



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**January 14, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Bushnell participated virtually.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

Council Member Sadalge 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 Sadalge.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **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

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

1. [RES41595](#) A resolution ratifying a contract with Motorola Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$832,880.86, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Communications Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund, to replace Tacoma Fire radios which have reached end-of-support.  
[Steve Taylor, Senior Technology Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

### RESOLUTIONS

2. [RES41596](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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 consideration for extending an existing moratorium on certain uses within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District.  
[Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
3. [RES41597](#) A resolution accepting grants from the Puget Sound Regional Council, Transportation Improvement Board, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$10,627,945; and depositing said sum into the Capital Project funds, together with \$3,741,880 in matching City funds, budgeted from various funds, for a cumulative total of \$14,369,825, to fund Public Works projects, including pedestrian facilities, ADA accessibility, bikeways, roadway improvements, traffic signals, transportation plans, and other transportation infrastructure improvements.  
[Dan Hansen, P.E., Grant Coordinator; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

### PAYMENTS

4. [25-0013](#) Date Range - 12/16/2024 to 12/29/2024  
Payroll in the amount of \$22,341,506.29; Payments in the amount of \$30,639,138.28; for a total of \$52,980,644.57.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions Nos. 41595 through 41597.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions Nos. 41595 through 41597. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

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

5. [25-0009](#) Proclaiming Monday, January 20, 2025, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, January 20, 2025, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and presented the proclamation to Ashley Young, Special Events Coordinator, Tacoma Venue and Events; and Kwabi Amoah-Forson, Founder, The Peace Bus.

6. [25-0010](#) Proclaiming January 2025 as Whole Child Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2025 as Whole Child Month and presented the proclamation to Laura Allen, Whole Child Director, Tacoma Public Schools.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:15 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Skylar Schmitt, speaking on Ordinance No. 29015.
2. Michelle Reich, speaking on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
3. Carole Sue Braaten, speaking on Resolution No. 41596.
4. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41595.
5. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 41597 and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
6. Esther Day, speaking on Resolution No. 41596.

Public comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

7. [RES41598](#) A resolution appointing Priya Saxena to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41598.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

8. [RES41599](#) A resolution appointing City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, for 2025.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41599.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

- [25-0015](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000.  
[Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:32 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michelle Reich.
2. Larry Vigueria.
3. Carole Sue Braaten.
4. Kit Burns.
5. Austin Miles.

The public hearing ended at 5:55 p.m.

## RESOLUTIONS

9.     [RES41600](#)     (Continued from the meeting of January 14, 2025) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000.  
[Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to continue Resolution No. 41600 to the meeting of January 28, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10.    [ORD29015](#)     An ordinance amending Subchapter 12.08C of the Municipal Code, relating to the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program, by adding a new Section 12.08C.1320, entitled "Grease Interceptor Education Requirement", to establish requirements to educate commercial tenants and property owners on the conditions of private grease interceptors for food- or beverage-related businesses.  
[Council Member Diaz]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 29015 was set over for final reading on January 28, 2025.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

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The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community forum began at 6:02 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for community forum, regarding Streets Initiative 2, homelessness, and Local Improvement District 7731.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Joseph Ostheller, regarding the sale of public property.
2. Aife, regarding public comment periods, the sale of public property, and community organizing.
3. Tony, regarding homelessness.
4. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding sale of public property.
5. Andrew Weber, regarding homelessness.
6. Michele Reich, regarding cat microchipping.
7. Carole Sue Braaten, regarding Puget Sound Energy liquefied national gas and Schuster slope fault lines.
8. David Berg, regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.
9. Randy Gookstetter, regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.
10. Austin Miles, regarding homelessness.
11. Oneida Arnold, regarding homelessness.
12. Sally Perkins, regarding homelessness.
13. Kit Burns, regarding safety at the intersection of 6th Street and South Sprague Avenue.
14. Larry Viguera, regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma and homelessness.

Community forum ended at 6:27 p.m.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Rumbaugh, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported that the December 12, 2024, meeting included briefings on District 2 participatory budgeting and recommendations to update Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.45; and the January 9, 2025, meeting included review of Neighborhood Council Standards and Guidelines. She concluded that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on January 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., and will include Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board interviews, and election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

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Council Member Rumbugh responded to community forum comments regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.

Council Member Sadalge invited the community to the Tet Lunar New Year celebration on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Eastside Community Center.

Mayor Woodards responded to public comment and community forum comments and expressed appreciation to attendees.

Mayor Woodards invited the community to the City's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Awards on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Tacoma Convention Center. She stated this year's theme is "Building Bridges" and will begin with a community outreach fair at 11:00 a.m., followed by the program at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Woodards shared a letter of appreciation from a community member about Tacoma Police Officer John Forbes.

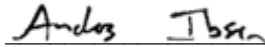
Mayor Woodards stated the City has received \$10.6 million in grant funds for critical infrastructure projects, and information is available on the City website.

Mayor Woodards announced that the City of Tacoma has been selected as an official "Fan Zone" for the 2026 World Cup, which will provide opportunities for people to participate in World Cup events beyond attending games, noting the economic and cultural opportunities.


Mayor Woodards stated the Council study session and business meeting of Tuesday, January 21, 2025, have been cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled City Council study session and business meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk