



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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April 11, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Blocker stated that we gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.

The flag salute was led by Council Member Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

[23-0383](#) Remembrance photos.

In honor of Chandler O'Leary and Herman Kleiner.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0345](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, December 6, 2022.
2. [23-0346](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, December 20, 2022.
3. [23-0340](#) Convention Center and Parking Revenue Bonds Coverage Compliance.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that motions will be considered to add Resolution No. 41175 to the agenda setting the date for a public hearing for the Annual Action Plan, to amend the letter of support

for Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5080, and to add an additional letter of support to the agenda for E2SSB 5080.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to suspend the rules to add a Resolution, Resolution No. 41175 to tonight’s agenda, as Item 7A, regarding setting a public hearing date for the 2023 Annual Action Plan for Housing, Community and Economic Development, and public services.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to suspend the rules to add a letter to tonight’s agenda, as Item 5A, to Governor Inslee supporting Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5080.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. [23-0344](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 1, 2022.
- 5. [23-0362](#) A letter from the City Council supporting Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5080.
- 5A. [23-0375](#) A letter from the City Council to Governor Inslee, supporting Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5080.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41168](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Wastewater and Surface Water funds, for repairs to wastewater and stormwater mains on an as-needed basis in various locations throughout the City, for an initial contract period of one year, with the option to renew for one additional one-year period, for a projected contract total not to exceed \$600,000 - Specification No. ES23-0014F.
[Kristy Beardemphl, Principal Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
7. [RES41169](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R. L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$850,000, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,020,000, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, to upgrade two existing solid waste compactor enclosures in the downtown corridor - Specification No. ES22-0204F.
[Jody Bratton, Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

RESOLUTIONS

- 7A. [RES41175](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 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 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; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

PAYMENTS

8. [23-0347](#) Date Range - 03/13/2023 to 03/26/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$19,715,046.58; Payments in the amount of \$20,180,788.63; for a total of \$39,895,835.21.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41168, 41169, and 41175.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to consider Item No. 5, relating to the letter supporting Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5080, separately from the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

5. [23-0362](#)

A letter from the City Council supporting Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5080.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to amend Item No. 5, the letter supporting Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5080, to include the current status of the Bill, express appreciation to the legislators for their hard work, and other minor edits.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. Item No. 5, as amended, was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41168, 41169, and 41175. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. [23-0350](#) Proclaiming April 10-16, 2023, as Food Waste Prevention Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 10-16, 2023, as Food Waste Prevention Week and presented the proclamation to Ursula Thompson, Director of Operations, Food is Free Tacoma.

10. [23-0349](#) Proclaiming April 10-17, 2023, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week.

Council Member Bushnell, on behalf of Mayor Woodards, proclaimed April 10-17, 2023, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week and presented the proclamation to Michael-Te Chieng, Instructor, Khmer Language Arts and Culture Academy; Thomas Meas, Realtor, Better Properties University Place/Fircrest; and Sina Sam, Director, Khmer Advocacy and Advancement Group.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:43 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:57 p.m.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 5:57 p.m.
City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session concluded, and the meeting reconvened, at 6:23 p.m.

11. [23-0351](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Community and Economic Development Department and Neighborhood and Community Services Department's racial equity action plans.

Deputy City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development (CED). Robinson provided opening remarks on CED, including the departments mission statement; and introduced Kacee Woods, Equity in Contracting and Workforce Programs Manager, CED. Woods presented the CED departmental highlight, including equitable service delivery and engagement; and how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of CED employees. Robinson reviewed the challenges and solutions; and the 2023 planned action visual, noting the past, present, and future plans for Equity in Contracting and Tacoma Creates. Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), provided opening remarks on NCS, including the departments mission statement; and introduced Keegan Buckley, Community Resources Analyst, and Christina Tate, Lead Customer Service Representative, NCS. Buckley presented the NCS departmental highlight, including service delivery and engagement; and how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of NCS employees. Tate reviewed the next steps and timeline, and challenges and solutions. Griffith outlined the 2023 planned action visual, noting the past, present, and future plans for provider capacity building and equitable program delivery. Interim Deputy City Manager Kingsolver concluded by presenting recent accomplishments, upcoming community engagements, and the transformation timeline and history.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 7:09 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Item No. 5, regarding a letter of support for E2SSB 5080.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on the Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week proclamation.
2. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on the Interim Deputy City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation.

Public Comment ended at 7:15 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES41170](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Staff Pro Inc. d.b.a. Allied Universal Security Services, in the amount of \$2,500,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$12,850,000, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome and Convention Center Operations funds, for professional security and guest services for the Tacoma Dome and Greater Tacoma Convention Center, through December 31, 2023 - Specification No. PF16-0328F.
[John McClees, Assistant Director; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41170.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41171](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A.; the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26; and the Professional Public Safety Management Association, regarding a recruitment and retention incentive program. [Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41171.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

14. [RES41172](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with HRP Group LLC, for the development of 23 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 4546 South Junett Street, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41172.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

15. [RES41173](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with BKEYS, LLC, for the development of 12 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2310 Yakima Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41173.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

16. [RES41174](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, to sponsor Mi Centro's first Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Conference. [Council Member Rumbaugh]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41174.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 7:36 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received four written comments for Community Forum regarding street vacations, business and housing development in the Central and South Tacoma areas, New York City's mental health observation law for dangerous unsheltered individuals, and the City Council agenda.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding Native American genocide.
2. Sally Perkins, regarding homeless encampment sweeps.
3. Theresa Power-Drutis, regarding City staff attending community meetings and homeless encampment sweeps.
4. April Smith, regarding a Litter Free 253 event.
5. Les Pogue Jr., regarding the City's equity training and Manuel Ellis.
6. Kathy Lawhon, regarding Alberta J. Canada Apartments, liquefied natural gas, and the Northwest Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center.

Community Forum ended at 7:49 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the March 14, 2023, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Foss Waterway redevelopment area; the March 28, 2023, meeting was cancelled; and at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Manufacturing Industrial Council and a proposed green economy strategy. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on April 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include presentations on a Citywide business survey and the Equity in Contracting annual report.

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Council Member Bushnell expressed appreciation to City staff for their assistance with the Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week ceremony that was held prior to the City Council meeting today.

Council Member Rumbaugh expressed appreciation to the Tacoma Fire Department for their work on trying to put out the fire on the Trident Seafoods vessel in the Port of Tacoma.

Mayor Woodards announced the City is moving on to the next step in building the behavioral health crisis response team, noting the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner position recruitment is now available on the City's website, and further reviewed the job description, pay rate, and the closing date of the recruitment.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk