City of Tacoma
City Council Minutes

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Council Chambers
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Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126
September 30, 2025
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member 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 Council Member Hines.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. 25-0857 Minutes of the Operational Strategy and Administrative Committee, August 22, 2025.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

2. **RES41762** A resolution awarding a contract to Construction Group International LLC, in the amount of $745,220, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from various funds, for on-call abatement services, for an initial contract term of three years, with the option to renew for an additional one-year period - Specification No. CT24-0267F.
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

3. **RES41763** A resolution awarding a contract to Dobbs Peterbilt, LLC, in the amount of $784,418, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for three trucks to transfer solid waste and yard waste, for a projected contract total of $862,860, plus applicable taxes - Sourcewell Contract 032824-PMC.
[Lewis Griffith, Division Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Environmental Services]

PAYMENTS

4. **25-0842** Date Range - 08/25/2025 to 09/07/2025
Payroll in the amount of $23,332,983.75; Payments in the amount of $32,313,133.93; for a total of $55,646,117.68.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41762 and 41763.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41762 and 41763.
The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. **25-0823** Proclaiming October 2025 as Tacoma Arts Month and recognizing the AMOCAT Arts Awardees.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2025 as Tacoma Arts Month and presented the proclamation to Heide Fernandez-Llamazares, Chair, Tacoma Arts Commission (TAC); and recognized the AMOCAT Art Awardees with Vernon Ng, Member, TAC, introducing this year's award winners from various categories: Irina Rasputinis, Saiyare Refaei, Mi Centro, Remakery, and the Tacoma Public Library.

6. **25-0820** Proclaiming October 2025 as Walk and Roll to School Month.

Council Member Walker proclaimed October 2025 as Walk and Roll to School Month and presented the proclamation to Chandra Rourde, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Public Works.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:42 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received two written comments for public comment, regarding Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.

Speaking before the City Council:
1. Chelsea McElroy, speaking on Ordinance No. 29058.
2. Jasmine Brown, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
3. Matthew Wilson, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
4. Beverly Bowen Bennett, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
5. Gloria Carpincho, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
6. Joel Larimer, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
7. Elena Cosio, speaking on Ordinance No. 29058.
8. Katherine Raz, speaking on Ordinance No. 29058.
9. Katie Mattran, speaking on Ordinance No. 29057.
10. Michele Reich, speaking on Ordinance No. 29059.
11. Lacey Fry, speaking on Ordinance No. 29057.
12. Michael Liang, speaking on Ordinance No. 29058.
13. JD Davis, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
14. Zev Cook, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
15. Kim Keith, speaking on Ordinance No. 29057.
16. Joy, speaking on Ordinance No. 29058.
17. Karin Choo, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
18. Austin Christoffersen, speaking on Ordinance No. 29055.

19. Debbie Lenk, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
20. Tanya Durand, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29057 and 29058.
21. Isaiah Hunt, speaking on Ordinance No. 29058.
22. Laurie Arnold, speaking on Ordinance No. 29058.
23. Danielle Attah, speaking on Ordinance No. 29058.
24. Manny Cawaling speaking on Ordinance No. 29057.

Public comment ended at 6:25 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **25-0858** A motion may be considered to authorize the City's settlement of all claims against the City and all City crossclaims against the City of University Place in the matter of Day Island Yacht Club v. City of University Place and City of Tacoma, U.S. District Court Cause No. 3:23-cv-05652-JNW, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the proposed Consent Decree, in substantially the form of the Consent Decree on file with the City Clerk, and payment by the City in an amount of $130,000 and subsequent real property actions as more particularly described in the Consent Decree.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to authorize the City's settlement of all claims against the City and all City crossclaims against the City of University Place in the matter of Day Island Yacht Club v. City of University Place and City of Tacoma, U.S. District Court Cause No. 3:23-cv-05652-JNW, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the proposed Consent Decree, in substantially the form of the Consent Decree on file with the City Clerk, and payment by the City in an amount of $130,000 and subsequent real property actions as more particularly described in the Consent Decree.

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

APPOINTMENTS

8. **RES41764** A resolution reappointing individuals to the Human Services Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41764.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

9. **RES41765** A resolution appointing an individual to the Transportation Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41765.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

10. **RES41766** A resolution awarding contracts to 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., Infojini, Inc., Compu-Vision Consulting Inc., Zensa LLC, and TEKsystems, each in the amount not to exceed $1,800,000, budgeted from the Information Technology Fund, for temporary staffing master services, for an initial contract term of three years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of $9,000,000, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. IT25-0021F.
[Stephanie Audas, Information Technology Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41766.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

11. **RES41767** A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contracts with the following contractors:

- Sage Group Technologies, Inc., in the amount of $187,000, for a projected contract total of $1,387,000, plus applicable taxes, through March 31, 2026; and
- The Stergion Group, Inc., in the amount of $245,000, for a projected contract total of $2,195,000, plus applicable taxes, through December 31, 2026;

budgeted from the Information Technology Fund, for continued supplemental support and professional services - Specification No. IT19-0441F.
[Stephanie Audas, Information Technology Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41767.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

12. **ORD29054** An ordinance amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 29049, to establish an effective date of January 1, 2026, for the changes to the assumed water usage for customers with incomplete or no winter flow records.
[Christina Curran, Assistant Division Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29054 was set over for final reading next week.

13. **ORD29055** An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC, to construct, operate, and repair a telecommunications system in the City.
[Jeff Lueders, Cable and Franchise Services Division Manager; Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29055 was set over for final reading on October 21, 2025.

14. **ORD29056** An ordinance implementing an "Emerging Leader" position on various committees, boards, and commissions, by renaming existing youth and student positions, repurposing other existing positions, and amending various chapters in Title 1 of the Municipal Code.
[Council Member Rumbaugh]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29056 was set over for final reading next week.

15. **ORD29057** An ordinance reimposing the Tacoma Creates cultural access program, Chapter 1.55 of the Municipal Code, and the one tenth of one percent sales and use tax that funds it, for an additional seven consecutive years.
[Council Member Walker]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29057 was set over for final reading next week.

16. **ORD29058** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.55 of the Municipal Code, relating to Tacoma Creates, by amending various sections to restructure funding categories to better reflect administrative costs and identified needs in the community, expand support for the Public School Cultural Access Program, and update language for consistency.
[Council Member Walker]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29058 was set over for final reading next week.

17. **ORD29059** An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing, by amending Section 6A.110.020, entitled "Property Tax Exemption - Requirements and Process", to implement program updates as recommended by the Government Performance and Finance Committee.
[Council Member Hines]

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 29059.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

ACTION: Council Member Sadalge withdrew the motion.

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29059 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 7:06 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received seven written comments for community forum, regarding the Climate and Sustainability Commission, food deserts and the Bridge Industrial Warehouse development, and police department staffing.

Speaking before the City Council:
1. Cathie Urwin, regarding food deserts and the Bridge Industrial Warehouse development.
2. Theresa Evans, regarding the Grit City Co-op closure.
3. Michele Reich, regarding public safety and police.
4. Kenya Shakoor, regarding multi-family tax exemption and affordable housing.

Community forum ended at 7:15 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported the August 27, 2025, meeting included presentations on transportation impact fees and wastewater and stormwater system development charges; and the September 10, 2025, meeting included a presentation on Transportation Benefit District sales tax revenues for pedestrian safety. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 8, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., and will include annual updates from various committees, boards, and commissions.

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Council Member Sadalge invited the community to attend the Festival of Lights on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Eastside Community Center, at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Woodards invited the community to attend her final State of the City address on Thursday, October, 2, 2025, at the Lincoln High School Auditorium, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk