



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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October 10, 2023

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor 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 Deputy Mayor Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0977](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, April 27, 2023.
2. [23-0984](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, May 2, 2023.
3. [23-0986](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, May 16, 2023.
4. [23-0974](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 10, 2023.
5. [23-0975](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 24, 2023.
6. [23-0973](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, September 6, 2023.
7. [23-0968](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, September 13, 2023.

8. [23-0969](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, September 13, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. [23-0976](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 14, 2023.
10. [23-0982](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 28, 2023.
11. [23-0991](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 7, 2023.
12. [23-0992](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 14, 2023.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41275](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with KONE Inc., in the amount of \$490,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,000,000, budgeted from the Facilities Fund, for continued repair and maintenance services to the elevators at the Lighthouse Senior Center, Police and Fleet Warehouse, Police Headquarters, Tacoma Municipal Complex, and the Beacon Activity Center, through November 30, 2024 - OMNIA Partners Contract EV2516.
[Stephen Kruger, Operations Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

14. [23-0983](#) Date Range - 09/11/2023 to 09/24/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$20,892,967.06; Payments in the amount of \$14,237,557.69; for a total of \$35,130,524.75.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41275.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41275. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 16. [23-0989](#) Proclaiming October 2023 as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2023 as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month and presented the proclamation to Lauren Green, Marketing Coordinator, and Stefanie Cornell, Digital Marketing Manager, Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County.

- 15. [23-0990](#) Proclaiming Saturday, October 14, 2023, as Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, October 14, 2023, as Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day and presented the proclamation to Mike Carey, Principal Natural Resources Analyst, Environmental Services; Lowell Wyse, Executive Director, Tacoma Tree Foundation; and Dana Coggon, Executive Director, Pierce Conservation District.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:26 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

- 17. [23-0988](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Eric Lahti and Boy Scouts of America Troop 507.

Mayor Woodards, recognized Eric Lahti and Boy Scouts of America Troop 507 and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Eric Lahti, Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America and members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 507.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:46 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 6:09 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Mary Lynn, speaking on the Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day proclamation.
2. Michele Reich, speaking on the Adopt a Shelter Dog Month proclamation.
3. Jim Conley, speaking on the Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day proclamation.
4. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on the Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day proclamation.
5. Alton McDonald, speaking on Resolution No. 41276.
6. Michelle Mood, speaking on the Adopt a Shelter Dog Month and the Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day proclamations, and the Compassionate Tacoma recognition for Eric Lahti and Boy Scouts of America Troop 507.

Public Comment ended at 6:28 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

18. [RES41276](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Bay Brother Builders, LLC, for the development of four multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 1438 East 31st Street, in the Lower Portland Avenue Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41276.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Walker

Absent: 4 - Blocker, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

19. [RES41277](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power Unit, regarding Joint Apprenticeship Training Programs.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, Interim City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41277.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Walker

Absent: 4 - Blocker, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

20. [RES41278](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to create an Equity Toolkit for special events for community use as a public education tool.
[Council Member Diaz]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41278.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Walker

Absent: 4 - Blocker, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

21. [RES41279](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$12,750, to sponsor the Pictures of Hope program for Tacoma.
[Council Member Hines]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41279.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Walker

Absent: 4 - Blocker, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 22. [ORD28909](#) 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, Tacoma Power Unit, and Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17. [Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28909 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:45 p.m.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to extend the time of Community Forum.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

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The City Clerk’s Office received five written comments for Community Forum regarding the Comprehensive Plan, the Home in Tacoma Project, security cameras, the liquefied natural gas plant, and Global Cat Day.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Aaron Miller, regarding the art community.
2. Michele Reich, regarding the Yom Kippur War.
3. Mark Slater, regarding shipping containers.
4. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
5. Jolinda Stephens, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
6. Lynn Swanson, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
7. Elizabeth Parker, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
8. Rosemary Powers, regarding housing; shelters; and Second Amended

- Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, relating to the use of public property.
9. Theresa Power-Drutis, regarding homelessness, art, and Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
 10. Mary Lynn, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
 11. Oneida Arnold, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse and homelessness.
 12. Bouviea, regarding homeless encampments.
 13. Kit Burns, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
 14. Judy Ly, regarding Aspen Court.
 15. Sean Endress, regarding Aspen Court.
 16. Jeremiah Saucier, regarding Aspen Court.
 17. Stacy Oaks, regarding accountability, housing, homelessness, and climate change.
 18. Alton McDonald, regarding the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) and Manuel Ellis.
 19. Gemini Gnull, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse, homelessness, and Citizens' Initiative Measure No. 1.
 20. Catelynn, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse and homeless encampments.
 21. Joseph Allegro, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
 22. Kimberly Shakoor, regarding a proposed mental health facility on South Hosmer Street.
 23. Patricia Berry, regarding a proposed mental health facility on South Hosmer Street.
 24. Courtney Love, regarding Second Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831.
 25. Gloria, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse and homeless encampments.
 26. Tonya, regarding a proposed mental health facility on South Hosmer Street.
 27. Esther Day, regarding the Bridge Industrial warehouse.
 28. Les Pogue Jr., regarding Community Forum format.
 29. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the TPD and Manuel Ellis.
 30. Theresa Evans, regarding the TPD and Manuel Ellis.
 31. Vicky Goldstein, regarding equity and accessibility.
 32. Johnathon Greenblatt, regarding City Council meeting rules.
 33. Resident, regarding response times from Council Members.

Community Forum ended at 7:36 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 Community Vitality and Safety Committee report was rescheduled for the October 17, 2023, City Council meeting.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to excuse Council Members Blocker, Rumbaugh, and Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

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

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk