, number of votes, that this is an excellent example of community engagement, excitement for other districts, implementation of the project, and community involvement for District 2.

2. [23-1014](#)

Port of Tacoma Interlocal Agreement Extension Briefing

At approximately 12:41 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), introduced Matthew Mauer, Government Affairs Manager, Port of Tacoma; and presented a brief overview of the Port of Tacoma interlocal agreement (ILA) extension, including the agenda; legislative background, noting the Shoreline Management Act (1972) and the Shoreline Master Program (2013); and ILA summary, noting elements, duration, and extension. Mauer continued with the Port of Tacoma perspective, noting efficiency and federal security compliance; ILA credited projects, noting Dick Gilmur Kayak Launch and Place of Circling Waters; ILA priority public access projects; and elements of the proposed amendment. Atkinson concluded with upcoming schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding priority public access projects, noting an updated map and recommendations; timeline and partnership; proposed project amendments; public access fee-in-lieu and advanced credit; organization and development of project prioritization; project requirement to physical location of the Port; ILA impacts to the Northwest Seaport Alliance, noting there are none; calculation and process of project costs; and the Tideflats Steering Committee, noting their next meeting will be in November 2023.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

### 3. [23-1015](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, October 12, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are two ceremonials and a presentation on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming Thursday, October 19, 2023, as Community Conflict Resolution Day, Compassionate Tacoma recognition for the 10th Anniversary of the City's Customer Support Center and Tacoma FIRST 311, and a presentation on systems transformation, including highlights from the PDS and Public Works department's racial equity action plans. She concluded by stating there is one modification to tonight's agenda, a motion to amend Resolution No. 41281 to correct the name of an appointee to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries.

## Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to convene to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and (ii) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to executive session at 1:20 p.m.  
Interim City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session was extended by 10 minutes at 1:43 p.m. and 1:58 p.m., and by 5 minutes at 2:15 p.m. and 2:25 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 2:34 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk