



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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June 14, 2022
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker
and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Ushka 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 Ushka.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Inmin Kim.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-0674](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, February 23, 2022.
2. [22-0664](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 20, 2022.
3. [22-0670](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, May 25, 2022.
4. [22-0671](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, May 25, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. [22-0680](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, March 8, 2022.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 6. [ORD28751](#) An ordinance vacating the alley right-of-way lying between South 11th and South 12th Streets, and Martin Luther King Jr. Way and South “J” Street, to facilitate a mixed-use development of affordable housing, office, and small business space.
(Forterra Hilltop East LLC and Forterra Hilltop West LLC; File No. 124.1409)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28751.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to consider Ordinance No. 28751, relating to the vacating of an alley right-of-way, separately from the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Abstain: 2 - Daniels and McCarthy

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[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28751.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Abstain: 2 - Daniels and McCarthy

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28751. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Abstain: 2 - Daniels and McCarthy

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [22-0673](#) Proclaiming Sunday, June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Sunday, June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth Day and presented the proclamation to Lisa Woods, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Dr. John Gaines, Community Relations Manager, Community and Government Affairs; Valerie Sherman, Safety and Compliance Manager, Tacoma Power; Charelle Walls, Workforce Management Analyst, Tacoma Water; Candace Wesley, Tacoma Cease Fire; and Dr. Timmie Foster, Executive Director, Foster Enterprise.

8. [22-0672](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Dr. Charles Weatherby.

Mayor Woodards recognized Dr. Charles Weatherby, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Dr. Weatherby.

9. [22-0665](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Tacoma Police Department's racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Avery Moore, Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD). Chief Moore provided an overview of the TPD transformational highlight and introduced Gretchen Aguirre, Captain, TPD. Together, Captain Aguirre and Curtis Hairston, Chief of Staff, TPD, presented how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of TPD employees, recruitment and hiring, increasing the diversity of candidate pools, and increasing the retention of employees of diversity and gender; purposeful outreach and engagement; and equitable service delivery. Chief Moore continued by reviewing the departmental look forward, noting ongoing efforts. City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments, work in progress, and the transformation timeline and history.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 12, Resolution No. 40985, relating to the work plan for the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Amendments, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and McCarthy

- 12. [RES40985](#) A resolution adopting the work plan for the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Amendments, as recommended by the Planning Commission, as part of the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to continue Resolution No. 40985 to the meeting of June 21, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and McCarthy

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 17, Ordinance No. 28819, relating to the land use designation of the NewCold three-acre site, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and McCarthy

- 17. [ORD28819](#) An ordinance amending the NewCold three-acre site, located at 4601 South Orchard Street, from a Light Industrial land use designation to a Heavy Industrial land use designation, as recommended by the Planning Commission, as part of the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to continue Ordinance No. 28819 to the meeting of June 21, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 18, Ordinance No. 28820, relating to the land use designation of the South Sound Christian Schools 16-acre site, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

18. [ORD28820](#)

An ordinance amending the South Sound Christian Schools 16-acre site, located near 2052 South 64th Street, from a Low-Scale Residential land use designation to Mid-Scale Residential, General Commercial, and Parks and Open Space land use designations for various portions on the site, as recommended by the Planning Commission, as part of the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to continue Ordinance No. 28820 to the meeting of June 21, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 19, Ordinance No. 28821, relating to amendments in various chapters in Titles 11 and 13 of the Municipal Code, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

- 19. [ORD28821](#) An ordinance amending various chapters in Titles 11 and 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to Traffic and the Land Use Regulatory Code, to adopt minor plan and code amendments as part of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2022, as recommended by the Planning Commission. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to continue Ordinance No. 28821 to the meeting of June 21, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 6:15 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received two written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40985, regarding the work plan for the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Amendments; Ordinance No. 28819, regarding the land use designation of the NewCold three-acre site; Ordinance No. 28820, regarding the land use designation of the South Sound Christian Schools 16-acre site; and Ordinance No. 28821, regarding amendments in various chapters in Titles 11 and 13 of the Municipal Code.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. April Smith, speaking on Motion No. 22-0682 and Ordinance No. 28818.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance No. 28817.

Public Comment ended at 6:21 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. [22-0666](#)

A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Brandy Martin and Scott Martin v. the City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-12522-1, relating to personal injuries from a trip and fall accident at Cheney Stadium, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$60,000, which represents the City’s portion of the total settlement.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Brandy Martin and Scott Martin v. the City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-12522-1, relating to personal injuries from a trip and fall accident at Cheney Stadium, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$60,000, which represents the City’s portion of the total settlement.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

11. [22-0682](#) A motion may be considered to direct the City Manager to initiate the process to fill the City Council At-Large Position 7 vacancy created by the resignation of Council Member McCarthy.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to direct the City Manager to initiate the process to fill the City Council At-Large Position 7 vacancy created by the resignation of Council Member McCarthy.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES40985](#) A resolution adopting the work plan for the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Amendments, as recommended by the Planning Commission, as part of the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Resolution No. 40985 was continued to the meeting of June 21, 2022, earlier in the meeting.

13. [RES40986](#) A resolution authorizing an agreement and one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,000, to support the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center infant formula drive and purchasing infant formula.
[Council Member Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40986.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28816](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit and Water Division Unit; and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28816.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

15. [ORD28817](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for the position of City Manager, retroactive to May 16, 2022.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28817.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28818](#) An ordinance adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2022 and 2023-2028.
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Transportation Division Manager; Jeffrey Jenkins, Interim Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28818 was set over for final reading next week.

17. [ORD28819](#) An ordinance amending the NewCold three-acre site, located at 4601 South Orchard Street, from a Light Industrial land use designation to a Heavy Industrial land use designation, as recommended by the Planning Commission, as part of the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Ordinance No. 28819 was continued to the meeting of June 21, 2022, earlier in the meeting.

18. [ORD28820](#) An ordinance amending the South Sound Christian Schools 16-acre site, located near 2052 South 64th Street, from a Low-Scale Residential land use designation to Mid-Scale Residential, General Commercial, and Parks and Open Space land use designations for various portions on the site, as recommended by the Planning Commission, as part of the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Ordinance No. 28820 was continued to the meeting of June 21, 2022, earlier in the meeting.

19. [ORD28821](#) An ordinance amending various chapters in Titles 11 and 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to Traffic and the Land Use Regulatory Code, to adopt minor plan and code amendments as part of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2022, as recommended by the Planning Commission. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Ordinance No. 28821 was continued to the meeting of June 21, 2022, earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:31 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding speeding on McKinley Hill and homelessness.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Laura, regarding construction on St. Helens Avenue.

2. Sue, regarding regulations related to hair salons.
3. Logan Harvey, regarding homelessness and public safety.
4. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Council Member vacancy appointment process, use of the phrase "manifest destiny", liquefied natural gas, and the TPD.
5. Heidi Stephens, regarding the 2022 Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.
6. April Smith, regarding Ordinance No. 28817, the intersection at East 84th Street and East McKinley Avenue, and protecting the City's tree canopy.
7. Jamie, regarding climate change.

Community Forum ended at 6:47 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 at the May 11, 2022, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Planning Commission and received a presentation on Vision Zero and speed reduction; on May 25, 2022, the Committee received presentations on the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code and the Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2; and on June 8, 2022, the Committee received presentations on historic districts in Tacoma, the design review program, and the Planning Commission's annual report and the Planning and Development Services work program. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on June 22, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., and will include presentations on the surplus property policy and the Capital Facilities Program.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doris Sorum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk