



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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September 27, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Rumbaugh 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 Rumbaugh.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-1049](#) Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, August 12, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. [22-1043](#) Proclaiming October 2022 as Tacoma Arts Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2022 as Tacoma Arts Month and presented the proclamation to Benjamin Maestas III, Chair, Tacoma Arts Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:06 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Item No. 22-1052.

Public Comment ended at 5:12 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. [22-1052](#) A motion may be considered to terminate the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency and all associated emergency rules, effective October 10, 2022.

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to terminate the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency and all associated emergency rules, effective October 10, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

APPOINTMENTS

4. [RES41029](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries. [Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41029.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

5. [RES41030](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Board of Building Appeals.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41030.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

6. [RES41031](#) A resolution appointing and confirming Elly Claus-McGahan to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to fill an unexpired term, effective October 1, 2022, to expire June 30, 2023.
[Council Members Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh, and Walker]

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41031.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Blocker, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the September 8, 2022, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities and

received a presentation on the 2023-2024 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder funding process and recommendations; and on September 22, 2022, the Committee received a presentation on an anti-displacement strategy. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

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Council Member Rumbaugh described the significance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, noting she would not be attending the October 4, 2022, City Council meeting because she will be observing Yom Kippur; and wished the Jewish community Shana Tova (a Happy New Year) and a sweet new year.

Mayor Woodards informed everyone that Tacoma Reads Together is an annual Citywide literary partnership with the Tacoma Public Library, noting books are chosen for ages of all readers in the City; it's a season of free literary events at public libraries and throughout the City; each season of Tacoma Reads Together has a theme, and this year's theme is hope, resilience, and community; and the reading selections reflect these themes. She continued by stating the children's selection is by author Oge Mora, entitled "Thank you Omu!"; the youth-adult selection is by author Cookie Hiponia, entitled "We Belong"; and the adult selection is by author Julia Alvarez, entitled "Afterlife". Mayor Woodards concluded by inviting everyone to attend the Little Literary Fest at the Tacoma Public Library Moore Branch on Saturday, October 1, 2022, for workshops and live performances; the celebration of Filipino American Heritage Month on Saturday, October 8, 2022; and a virtual event on Saturday, November 5, 2022, where she will be interviewing author Julia Alvarez; and to find more information on these events, go to tacomalibrary.org/tacomareads.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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 5:26 p.m.

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read "V. Woodards", written over a horizontal line.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris Sorum", written over a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk