



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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February 28, 2023
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

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

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

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

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Diaz 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 Diaz.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Pat Nagle.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0173](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, October 12, 2022.
2. [23-0183](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, August 17, 2022.
3. [23-0184](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, September 7, 2022.
4. [23-0185](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, September 21, 2022.

5. [23-0172](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 9, 2023.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41142](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Retail Lockbox, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$600,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for retail and wholesale lockbox services - Specification No. FI21-0595F.
[Michael San Soucie, Treasury Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41143](#) A resolution setting Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of undeveloped South 35th Street, lying west of South "G" Street, to expand Lincoln High School's sports field and parking.
(Tacoma School District No. 10; File No. 124.1437)
[Kandi Bremer, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

8. [23-0191](#) Date Range - 01/30/2023 to 02/12/2023
Payroll in the amount of \$20,578,589.39; Payments in the amount of \$18,338,562.90; for a total of \$38,917,152.29.

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41142 and 41143.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41142 and 41143. 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

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:04 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 13 written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 41130, regarding the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division right-of-way and operations; and Ordinance No. 28872, regarding a moratorium within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Mitchell Shook, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
2. Larry Leveen, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
3. Bob Myrick, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
4. Shayla Miles, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
5. John Leer, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
6. Bill Baarsma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28872.
7. Daniel Bucci, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
8. Naomi Wilson, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
9. Cam Solomon, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
10. Jose Chavez, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
11. Marcus Mazique, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
12. Michelle Mood, speaking on Ordinance No. 28872.
13. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Ordinance No. 28872.
14. Tim Smith, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41130 and 41140, and Ordinance No. 28872.
15. Jack Horton, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.
16. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41130 and 41140.
17. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Ordinance No. 28872.
18. April Smith, speaking on Ordinance No. 28872.
19. Theresa Evans, speaking on Resolution No. 41130.

Public Comment ended at 5:44 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41139](#) (Continued from the meeting of February 21, 2023) A resolution awarding a contract to Brown and Caldwell, Inc., in the amount of \$2,247,921, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for engineering design services for the North End Wastewater Treatment Plant trickling filter project - Architectural and Engineering Roster.
[Jordan Ennis, Project Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41139.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

10. [RES41140](#) (Continued from the meeting of February 21, 2023) A resolution awarding a contract to Pacific Civil & Infrastructure, Inc., in the amount of \$5,587,102.35, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$6,425,167.70, budgeted from various funds, for construction of the Manitou District Green Infrastructure Project - Specification No. ES21-0629F.
[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41140.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

11. [RES41141](#) (Continued from the meeting of February 21, 2023) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contracts with:

- Metropolitan Development Council, in the amount of \$288,425, plus applicable taxes, for a projected contract total of \$745,736; and
- The Rescue Mission, in the amount of \$208,302, plus applicable taxes, for a projected contract total of \$6,438,302;

budgeted from various funds, for human services programs, for a total of \$7,184,038 - Specification Nos. NC22-0106F and NC22-0333F.

[Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41141.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Abstain: 1 - Blocker

12. [RES41144](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Mountain Stone Aggregate LLC, in the amount of \$1,415,943.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,557,537.30, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for an initial contract period of three years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$2,595,895.50, for the purchase of hot mix asphalt aggregates - Specification No. PW22-0338F

[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41144.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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. [RES41130](#) (Continued from the meeting of February 21, 2023) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed and Master Utilities Easement Agreement, for the sale of Tacoma Rail Mountain Division right-of-way and operations situated outside of the City limits to Rainier Rail LLC, in the amount of \$2,210,000, to be deposited into the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division Fund, all in accordance with the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

[Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Kurtis Kingsolver, Interim Deputy City Manager, City Manager’s Office]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41130.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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. [RES41145](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with A&A Property Holdings, LLC, for the development of 90 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 201 North Yakima Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41145.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28872](#) (Continued from the meeting of February 21, 2023) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, by amending Section 13.06.070, entitled “Overlay Districts”, to enact a moratorium on certain uses within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District, for an initial period of up to one year.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28872 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:32 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding the Puyallup Tribe of Indians’ plans for an entertainment district, annual property tax, and Native American genocide.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. David Dobbie, regarding the Claim for Damage process.
2. Heidi Stephens, regarding a need for a City research and advisory team and Ordinance No. 28872.
3. April Smith, regarding litter along East 75th Street and East MicKinley Avenue.
4. Les Pogue Jr., regarding Ordinance No. 28872 and communication with City staff.
5. Theresa Evens, regarding Vision Zero.
6. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the violent crime reduction plan, Port of Tacoma, climate, and Ordinance No. 28872.
7. Michele Reich, regarding Native American genocide.
8. Bishop Dr. Lawrence White, regarding Tacoma Ministerial Alliance's Resolution No. 01-23 on ongoing violence in the City and surrounding areas.
9. Tim Smith, regarding Ordinance No. 28872.

Community Forum ended at 6:51 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on the Public Works Department's efforts in converting street lights to LED, noting background, the percentage of cobra head street lights that have been converted, the percentage of ornamental post top street lights that have been converted, the goal, and the energy savings from the conservation.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

There was no report.

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Blocker, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the February 9, 2023, meeting, the Committee received presentations on closed captioning, an overview of code compliance, and an overview of the chronic nuisance law and application; and the February 23, 2023, meeting was cancelled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on March 9, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board and a presentation on the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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 6:57 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk