



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402
Council Chambers
January 31, 2025
9:00 AM

Special Meeting - City Council Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

WELCOME

Mayor Woodards provided opening remarks regarding today’s workshop, including facilitated exercises and workplan priorities discussion.

BRIEFING ITEMS

1. [25-0090](#) Facilitated Exercises

Dr. Wendy Fraser, Fraser Consulting, provided a brief overview of today’s exercises and introduced the following exercises:

- in groups of five, share your favorite food or beverage you like to make;
- in groups of four, share what you do to relax;
- find people with similar shoes and share who or what are you always willing to make time for; and
- find people who share your birthday month and share what wisdom you would pass to the next generation.

Dr. Fraser shared an overview on the next exercise on trust, including a worksheet shared with the group. The City Council and executive leadership worked on answering the questions on the worksheet and the City Council shared their answers with the group.

The City Council special meeting recessed at 10:41 a.m., and reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

The City Council continued to share their answers with the group.

The City Council broke into small groups to discuss their strengths and how they can harness them.

The City Council reviewed their strengths, including bringing different perspectives, commitment to service and Tacoma, and striving for overall better health for all.

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The City Council special meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m., and reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

Mayor Woodards reviewed the rules for the next exercise where the City Council will split into three teams and review City of Tacoma trivia.

2. [25-0091](#)

Council Study Session and Committee Workplans

Mayor Woodards reviewed the workplan documents. Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Center for Strategic Priorities, reviewed the Tacoma 2025 City Council priorities regarding anti-racism, as well as the plan of how to review priorities today. He then shared an exercise to create a visual that represents 2025 hopes, dreams, and priorities for the best city.

Mayor Woodards reviewed the timeline for study session and meeting items, frequency of holding Committee of the Whole meetings, joint meeting content and frequency, and adding new joint meetings to the schedule with outside entities and jurisdictions.

Council Member Rumbaugh, Chair of the Committee Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee, reviewed the upcoming topics and workplan for the CVS Committee.

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee, reviewed the upcoming topics and workplan for the IPS Committee.

Deputy Mayor Daniels, Chair of the Economic Development (ED) Committee, reviewed the upcoming topics and workplan for the ED Committee.

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance (GPF) Committee, reviewed the upcoming topics and workplan for the GPF Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding City Charter amendments from last year’s review, petitions, frequency of budget updates for the full Council, and state and federal executive order updates.

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The City Council special meeting recessed at 1:47 p.m., and reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding youth services, Tacoma Creates, Neighborhood Councils, and nuisance code.

3. [25-0092](#) Workplan Priorities

The City Council reviewed hot topics for 2025, including tree canopy, Tideflats Subarea Plan completion, budget structural deficit, community safety and belief and trust, leadership transitions, labor standards, small business permitting, homelessness, housing and impact fees, reviewing revenue options, capital facilities and equipment, early childhood support, FIFA World Cup, workforce development, reviewing and using resources, domestic violence, service requests, food insecurity, youth violence prevention, economic development, Ruston Way visioning, streets initiative, and communicating government processes.

Discussion ensued regarding reviewing some of these topics at committees versus with the full City Council, budget requirements, and what should be reviewed this year; and meeting with other organizations, noting local college presidents, Parks Tacoma, Tacoma Public Schools, regional task forces, Association of Washington Cities, and the Port of Tacoma.

The City Council reviewed their art creations.

CLOSE OUT AND REFLECTION

Mayor Woodards provided closing comments regarding today’s workshop and planning out the year.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Victoria Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 Passcode: 349099

February 04, 2025

5:00 PM

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

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [25-0043](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, October 17, 2024.
2. [25-0073](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, December 4, and December 5, 2024.
3. [25-0074](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, December 11, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41612](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with McKinstry Co., LLC, in the amount of \$164,434.00, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome and Convention Center Operations funds, for maintenance services for the Tacoma Dome and Greater Tacoma Convention Center, for a cumulative total of \$653,449.84, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. PF17-0363F.
[Josh Kropf, Assistant Director; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

5. [RES41613](#) A resolution awarding a contract to SphereCommerce, LLC, in the amount of \$600,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for credit card processing gateway services, for an initial contract term of three years, with the option to renew for two additional three-year periods, for a projected contract amount of \$1,500,000, plus applicable taxes - Direct Negotiation.
[Julie Louviere, Treasury Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41612 and 41613.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41612 and 41613. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:03 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 29017 and 29018.

Public comment ended at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. [25-0089](#) A motion may be made to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Ronald White v City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause Number 23-2-07873-5, related to a single vehicle incident on a City of Tacoma public right-of-way and railroad track occurring on May 28, 2020, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$119,440.24 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Ronald White v City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause Number 23-2-07873-5, related to a single vehicle incident on a City of Tacoma public right-of-way and railroad track occurring on May 28, 2020, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$119,440.24 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

7. [RES41614](#) A resolution appointing individuals to committees that will prepare statements “For” and “Against” Proposition 1, concerning utility taxes and property tax levy rate for street improvements, which will appear in the Voters’ Pamphlet for the Tuesday, April 22, 2025, Special Election.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41614.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Rumbaugh

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41615](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$2,828,013.00, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the rehabilitation of approximately 5.7 miles of underground wastewater sewer pipes in various areas throughout the City, for a projected contract total of \$3,110,814.30, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. ES24-0032F.
[Olivia Mathison, Senior Engineer; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41615.

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

9. [RES41616](#) A resolution awarding a contract to KPG Psomas Inc., in the amount of \$2,849,909.74, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for professional engineering design services for the Schuster Parkway elevated trail, for an initial contract term of two years, with the option to renew for additional periods as applicable - Specification No. PW23-0243F.
[Basel Kitmitto, P.E., Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41616.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD29017](#) 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 District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 282, of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisors Unit; the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, Tacoma Police Department Non-Commissioned Management Unit; and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29017.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

11. [ORD29018](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Sections 1.12.220, 1.12.230, 1.12.232, and 1.12.248, to comply with recent updates to Washington State's Paid Sick Leave law, retroactive to January 1, 2025. [Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29018.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

12. [25-0042](#) This is the date set 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]

The public hearing was held later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

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 that the December 11, 2024, meeting included Landmarks Preservation Commission interviews and presentations on the Vision Zero progress report and Solid Waste Manual updates; and the January 22, 2025, meeting included election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and reports on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District code updates and updated Wastewater and Stormwater Comprehensive Plans. She concluded that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, and will include presentations on the City's Urban Forestry policy and the proposed Cascade Water Alliance contract.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

[25-0042](#)

This is the date set 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]

The public hearing began at 5:17 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received two written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Esther Day.
2. Yvonne McCarty.
3. Theresa Evans.
4. Larry Viguerie.
5. Michele Reich.

The public hearing ended at 5:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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February 11, 2025

5:00 PM

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

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

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

1. [RES41617](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma, for mutual cooperation and support regarding agency stormwater management, to extend the agreement through August 31, 2025.
[Shauna Hansen, Principal Civil Engineer, P.E.; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E.,
Interim Director, Environmental Services]

PAYMENTS

2. [25-0106](#) Date Range - 1/13/2025 to 1/26/2025
Payroll in the amount of \$23,125,994.28; Payments in the amount of \$30,012,482.54;
for a total of \$53,138,476.82.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41617.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41617. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. [25-0066](#) Proclaiming February 2025 as American Heart Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 2025 as American Heart Month and presented the proclamation to Monique Shields, volunteer, and Audrey Curran, staff, American Heart Association.

- 4. [25-0068](#) Proclaiming February 2025 as Black History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 2025 as Black History Month and presented the proclamation to Bruce Bouyer, Deputy Chief, Tacoma Fire Department; Desiree' Wilkins Finch, Chief Executive Officer and President, Tacoma Urban League; Lyle Quasim, The Black Collective; and Malando Redeemer, President, NAACP Tacoma Branch.

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Mayor Woodards shared that the City has nominated high school senior Cassidy Maruska for the Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities Scholarship.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:29 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for public comment, regarding Resolution No. 41619.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Laurie Arnold, speaking on Resolution No. 41619.
2. Sean Mytoma, speaking on unknown.
3. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41619.
4. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Resolution No. 41619 and Ordinance No. 29019.
5. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 41619.
6. Claire Keller-Scholz, speaking on Resolution No. 41618.
7. Ken Paulson, speaking on Resolution No. 41619.

Public comment ended at 5:42 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5. [25-0107](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Tanja Carter as Community and Economic Development Director, effective March 24, 2025.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to confirm the appointment of Tanja Carter as Community and Economic Development Director, effective March 24, 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

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41618](#) A resolution designating Wapato Park, McCormick Building at the Wheelock Branch Library, Mottet Branch Library, and Shurz House as City Landmarks and placing said properties on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41618.

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

7. [RES41619](#) A resolution authorizing the extension of the Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 11 owners of the property located at 252 Broadway, for the extension of the original Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 252 Metropolitan, LLC, for 12 additional years.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Carol Wolfe, Acting Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41619.

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

8. [ORD29019](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to Zayo Group, 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 Office]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29019 was set over for final reading on March 4, 2025.

9. [ORD29020](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of Ordinance No. 28872, which enacted interim land use regulations within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) to temporarily prohibit the establishment of new or the expansion of existing underground storage tanks, metal recycling, and auto wrecking facilities within the STGPD, as approved by the City Council and previously extended by Ordinance Nos. 28958 and 28977.
[Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29020 was set over for final reading on February 25, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

10. [25-0065](#) This is the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider extending an existing moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 6:26 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received four written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich.
2. Larry Viguerie.
3. Sara.

The public hearing ended at 6:40 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 6:41 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received three written comments for community forum, regarding overpopulation and resources, Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County budget, and roads in Northeast Tacoma.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Sara, regarding affordable housing and homelessness.
2. Jude Grey, regarding affordable housing and supporting statements for marginalized communities.
3. April Smith, regarding appreciation for City staff, traffic safety, Neighborhood Councils, and Monkeyshines.
4. Michele Reich, regarding overpopulation and the economy.
5. David Berg, regarding traffic safety in Northeast Tacoma.
6. Larry Viguerie, regarding the Tacoma Fire Department budget.
7. Rebecca Stith, regarding ShotSpotter and Tacoma Police Department.
8. Ken Paulson, regarding trees.

Community forum ended at 6:54 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

The report was postponed to the February 25, 2025, meeting.

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Council Member Hines requested a list of affordable housing created through City funds, in addition to multi-family housing property tax exemption program projects.

Council Member Sadalge invited the community to attend the Asia Pacific Cultural Center’s 27th Annual New Year Celebration, a free family event on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Tacoma Dome.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the City Council study session and business meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2025, have been cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Daniels 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 Daniels.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Reverend Deacon Jeffrey Boyce.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [25-0127](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, August, 28, 2024.
2. [25-0137](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, January 22, 2025.
3. [25-0138](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, January 22, 2025.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Woodards stated that a modification is expected to Item No. 17, to consider Substitute Resolution No. 41628, to add clarifying language.

CONSENT AGENDA

ASSESSMENT ROLLS

4. [25-0104](#) The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for the following:
LID No. 8644

Placement of alley pavement with a structural section, surface water mains with surface water catch basins where needed on:

- The alley between North 28th Street and North 29th Street from North Starr Street easterly approximately 256 feet, more or less;
- The alley between North 8th Street and North 9th Street from North Adams Street to North Proctor Street;
- The alley between South “L” Street and South “M” Street from South 17th Street to South 19th Street;
- The alley between South Sheridan Avenue and South Cushman Avenue from South 25th Street to South 28th Street;
- The alley between Martin Luther King Jr. Way and South “L” Street from South 25th Street to South 27th Street;

and setting Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner.

[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator, Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP,
Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES41620](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Stronghold Armored Inc., in the amount of \$1,000,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for armored transport services, for an initial contract term of five years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,500,000, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. FI24-0180F.
[Julie Louviere, Treasury Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES41621](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$727,500, and depositing said sum into the Capital Project Fund, for the Tacoma Fleet Maintenance Building decarbonization project.
[Dan Hansen, P.E., Grant Coordinator; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

7. [25-0146](#) Date Range - 1/27/2025 to 2/9/2025
Payroll in the amount of \$24,430,838.96; Payments in the amount of \$39,849,101.37; for a total of \$64,279,940.33.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41620 and 41621.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41620 and 41621. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [25-0132](#) Proclaiming March 1-9, 2025, as Tacoma Beer Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 1-9, 2025, as Tacoma Beer Week and presented the proclamation to Kyleigh Palmer, Communications Manager, Matthew McLaren, Director, Tacoma Beer Week, and members of the volunteer team.

9. [25-0097](#) Proclaiming February 2025 as Career and Technical Education Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 2025 as Career and Technical Education Month and presented the proclamation to Adam Kulaas, Director of Innovative Learning and Career and Technical Education, Tacoma Public Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:19 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for public comment, regarding Ordinance No. 29022.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Lisa Keating, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
2. Theresa Evans, speaking on Resolution No. 41622.
3. Alaina Tommila, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
4. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
5. Oliver Webb, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
6. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
7. Zev Cook, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
8. Callista Brown, speaking on Resolution No. 41622.
9. Rebecca Stith, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41627 and 41628.
10. Ann Dorn, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
11. Maricres Castro, speaking on Resolution No. 41627.
12. Catherine Lee, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41627 and 41628.
13. Francis Faye, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
14. Luna Blondo, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
15. Jude Grey, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
16. Maggie Hellis, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
17. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Payments.
18. Sarah Leever, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
19. Daniela Escontrela, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41627 and 41628.
20. Gloria Carpincho, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
21. Raya Melvar, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
22. Mia McCrea, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41627 and 41628.
23. Kelly Soran, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.
24. Angelica Duncan, speaking on Resolution No. 41626.
25. LaDonna Robertson, speaking on Resolution No. 41628.

Public comment ended at 5:57 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. [25-0123](#) A motion may be made to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Dorene and Michael Berg v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause Number 23-2-05804-1, related to personal injuries plaintiffs sustained while crossing a public right-of-way on November 26, 2021, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$4,850,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Dorene and Michael Berg v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause Number 23-2-05804-1, related to personal injuries plaintiffs sustained while crossing a public right-of-way on November 26, 2021, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$4,850,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

11. [RES41622](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Community’s Police Advisory Committee.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41622.

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

12. [RES41623](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41623.

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41624](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Crescent Mechanical Inc., in the amount of \$727,500.00, budgeted from the Capital Project Fund, for the replacement of the remaining rooftop air handling units at the Fleet Maintenance Building, for a cumulative contract total of \$2,127,593.75, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. PW23-0108F.
[David Pagel, Project Manager; Ramiro Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41624.

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

14. [RES41625](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Government Portfolio Advisors, in the amount of \$2,500,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for investment advisory services and non-discretionary management of the citywide investment portfolio, for an initial contract term of six years, with the option to renew for two additional two-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$4,000,000, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. FI24-0205F.
[Michael San Soucie, City Treasurer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41625.

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

15. [RES41626](#)

A resolution awarding contracts to the following contractors:

- Miles Resources LLC, in the amount of \$2,176,500, plus a 25 percent contingency, for a projected contract total of \$2,720,625; and
- Tucci & Sons Inc., in the amount of \$3,265,000, plus a 25 percent contingency, for projected contract total of \$4,081,250;

plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Street Fund and Streets Initiative Fund, for the purchase of hot mix asphalt as needed, for a five-year term - Specification No. PW24-0160F.

[Jake Green, Assistant Division Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41626.

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

RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES41627](#)

A resolution directing the City Manager to implement a policy to ensure the rights and dignity of all residents are maintained and protected.

[Council Member Sadalge]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41627.

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

- 17. [RES41628](#) A resolution affirming and reaffirming the City’s commitment to ensuring that all individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel safe and supported; its commitment to diversity, inclusion, and justice, ensuring that all members of our community can live authentically and without fear of discrimination or harm; and to protecting the civil rights of our LGBTQIA2S+ community.
[Council Member Diaz]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41628.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved as a substitute, Substitute Resolution No. 41628.

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

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

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

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:35 p.m., and reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 18. [ORD29020](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of Ordinance No. 28872, which enacted interim land use regulations within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) to temporarily prohibit the establishment of new or the expansion of existing underground storage tanks, metal recycling, and auto wrecking facilities within the STGPD, as approved by the City Council and previously extended by Ordinance Nos. 28958 and 28977.
[Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29020.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

19. [ORD29021](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.160 of the Municipal Code, relating to Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers, and Garage Sales, by amending various sections and adding a new section 6B.160.065, entitled "Exemptions - Report to police", to add new exemptions, update license fees, and clarify language, effective May 1, 2025.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29021 was set over for final reading next week.

20. [ORD29022](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of Ordinance No. 28962, which enacted a temporary moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts, and approving a detailed Planning Commission workplan.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29022 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 6:56 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received four written comments for community forum, regarding the immigrant community, ShotSpotter, and urban forestry.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Latasha Palmer, regarding ShotSpotter and police surveillance.
2. Theresa Evans, regarding comment period formats, and appreciation for elected officials.
3. Matthew Wilson, regarding LGBTQIA2S+ support.
4. April Smith, regarding police crime data, City leadership, and ShotSpotter.

5. Patti Berry, regarding ShotSpotter and crime.
6. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding appreciation for Council Members, ShotSpotter, and police accountability and transparency.
7. Gloria Carpincho, regarding equity in policing.
8. Michele Reich, regarding Ukraine.
9. Bishop Lawrence White, regarding police accountability.
10. Rebecca Stith, regarding ShotSpotter.
11. Marnie Ritchie, regarding ShotSpotter.
12. Judy Lee, regarding ShotSpotter.

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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Rumbaugh, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported that the January 23, 2025, meeting included interviews for Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board and the election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair; the February 6, 2025, special meeting included interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee; and the February 13, 2025, meeting included annual reports by the Tacoma Housing Authority, Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, Human Rights Commission, and Human Services Commission. She concluded that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on February 27, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., and will include interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities annual report.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported that the February 4, 2025, meeting included presentations on a telecommunications franchise agreement with Zayo Group LLC and Tacoma Municipal Code Title 6 revisions; and the February 18, 2025, meeting included a briefing on a proposed wholesale water contract with Cascade Water Alliance. He concluded that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a presentation on Tacoma Power and Water utility fee adjustments.

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Council Member Bushnell presented Healthy Communities Awards on behalf of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to the City of Tacoma Planning and Development Services Department for the McKinley Neighborhood Plan, and to the Environmental Services Department for the "If It Hits The Ground, It Hits The Sound" program; and further stated the Town of Steilacoom received another award.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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March 04, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Scott

Council Member Scott arrived at 5:00 p.m., and Deputy Mayor Daniels arrived at 5:23 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Diaz 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.

Council Member Scott arrived here, at 5:00 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Council Member Diaz.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [25-0173](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 30, 2024.
2. [25-0174](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, May 14, 2024.
3. [25-0187](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 11, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES41629](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Sascon, LLC, in the amount of \$671,320, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater and Streets Initiative funds, for wastewater sewer and roadway improvements along East McKinley Road, for a total projected contract total of \$805,584, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. ES24-0034F.
[Jordan Ennis, P.E., Engineer; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41629.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41629. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Daniels

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [25-0162](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, March 11, 2025, as National 311 Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, March 11, 2025, as National 311 Day and presented the proclamation to La'Toya Mason, Principal Customer Service Analyst, 311 Customer Support Center, and team members.

6. [25-0163](#) Proclaiming March 9-15, 2025, as AmeriCorps Appreciation Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 9-15, 2025, as AmeriCorps Appreciation Week and presented the proclamation to Aimee Khuu, Executive Director, Tacoma Community House; and AmeriCorp members Anna Huber and Seth Gebauer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:19 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for public comment, regarding Ordinance Nos. 29024 and 29025.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michael Catsi, speaking on Ordinance No. 29025.
2. Kierra Phifer, speaking on Ordinance No. 29025.

Deputy Mayor Daniels arrived here, at 5:23 p.m.

3. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Resolution No. 41632.
4. Cathie Urwin, speaking on Ordinance No. 29024.

Public comment ended at 5:29 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 6A. [25-0192](#) A motion may be made to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Karen Sudderth v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause Number 23-2-09617-2, related to a two vehicle intersection collision involving a Tacoma Police Vehicle on March 13, 2022, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$200,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Karen Sudderth v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause Number 23-2-09617-2, related to a two vehicle intersection collision involving a Tacoma Police Vehicle on March 13, 2022, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$200,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41630](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Active Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,984,984.00, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Stormwater Fund, for modifications to the Leach Creek Stormwater Holding Basin, for a projected contract total of \$2,381,980.80, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. ES24-0258F.
[Steve Hoffman, Senior Engineering Project Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41630.

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

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41631](#) A resolution adopting the priority issues for the 2025 session of the United States Congress.
[Andrea Roper, Government Relations Officer; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41631.

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

9. [RES41632](#) A resolution declaring the inclusion of community members over the age of 65 on the City's committees, boards, and commissions a priority; and, directing the City Manager to inform the City Council quarterly of changes to senior representation.
[Council Member Hines]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41632.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD29019](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive ten-year telecommunications franchise agreement to Zayo Group, 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 Office]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29019.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

11. [ORD29021](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.160 of the Municipal Code, relating to Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers, and Garage Sales, by amending various sections and adding a new section 6B.160.065, entitled "Exemptions - Report to police", to add new exemptions, update license fees, and clarify language, effective May 1, 2025.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29021.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

12. [ORD29022](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of Ordinance No. 28962, which enacted a temporary moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts, and approving a detailed Planning Commission workplan.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29022.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD29023](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 1.18 and 1.19 of the Municipal Code, relating to Mayor and Salary of Council Members, to rename the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries to the Commission on Elected Salaries, to align with City Charter Amendment No. 1 passed on November 5, 2024.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29023 was set over for final reading on March 18, 2025.

14. [ORD29024](#) An ordinance authorizing the execution of two wholesale Water Supply Agreements with Cascade Water Alliance, including the approval of certain market-based wholesale rates and pricing embedded within the two agreements.
[Marc Powell, Senior Business Services Analyst; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29024 was set over for final reading on March 18, 2025.

15. [ORD29025](#) An ordinance establishing expenditure targets and reporting requirements for revenues derived from Proposition 1, relating to funding transportation improvements, and the 0.10 percent Sales and Use Tax imposed by the Transportation Benefit District; establishing requirements for City Council review and evaluation of progress toward expenditure targets; and establishing planning requirements.
[Mayor Woodards]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29025 was set over for final reading on March 18, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

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Mayor Woodards made statements regarding the legislative process, noting many items are discussed in a City Council committee, Public Utility Board, or study sessions prior to them being considered on a meeting agenda.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic and Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Daniels, Chair of the Economic and Development Committee, reported that the January 14, 2025, meeting included a presentation on the City’s Economic Development Strategic Plan; the January 28, 2025, meeting was canceled; the February 11, 2025, meeting included election of Chair and Vice Chair, roundtable discussion on worker safety and wage theft, and a presentation on Tacoma Sister Cities’ Council annual program review; and the February 25, 2025, meeting included presentations on the Brownfields Job Training program, and Downtown Tacoma Partnerships annual report. She concluded that the March 11, 2025, has been canceled, and the next regular meeting will be held in a hybrid format on March 25, 2025, and will include proposed updates to Tacoma Creates.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the City Council study session and business meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2025, have been canceled; the next regularly scheduled meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025; and the community forum of March 11, 2025, is rescheduled to March 18, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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March 18, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 1 - 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. [25-0220](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, March 27, 2024.
2. [25-0221](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, April 10, 2024.
3. [25-0222](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, June 5, 2024.
4. [25-0223](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission special meeting, June 26, 2024.
5. [25-0190](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, February 12, 2025.
6. [25-0191](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, February 12, 2025.
7. [25-0204](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, December 9, 2024.

8. [25-0201](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 13, 2025.
9. [25-0202](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, December 2, 2024.
10. [25-0203](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, January 6, 2025.
11. [25-0226](#) Minutes of the Urban Design Board, January 16, 2025.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES41633](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Cerium Networks Inc., in the amount of \$693,410, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for two upgraded VXRail Systems to support the Plant Control Systems at the North End and Central Treatment Plants, for a projected contract total of \$762,751, plus applicable taxes - Contract No. CW2268490.
[Josiah Rowell, Warehouse Supervisor; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]
13. [RES41634](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with General Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$750,000, budgeted from the Solid Waste, Wastewater, and Stormwater funds, for on-call facility contracting services, through July 1, 2026, with the option to renew for an additional one-year term, for a cumulative amount of \$1,350,000, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. ES22-0324F.
[Hugh Messer, Operations and Maintenance Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]
14. [RES41635](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with McKinstry Co., LLC, in the amount of \$1,200,000, budgeted from the Solid Waste, Wastewater, and Stormwater funds, for on-call facility contracting services, through July 1, 2026, with the option to renew for an additional one-year period, for a cumulative amount not to exceed \$1,800,000, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. ES22-0324F.
[Hugh Messer, Operations and Maintenance Division Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

PAYMENTS

- 15. [25-0196](#) Date Range - 02/10/2025 to 02/23/2025
 Payroll in the amount of \$23,455,307.06; Payments in the amount of \$23,354,550.84;
 for a total of \$46,809,857.90.

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41633 through 41635.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41633 through 41635. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 16. [25-0211](#) Proclaiming March 2025 as Women’s History Month.

Deputy Mayor Daniels proclaimed March 2025 as Women’s History Month and presented the proclamation to Hayley Falk, Chair, Women’s Lead, Inspire, Nurture, Connect affinity group.

- 17. [25-0210](#) Recognizing the Daffodil Royal Court.

Council Member Walker recognized the Daffodil Royal Court and presented the recognition to Queen Harmony Jones, representing Silas High School, and the Daffodil Royal Court.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:18 p.m., and reconvened at 5:28 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:28 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for public comment, regarding Ordinance No. 29024.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Oliver Webb, speaking on Resolution No. 41642.
2. Michele Reich, speaking on Women's History Month.
3. Larry Viguerie, speaking on Payments.
4. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41640 and 41641.

Public comment ended at 5:38 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

18. [RES41636](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.
 [Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41636.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

19. [RES41637](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Combined Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,948,498.00, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for maintenance and upgrades to the Interstate 705 Northbound and Southbound ramps connecting to Stadium Way and Commerce Street, for a cumulative amount of \$3,243,347.80, plus applicable taxes - Specification No. PW24-0148F. [Basel Kitmitto, P.E., Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41637.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

20. [RES41638](#) A resolution awarding a contract to IMCO General Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$7,096,420.60, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Wastewater and Stormwater funds, for Phase 1 of the Progressive Design Build of the Puyallup Avenue Sewer Utility Replacement Project - Specification No. ES24-0035F. [Kristy Beardemphl, P.E., Engineering Manager; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41638.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

21. [RES41639](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority to increase compensation for administering a portion of the City’s Affordable Housing Fund.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Carol Wolfe, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41639.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

22. [RES41640](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 7433 D Street LLC, for the development of 20 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 7433 South “D” Street in the Upper Pacific Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Carol Wolfe, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41640.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

23. [RES41641](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Kissler Management, Inc., for the development of 12 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 4312 South Lawrence Street in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Carol Wolfe, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41641.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

24. [RES41642](#) A resolution adopting a policy that provides guidance of when and where commemorative flags may be raised in the City of Tacoma.
[Council Member Diaz]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41642.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

25. [ORD29023](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 1.18 and 1.19 of the Municipal Code, relating to Mayor and Salary of Council Members, to rename the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries to the Commission on Elected Salaries, to align with City Charter Amendment No. 1 passed on November 5, 2024.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29023.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

26. [ORD29024](#) An ordinance authorizing the execution of two wholesale Water Supply Agreements with Cascade Water Alliance, including the approval of certain market-based wholesale rates and pricing embedded within the two agreements.
[Marc Powell, Senior Business Services Analyst; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29024.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

27. [ORD29025](#) An ordinance establishing expenditure targets and reporting requirements for revenues derived from Proposition 1, relating to funding transportation improvements, and the 0.10 percent Sales and Use Tax imposed by the Transportation Benefit District; establishing requirements for City Council review and evaluation of progress toward expenditure targets; and establishing planning requirements.
[Mayor Woodards]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29025.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

28. [ORD29026](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges and Electrical Code, by revising various inspection, permitting, disconnection, and reconnection fees to recover increased operating and labor costs, effective April 7, 2025.
[Chad Edinger, Assistant Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29026 was set over for final reading next week.

29. [ORD29027](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water Regulations and Rates, by revising various sections to update language and recover increased operating costs, effective April 7, 2025.
[Dana Larsen, Customer and Financial Services Manager; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29027 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 6:17 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received eight written comments for community forum, regarding affordable housing, developer impact fees, parking on Pacific Avenue, sidewalk disrepair, ShotSpotter, urban forestry, and vibrancy of public space.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Larry Viguerie, regarding the Tacoma Fire Department and tree planting.
- 2. Sally Perkins, regarding homelessness.
- 3. Michele Reich, regarding gangs and drug crime.
- 4. Kit Burns, regarding the Tacoma Dome Link Extension.
- 5. Mira, regarding City Council appreciation.
- 6. Travis Pope, regarding Connect Across Tacoma.
- 7. Stephanie Reaser, regarding Connect Across Tacoma.
- 8. Christian Martin, regarding Connect Across Tacoma.

Community forum ended at 6:31 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

The report was postponed to the March 25, 2025, meeting.

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MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to excuse Mayor Woodards from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk



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March 25, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

Council Member Scott initially participated virtually and arrived in person at 5:04 p.m.

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. [25-0227](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 8, 2024.
2. [25-0228](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, June 12, 2024.
3. [25-0224](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, July 17, 2024.
4. [25-0225](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, August 7, 2024.
5. [25-0236](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, February 26, 2025.

6. [25-0237](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, February 26, 2025.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41643](#) A resolution awarding a contract to SAFE Boats International, in the amount of \$902,880.51, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Police Special Revenue Fund, for a Marine Services Unit patrol vessel - Contract No. SR5049029716.
[Corey Darlington, Police Captain; Patti Jackson, Interim Police Chief]

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41644](#) A resolution setting Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate portions of 6th Avenue and North Prospect Street, to cure building encroachments.
(Dazaifu LLC; File No. 124.1456)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

PAYMENTS

9. [25-0247](#) Date Range - 02/24/2025 to 03/09/2025
Payroll in the amount of \$23,006,197.93; Payments in the amount of \$37,817,753.12; for a total of \$60,823,951.05.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41643 and 41644.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41643 and 41644. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Scott

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [25-0215](#) Proclaiming Monday, March 31, 2025, as International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, March 31, 2025, as International Transgender Day of Visibility and presented the proclamation to Oliver Webb, Securing Our Own People Program Operations Director and Board Chair Emeritus, Diversity Alliance of the Puget Sound.

11. [25-0214](#) Presentation of the Economic Development Board 2025 Excellent 10 Award.

Paul Bakker, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community and Economic Development, presented the Economic Development Board 2025 Excellent 10 Award to the City for launching one of the first 5G networks in the nation in the Tideflats.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:18 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on International Transgender Day of Visibility and Resolution No. 41651.
2. David Schroedel, speaking on Resolution No. 41647.
3. Laurie Arnold, speaking on International Transgender Day of Visibility.
4. Jaleesa Trapp, speaking on International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Public comment ended at 5:27 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 11A. [25-0267](#) A motion may be made to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Anthony White v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause No. 22-2-08766-3, related to claims of disparate impacts, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$270,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Anthony White v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause No. 22-2-08766-3, related to claims of disparate impacts, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$270,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

12. [RES41645](#) A resolution appointing an individual to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41645.

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41646](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Brown and Caldwell, in the amount of \$764,185, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for additional engineering design services for the North End Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Project, for a cumulative amount of \$3,368,194, plus applicable taxes - Contract No. CW2254273.
[Jordan Ennis, P.E., Engineer; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41646.

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

RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES41647](#) A resolution continuing the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area (BIA), for the 38th year, providing for levy assessments and other income, in the amount of \$1,893,647; and approving the renewed BIA annual work plan, budget, and assessment rates from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Tanja Carter, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41647.

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

15. [RES41648](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Local Development Council of Tacoma d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$2,015,200, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, to provide administration services for operations included in the annual work plan and budget.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Tanja Carter, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41648.

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

16. [RES41649](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers - Transportation Division, Local 1977, Yardmasters, retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41649.

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

17. [RES41650](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, regarding the classification of Engineering Support Supervisor.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41650.

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

18. [RES41651](#) A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1, submitted by the City of Tacoma, at the April 22, 2025, Special Election, which reads as follows:

CITY OF TACOMA
PROPOSITION 1

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 41588 concerning utility taxes and property tax levy rate for street improvements.

This measure funds street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements for streets, including pedestrian and bicycle improvements, by levying an additional 2% utility tax on natural gas, electric, and phone utilities effective 2026; increasing the regular property tax levy by \$0.25/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$1.95/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2026; authorizing the 2026 levy amount as the basis to calculate future levies (RCW 84.55). Qualifying seniors and others are exempt (RCW 84.36.381).

Should this proposition be approved?

[Mayor Woodards, and Council Members Hines and Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to adopt Resolution No. 41651.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

19. [ORD29026](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges and Electrical Code, by revising various inspection, permitting, disconnection, and reconnection fees to recover increased operating and labor costs, effective April 7, 2025.
[Chad Edinger, Assistant Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29026.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

20. [ORD29027](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water Regulations and Rates, by revising various sections to update language and recover increased operating costs, effective April 7, 2025.
[Dana Larsen, Customer and Financial Services Manager; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29027.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

21. [ORD29028](#) 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 Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers - Transportation Division, Local 1977, Yardmasters Unit, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 29028 was set over for final reading next week.

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 road conditions.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jaleesa Trapp, regarding police procedures.
2. Ashlee, regarding public safety.
3. Laurie Arnold, regarding police procedures.
4. Michele Reich, regarding ShotSpotter.

- 5. Sofia Reily, regarding homeless encampments.
- 6. Ben Ruggle, regarding homeless encampments.
- 7. Klair Ethridge, regarding homeless encampments.
- 8. Ayla Hopkins, regarding homeless encampments.

Mayor Woodards and Katie Johnston, Interim Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, responded to community concerns about homeless encampments and outlined City processes to address them.

Community forum ended at 6:22 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

There was no report.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported the March 4, 2025, meeting included an update on Tacoma Public Utilities utility fees and charges; and the March 18, 2025, meeting included a briefing on amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Section 12.09.120 related to the fee for commercial Call-2-Haul. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on April 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a monthly budget update and a briefing on Tacoma Power financing.

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Council Member Rumbaugh reminded the community that South 21st Street in the Downtown area will be closed starting March 26, 2025, for six weeks for the Prairie Line Trail construction.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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