



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**May 03, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Bushnell

Council Member Blocker arrived at 5:02 p.m.

Mayor Woodards and Council Member Blocker participated virtually.

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Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 5:02 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels 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 Daniels.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0503](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, January 20, 2022.
2. [22-0519](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 6, 2022.
3. [22-0520](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, April 13, 2022.

4. [22-0521](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, April 13, 2022.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no Consent Agenda items.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. [22-0518](#) Proclaiming May 2022 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Deputy Mayor Ushka proclaimed May 2022 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to Marisa Tetreault, Analyst, Human Resources.

6. [22-0516](#) Proclaiming May 2022 as Bike Month.

Deputy Mayor Ushka proclaimed May 2022 as Bike Month and presented the proclamation to Kessa Claire-Woldt, and Max Lopez, Youth Members, Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group.

7. [22-0517](#) Proclaiming May 2022 as Tacoma Historic Preservation Month.

Deputy Mayor Ushka proclaimed May 2022 as Tacoma Historic Preservation Month and presented the proclamation to Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services; and Kevin Bartoy, Chair, Landmarks Preservation Commission.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:23 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on the Bike Month and Tacoma Historic Preservation Month proclamations.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40963 through 40965.

Public Comment ended at 5:29 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

8. [22-0523](#) A motion may be considered to, in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.18, of the Tacoma City Charter, the Public Utility Board has completed and approved an annual performance review of Jackie Flowers, the Director of Utilities, and has reconfirmed the appointment of Jackie Flowers to serve as Director of Utilities for a two-year period subject to reconfirmation by the City Council, which two-year appointment is hereby reconfirmed effective as of May 3, 2022.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.18, of the Tacoma City Charter, the Public Utility Board has completed and approved an annual performance review of Jackie Flowers, the Director of Utilities, and has reconfirmed the appointment of Jackie Flowers to serve as Director of Utilities for a two-year period subject to reconfirmation by the City Council, which two-year appointment is hereby reconfirmed effective as of May 3, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40962](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40962.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40963](#) A resolution designating the John and Henrietta Pratt House, located at 832 North Steele Street, as a City Landmark and placing said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.  
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40963.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

11. [RES40964](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Cornus House LLC, for the development of 199 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 2502 Pacific Avenue, 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. 40964.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

12. [RES40965](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with TLF 13th & Fawcett, LLC and TLF 1318 Court D, LLC, for the development of 277 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 1301 Fawcett Avenue, 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. 40965.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

13. [RES40966](#) A resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and authorizing the execution of agreements with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, the City of Lakewood, and up to 20 individual contractors to support housing, community and economic development, and public service activities.  
[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40966.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

14. [RES40967](#) A resolution transitioning the Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force to the Tacoma Permit Advisory Group.  
[Council Member McCarthy]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40967.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28814](#) An amended 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]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28814, as amended. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to suspend the rules to add a statement to tonight's agenda, supporting a woman's right to choose.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

15A. [22-0540](#) A statement from the City Council on Roe v. Wade.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to approve the Council's statement standing with Governor Inslee in supporting all people who can get pregnant a right to choose.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that the Public Works Department received an additional \$1.2 million for phase 2 of the Prairie Line Trail, which is the construction of the shared use path in the Tacoma Brewery District between South 21st Street and South 25th Street along the former BNSF trail line, and will connect the Brewery District, University of Washington Tacoma, and Thea Foss Waterway; and the total project cost is estimated at \$6.5 million; with construction scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the April 19, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the State Auditor's Office 2020 audit exit and 2021 entrance conferences, and digital equity in the Information Technology Department and the Tacoma Public Library; and at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on the monthly budget update, and Tacoma Public Utilities' and Environmental Services Department's rate making principals. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on May 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Public Utility Board and presentations on digital equity in the Information Technology Department and the Tacoma Public Library.

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**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Council Member Bushnell from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk