



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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April 26, 2022
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Ushka called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker
Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

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

1. [22-0472](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board, March 10, 2022.
2. [22-0466](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, March 7, 2022.
3. [22-0480](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, March 12, 2022.
4. [22-0479](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, March 16, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES40953](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, May 10, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 2.74 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in the Vader vicinity of unincorporated Cowlitz County, to the BNSF Railway Company, for the amount of \$81,200.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28813](#) An ordinance vacating the air rights over a portion of South 15th Street, lying between South Court “E” and South Fawcett Avenue, and a westerly portion of South Fawcett Avenue, lying south of South 15th Street, to facilitate design variability for a residential building project.
(Fawcett Avenue Owner, LLC; File No. 124.1431)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40953 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28813.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28813.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker
Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40953, and setting Ordinance No. 28813 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [22-0500](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, April 26, 2022, as Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

Deputy Mayor Ushka proclaimed Tuesday, April 26, 2022, as Domestic Violence Awareness Day and presented the proclamation to Craig Roberts, Director, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center.

8. [22-0498](#) Recognizing Litter Free 253.

Deputy Mayor Ushka recognized Litter Free 253 and presented the recognition to Andrea Haug, Committee Chair, and Athena Brewer, Committee Member, Litter Free 253.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 10, Resolution No. 40955, regarding the use of shipping containers for storage, and expanded allowances for the use of electric fences, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

10. [RES40955](#) A resolution modifying the timelines for the proposed land use code amendments pertaining to the use of shipping containers for storage, and expanded allowances for the use of electric fences, as previously directed by Resolution Nos. 40794 and 40881, to be considered as part of the Planning Commission's 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Amendment docket; and providing additional guidance for Planning Commission consideration.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to continue Resolution No. 40955 to a date to be determined.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker
Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:23 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:24 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40954](#) A resolution appointing Thomas Brewster to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries to fill an unexpired term for Council District No. 5, to expire September 30, 2024.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40954.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

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[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Resolution No. 40955 was continued to a date to be determined earlier in the meeting.

11. [RES40956](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the original Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Broadway I LLC through Broadway V LLC, for the development of 53 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 23 North Broadway, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center, to include the neighboring parcel.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40956.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker
Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

12. [RES40957](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with JHOP LLC, for the development of 11 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 1009 South 14th Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40957.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker
Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

13. [RES40958](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the City of Tacoma, Washington, City and Pierce County Employees Local Number 120 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, to provide for a general wage increase, retroactive to January 1, 2022.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40958.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

14. [RES40959](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Human Resources Unit, to provide for a general wage increase, retroactive to January 1, 2022.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40959.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

15. [RES40960](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit, related to compensation and classification updates to reflect changes to the organizational structure.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40960.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker
Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

16. [RES40961](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power and Supervisors' Units, regarding a signal and streetlight maintenance employee retention incentive.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40961.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker
Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28812](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges, by amending Section 12.01.010, entitled “Utility services establishment”, to establish a temporary, two-year waiver of certain disconnection and reconnection fees, effective through May 31, 2024.
[John Hoffman, Assistant Customer Services Manager; Steve Hatcher, Customer Services Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28812.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28814](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for represented employees, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager, Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 28814 to remove the classifications of “Broadband Services Technician, 5525”, “Broadband Services Technician, Lead, 5524” and “Converter Inventory Technician, 5538” from the Wage Tables. These references can be found in Section 1 on Page 1, Lines 8-10 and 19-20; Page 2, Lines 20-21; and Page 3, Line 5; and in Section 2 on Page 4, Lines 8-9, and Line 15.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

ACTION: Amended Ordinance No. 28814 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

19. [22-0458](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for Housing, Community and Economic Development, and public services. [Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

The public hearing began at 5:43 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Les Pogue Jr., resident.

The public hearing ended at 5:58 p.m.

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, Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the March 29, 2022, meeting was cancelled; on April 12, 2022, the Committee received a presentation on Equity in Contracting; and at today's meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Downtown Tacoma Partnership Retail Advocate position. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on May 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Mayor Woodards and Council Members Blocker and Bushnell from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

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

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk