



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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
April 18, 2023
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Hines called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to appoint Council Member Hines to serve as Presiding Officer of the Council while the Mayor attends the meeting virtually.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

Mayor Woodards and Deputy Mayor Walker 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. [23-0376](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, November 29, 2022.
2. [23-0377](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, December 13, 2022.
3. [23-0389](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 22, 2023.
4. [23-0390](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 22, 2023.
5. [23-0369](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, March 6, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [23-0386](#) Proclaiming Friday, April 21, 2023, as Tacoma Dome Day.

Council Member Hines, on behalf of Mayor Woodards, proclaimed Friday, April 21, 2023, as Tacoma Dome Day and presented the proclamation to Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events.
7. [23-0385](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

Council Member Hines, on behalf of Mayor Woodards, proclaimed Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as Domestic Violence Awareness Day and presented the proclamation to Craig Roberts, Director, and Nadia Van Atter, Assistant Director, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center. Roberts presented Council Member Ushka with a plaque to thank her for her work on the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center's behalf.
8. [23-0387](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: The Conversation 253.

Council Member Hines, on behalf of Mayor Woodards, recognized The Conversation 253 and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Eva Bowen and Callista Brown, Members, and

Dr. Dexter Gordon, Chair and Founding Member, The Conversation 253;
and Jonathan Pottle, Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:29 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. 41180.
2. Eric Musica, speaking on Resolution No. 41181.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 41181 and the Tacoma Dome Day proclamation.
4. April Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 41181.

Public Comment ended at 5:38 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41176](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Ben-Ko-Matic Co. d.b.a. Owen Equipment Co., in the amount of \$3,117,500, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater and Surface Water funds, for four Vactor 2100i PD sewer cleaner trucks, for an initial contract period of three years, for a projected contract total of \$3,429,250 - Sourcewell Contract No. 101221-VTR. [Justin Davis, Facilities Management Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41176.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

10. [RES41177](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$8,836,288.25, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the construction of the Larchmont District Green Infrastructure Project, for a projected contract total of \$10,161,731.49 - Specification No. ES20-0144F.
[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41177.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41178](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interest-free loan agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, to extend the railroad track rehabilitation project completion date from June 30, 2023, to December 31, 2023, and revise the repayment schedule from February 2024 to February 2033.
[Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41178.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

- 12. [RES41179](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit, regarding two new public disclosure classifications.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41179.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

- 13. [RES41180](#) A resolution transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, which reads:

CITY OF TACOMA
PROPOSITION NO. 1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE

The City of Tacoma Council adopted Resolution No. 41180 concerning restoration of the City’s emergency medical services property tax levy. This measure would continue to fund emergency medical services and care (EMS) by restoring the EMS levy to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024; authorizing an annual increase of up to 6 percent annually to not exceed the \$0.50 rate for 2025-2029; and authorizing use of the 2029 levy amount as the base for computing levies in future years, per RCW 84.55. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and others would be exempt, per RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be:

Approved..... []

Rejected..... []

[Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41180.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

14. [RES41181](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to sponsor the Together We End Gun Violence conference. [Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41181.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28879](#) 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 Unit; and to create the non-represented classifications of Community Service Officer and Labor Negotiator, Public Safety. [Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28879 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

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Presiding Officer Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the April 4, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on Tacoma Power's 2023 financial overview and the Thea Foss Waterway overview; and at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on the proposed amendment to the Tacoma Power KeyBank Note Purchase Agreement, a Governmental Accounting Standards Board update, and the monthly budget update. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on May 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a review of letters of interest for the "For" and "Against" Committees for Proposition No. 1 and presentations on the Sprint telecommunications franchise agreement and the SAP Now! technology project.

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Deputy Mayor Walker invited everyone to attend the 15th Annual South Sound Sustainability Expo on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., noting it's a family friendly event with activities, presentations, performances, and art exhibits; and stated more information can be found at southsoundsustainabilityexpo.org. She further informed everyone that Downtown On the Go is hosting a bike ride to the South Sound Sustainability Expo and that more information can be found on their website.

Presiding Officer Hines announced that the annual Litter Free 253 clean up is on Saturday, April 22, 2023, and encouraged community members to go to Litter Free 253's website and select a location to help pick up litter and trash.

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MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to excuse Council Members Blocker and Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.


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

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


Absent: 2 - Blocker and Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor


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Doris Sorum, City Clerk