



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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May 17, 2022
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, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member McCarthy 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 McCarthy.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of the victims and families impacted by the tragic mass shootings this past weekend.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0501](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee, April 11, 2022.
2. [22-0558](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, April 27, 2022.
3. [22-0559](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, April 27, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. [22-0554](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 22, 2022.

5. [22-0555](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, February 22, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40971](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, June 7, 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 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
7. [RES40972](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology, accepting an additional \$1,399,488 and any associated term extensions, for a cumulative total of \$4,810,488; and accepting and depositing said sum into the Stormwater Fund, to replace a stormwater main and construct a stormwater treatment facility in the vicinity of North 16th and Junett Streets, at the upper end of Buckley Gulch.
[John Burk, P.E., Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40971 and 40972.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40971 and 40972. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [22-0560](#) Proclaiming May 15-21, 2022, as National Police Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 15-21, 2022, as National Police Week and presented the proclamation to Ed Wade, Deputy Chief, Tacoma Police Department.

9. [22-0557](#) Proclaiming May 2022 as Building Safety Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2022 as Building Safety Month and presented the proclamation to Sue Coffman, Building Official, Planning and Development Services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:22 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jessica Troy, speaking on the Building Safety Month proclamation and Resolution No. 40975.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on the National Police Week proclamation and Resolution No. 40975.

Public Comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40973](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the 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]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40973.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Rumbaugh

11. [RES40974](#) A resolution amending the income eligibility for the Emergency Assistance Program to allow more households to qualify for assistance, and the reallocation of funds from the Bill Credit Assistance Plan to the Emergency Assistance Program.
[Francine Artis, Interim Customer Services Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40974.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

12. [RES40975](#) A resolution affirming the City's commitment to ensuring all residents have a safe and affordable place to live by joining House America.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40975.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to add a statement to tonight's agenda, regarding national violence.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

12A. [22-0588](#) A statement from the City Council on recent acts of violence across the United States.

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to approve the Council's statement regarding national violence.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reviewed the status of the Bridge Industrial project, noting that the Critical Area Development Permit and the State Environmental Policy Act review are in a "revisions required" status; public and agency comments received have been transmitted to the applicant and the City's subject matter expert for response and follow up; a preliminary review of the comments received and a response from the applicant will be in the next few weeks; additional studies will be required from the applicant to determine next steps; review of the project will likely take longer than the typical 120 days of processing time; staff are working to provide a graphic and video overview of the permitting process; and answers to frequently asked questions can be found at cityoftacoma.org/bridgeindustrial. She concluded by stating the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners organization was recognized by the Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium with the 2022 Advocacy Award; the Glass Art Society Conference is starting Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, with over 1,000 people attending from 46 states and 13 countries; the roll out of the Equitable Recruiting and Selection Program began at the beginning of the week, noting the program is intended to create consistency in the City's hiring practices across the organization; and that over the past two days, Neighborhood and Community Services staff have been hosting visitors from Albuquerque, New Mexico, who have been touring various shelter types that the City hosts, as the City of Albuquerque determined that the City of Tacoma was implementing several approaches that might be replicable within their own community.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee, reported at the April 21, 2022, special meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs and received a presentation on the Washington House Bill 1590 spending plan; and on May 12, 2022, the Committee conducted interviews for the Human Services Commission. She continued by stating CVS Committee members have begun attending the meetings of the six committees, boards, and commissions that are overseen by the CVS Committee on a quarterly basis, noting she attended the April 28, 2022, meeting of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, where they spoke about the property on Upper Pacific Avenue to create more affordable housing and held a discussion on how to prevent displacement in the Hilltop community; Council Member Rumbaugh attended the May 9, 2022, meeting of the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), where Avery Moore, Chief, Tacoma Police Department, attended to build the TPD and CPAC relationship, and Safe Streets presented on their Strengthening Community Safety initiative. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on May 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on firearms and ammunition tax, and findings on the current scholarship for gun violence prevention.

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Mayor Woodards announced that Jeff Robinson, Director, and Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development, also attended the Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium award ceremony where they received an award on behalf of the City for the passing of the one-tenth of 1 percent sales tax increase to fund affordable housing; and expressed appreciation for Robinson and Medlen for collecting the award and for the City Council on passing the one-tenth of 1 percent to address affordable housing in the community.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to excuse Council Member Rumbaugh 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, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk