



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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March 05, 2024

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker

Absent: 3 - Daniels, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Daniels and Mayor Woodards arrived at 5:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Hines 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 Hines.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [24-0202](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 27, 2023.
2. [24-0224](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 11, 2023.
3. [24-0225](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, July 18, 2023.

4. [24-0201](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 15, 2023.
5. [24-0203](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 22, 2023.
6. [24-0209](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 29, 2023.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41374](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Brown and Caldwell, in the amount of \$687,561, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Stormwater and Wastewater Funds, for owner's advisor services associated with the Puyallup Avenue Wastewater and Stormwater Trunk Main Replacement Project - Contract No. CW2263809.
[Christa Lee, P.E., Principal Civil Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
8. [RES41375](#) A resolution awarding a contract to NC Machinery, in the amount of \$719,430, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for the purchase of one Caterpillar Wheel Loader to process and load solid waste at the Recovery and Transfer Center, for a projected contract total of \$791,430 - Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-CAT.
[Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41376](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, in the amount of \$1,999,806, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Solid Waste Fund, for the Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program, from May 1, 2024, through May 1, 2027.
[Preston Peck, Senior Sustainability Analyst; Michael P. Slevin III, Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41374 through 41376.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41374 through 41376. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [24-0204](#) Proclaiming March 2024 as American Red Cross Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2024 as American Red Cross Month and presented the proclamation to Megan Pratt, Chair, American Red Cross South Puget Sound and Olympics Chapter Board of Directors.

11. [24-0205](#) Proclaiming March 2024 as Women’s History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2024 as Women’s History Month and presented the proclamation to Annie Frisbie, Chief Development Officer, United Way Tacoma Pierce County; Hayley Falk, Business Services Manager, Environmental Services; and Lisa Woods, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:17 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received one written comment for public comment, regarding Ordinance No. 28958.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Women's History Month and Resolution No. 41378.
2. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Ordinance No. 28958.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 41376
4. April Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 41376 and Ordinance No. 28958.
5. Mya Schultz, speaking on Resolution No. 41378.
6. Molly Conger, speaking on Women's History Month.
7. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Women's History Month and Ordinance No. 28958.
8. Sydney Phelps, speaking on Resolution No. 41378.
9. Albert, speaking on Women's History Month.
10. Jim Conley, speaking on Resolution No. 41378.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to end virtual public comments.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

11. Gemini, speaking on Resolution No. 41378.

12. Emily Thuma, speaking on Women's History Month.

13. River Reier, speaking on Resolution No. 41378.

Public comment ended 5:42 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

12. [RES41377](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41377.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41378](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest, to support access to phone services for detainees in the Northwest Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center.
[Council Member Diaz]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41378.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28956](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year franchise agreement to Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC, to construct, operate, and repair a telecommunications system in the City.
[Jeff Lueders, TV and Video Production Division Manager;
Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28956. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

15. [ORD28957](#) An ordinance amending Titles 2 and 3 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building and Development Code and Fire, by amending various chapters, and repealing Chapter 2.05, entitled “Sign Code”, in its entirety; to update language, provide protections for properties adjacent to construction, and align with the State of Washington’s adoption of changes to state development codes; effective March 18, 2024.
[Chris Seaman, Commercial Building Review Supervisor; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28957. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Ushka

16. [ORD28958](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of Ordinance No. 28872, which enacted interim land use regulations within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) to temporarily prohibit the establishment of new or the expansion of existing underground storage tanks, metal recycling, and auto wrecking facilities within the STGPD.
[Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28958. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

17. [24-0137](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on a proposed moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts, for a period of one year.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 6:10 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 36 written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Heidi Stephens.

- 2. Tom Giske.
- 3. Bill Baarsma.
- 4. Debora Cade.
- 5. Rick Donahue.

The public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

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

Deputy Mayor Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, said the February 6, 2024, meeting included presentations on the proposed 10-year telecommunications franchise ordinance with Ziplly Fiber, and the proposed ordinance to amend the City's litter code; the February 20, 2024, joint meeting with the Audit Advisory Board included a monthly budget update and a presentation from Moss Adams for the 2023 audit entrance conference; and the March 5, 2024, meeting included a presentation on assessments 101, the SAP Now! project, and Tacoma Power's pole attachment process. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on March 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a presentation on Tidy-Up Tacoma and the monthly budget update.

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

The report was moved to the meeting of March 19, 2024.

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Council Member Daniels made a statement regarding the call for an immediate ceasefire in the Middle East. Mayor Woodards stated that the City has been working with leaders of the Muslim and Jewish communities.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone the Tuesday, March 12, 2024, City Council study session and meeting have been cancelled, and Community Forum has been rescheduled to the meeting of Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to excuse Council Member Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

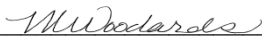
ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk