City of Tacoma
City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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April 09, 2024
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 3 - Daniels, Ushka and Walker

Council Member Ushka arrived at 5:24 p.m., and Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:25 p.m.

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Bushnell 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 Bushnell.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. 24-0352 Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 13, 2024.

2. 24-0353 Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 13, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. 24-0374 Minutes of the City Council study session special meeting, October 10, 2023.

4. 24-0375 Minutes of the City Council study session, October 17, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

5. RES41396 A resolution setting April 23, 2024, upon completion of the Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City on the 2024 Annual Action Plan for housing, community and economic development, and public services.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

PAYMENTS

6. 24-0370 Date Range - 03/11/2024 to 03/24/2024
Payroll in the amount of $21,528,983.04; Payments in the amount of $22,000,854.57; for a total of $43,529,837.61.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41396.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41396. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 3 - Daniels, Ushka and Walker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:04 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:
1. Nalani Linder, speaking on Resolution No. 41402.
2. Jill McCormick, speaking on Resolution No. 41402.
3. David Schroedel, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41398 and 41399.
4. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41397, 41398, 41399, 41400, and 41403.

Public comment ended at 5:14 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **24-0377** A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City in the matter of Gloria Eslick v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 22-2-7978-4, related to a sidewalk trip and fall occurring on April 16, 2021, upon payment by the City in the amount of $450,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City in the matter of Gloria Eslick v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 22-2-7978-4, related to a sidewalk trip and fall occurring on April 16, 2021, upon payment by the City in the amount of $450,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 3 - Daniels, Ushka and Walker

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8. **RES41397** A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of $3,241,484.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of $3,727,706.60, budgeted from various departmental funds, for maintenance and infrastructure upgrades within approximately 13 blocks of residential streets and construction of ADA-compliant curb ramps - Specification No. PW23-0003F.
[Basel Kitmitto, P.E., Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41397.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 3 - Daniels, Ushka and Walker

RESOLUTIONS

9. **RES41398** A resolution continuing the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area (BIA), for the 37th year, providing for levy assessments and other income, in the amount of $1,824,602; and approving the renewed BIA annual work plan, budget, and assessment rates from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41398.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

Council Member Ushka arrived here, at 5:24 p.m.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:25 p.m.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Ushka
Absent: 2 - Walker and Mayor Woodards

10. **RES41399** A resolution authorizing an agreement with the Local Development Council of Tacoma d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area, in the amount of $1,843,800, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, for managing and providing the services included in the 2024-2025 annual work plan and budget.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41399.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 1 - Walker

11. **RES41400** A resolution authorizing the extension of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Proctor Investors LLC, for the extension of their original Multi-Family Housing 8-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement, located at 3910 North 28th Street, for 12 additional years.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41400.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 1 - Walker

12. **RES41401** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, regarding shift incentive pay.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41401.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 1 - Walker

13. **RES41402** A resolution authorizing the execution of amendments to the Lease Agreements with Tacoma Community College (TCC) for two buildings located on the TCC Campus, and the execution of amendments to the Operation and Use Agreement with Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities Center and Tacoma Learning Community, for continued use of buildings and extending the leases through April 15, 2029.
[Joseph Romero, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41402.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 1 - Walker

14. **RES41403** A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the transfer of approximately 13,000 square feet of Tacoma Power property, located at 1801 North Orchard Street, to the Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, at no cost pursuant to Revised Code of Washington 39.33.015, for affordable housing.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41403.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 1 - Walker
Abstain: 1 - Daniels

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. **ORD28961** An ordinance amending Chapter 8.17 of the Municipal Code, relating to False Reports of Crime, by amending Section 8.17.010, to adopt by reference Revised Code of Washington Chapter 9A.84.040, and to amend Section 8.17.020, to update penalty provisions.
[Keith A. Echterling, Deputy City Attorney; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28961. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Walker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 5:52 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for community forum regarding the Streets Initiative (Proposition A).

Speaking before the City Council:
1. Kevin Smith, regarding tax fraud.
2. E.J. Slager, regarding a cease fire resolution.
3. Daren Holter, regarding the Streets Initiative.
4. James Anderson, regarding homelessness.
5. Kit Burns, regarding Home in Tacoma and urban renewal.
6. Heidi Stephens, regarding the Urban Design Project Review (UDPR) Board, Tacoma Fire Department funding, impact fees, litter code, and the Multi-Family Tax Exemption program.
7. Barb Church, regarding UDPR.
8. Andrea Haug, regarding litter cleanup and Charter review.
9. Cathie Urwin, regarding UDPR and environmental review.
10. Alyssa Urish, regarding a cease fire resolution.
11. Megan Capes, regarding mental health and City communications.
12. Stacy Oaks, regarding Charter review and a cease fire resolution.
13. Kathy Lawhon, regarding public comment periods, spending, a cease fire resolution, and accountability.
14. Charles Caudle, regarding tree canopy, towing, and public comment periods.

Community forum ended at 6:18 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 Diaz, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported the March 27, 2024, meeting included Sustainable Tacoma Commission interviews, and review of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program annual amendment final draft; and the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on April 10, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., and will include a presentation on Call-2-Haul bulky item removal services.

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Council Member Rumbaugh made statements about community memorial services and other ways to remember those who have died while living without a home.

Council Member Scott made comments regarding Council District No. 3 and Gaza.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk