City of Tacoma
City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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April 02, 2024
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, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:09 p.m.

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. 24-0348 Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, June 13, 2023.

2. 24-0349 Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, June 27, 2023.

3. 24-0350 Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, July 11, 2023.

4. 24-0343 Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 12, 2023.

5. 24-0344 Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 26, 2023.

6. 24-0345 Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, August 23, 2023.

7. 24-0346 Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 13, 2023.

8. 24-0347 Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 27, 2023.

9. 24-0305 Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, February 28, 2024.

10. 24-0306 Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, February 28, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. 24-0339 Minutes of the City Council study session, October 3, 2023.

12. 24-0325 Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 14, 2023.

13. 24-0326 Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 21, 2023.

14. 24-0342 Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 28, 2023.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

15. RES41392 A resolution awarding a contract to Axon Enterprise Inc, in the amount of $567,112.65, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of $623,823.92, budgeted from the General Fund, for dash cameras inclusive of software, maintenance, and accessories, for an initial contract term of five years - Sourcewell Contract No. 010720-AXN - CW2253927. [Francesca Heard, Police Finance Manager; Avery Moore, Police Chief]

RESOLUTIONS

16. **RES41393** A resolution setting Tuesday, April 23, 2024, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed creation of the Urban Design Project Review permit and associated amendments to Title 13 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. [Stephen Antupit, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41392 and 41393.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41392 and 41393. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. **24-0334** Proclaiming Saturday, April 6, 2024, as Caribbean Queens Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, April 6, 2024, as Caribbean Queens Day, and presented the proclamation to Julie Davidson, President and CEO, JD Group; AbbyGail Woods, Owner-Operator, Trini Plate; Natalie Evans, Owner-Operator, We Be JAMin' Bakery; Lydia Mendez, Owner-Operator, Little Miss Sweets NYC; Karen Stringer, Founder, Bajan Station; and Reynolette Ettienne, Owner-Operator, Tiny Hands Ceramics.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:09 p.m.

18. **24-0317** Proclaiming April 1-7, 2024, as National Public Health Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 1-7, 2024, as National Public Health Week and presented the proclamation to Chantell Harmon Reed, Director of Public Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

19. 24-0335 Proclaiming April 2024 as Fair Housing Month.

Deputy Mayor Hines proclaimed April 2024 as Fair Housing Month and presented the proclamation to representatives from Washington Government Relations, LLC; Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors; the Tacoma Housing Authority; and Fair Housing Center of Washington.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:25 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:
1. Michele Reich, regarding Resolution No. 41392.
2. Mordecai Felchbaum, regarding unknown.
3. Alvin, regarding unknown.
4. Chris Piper, regarding Resolution No. 41392.

Public comment ended at 5:34 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

20. 24-0338 A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury and property damage claims against the City in the matter of Jordan A. Taylor v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 23-2-09963-5, related to a motorcycle and residential traffic circle collision, upon payment by the City in the amount of $60,000.00.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury and property damage claims against the City in the matter of Jordan A. Taylor v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 23-2-09963-5, related to a motorcycle and residential traffic circle collision, upon payment by the City in the amount of $60,000.00.

SECONDED BY: Mayor Woodards.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

21. **RES41394** A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Brown and Caldwell, in the amount of $356,088, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of $2,604,009, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for additional engineering design services to include a disinfection system upgrade for the North End Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Project - Contract No. CW2254273.
[Jordan Ennis, P.E., Civil Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41394.

SECONDED BY: Mayor Woodards.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

22. **RES41395** A resolution awarding a contract to Ecogrind Site Solutions LLC, in the amount of $2,181,500, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of $2,617,800, budgeted from the Stormwater Fund, for modifications to the Leach Creek Stormwater Holding Basin - Specification No. ES23-0281F.
[Steve Hoffman, Engineering Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41395.

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, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

23. **ORD28960** 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 Tacoma Joint Labor Committee agreement; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit; District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Yard Clerks, General, and Rail Mechanics Units; and the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28960.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

24. **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: Ordinance No. 28961 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

25. **24-0320** This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and no-cost transfer of Tacoma Power property located at 1801 North Orchard Street to the Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity for the development of affordable housing, pursuant to Revised Code of Washington 39.33.015.
[Greg Muller, Senior Real Property Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:46 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:
1. Liz Crouse.

The public hearing was closed at 5:49 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Deputy City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver reported that Environmental Services (ES) received a National Environmental Achievement Award in the Public Information and Educational Program category from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, for the City's "If It Hits the Ground, It Hits the Sound" program, and introduced ES staff who explained the City's program and award and presented a short video. Kingsolver further stated that the Sound Transit Board of Directors approved funding for the South Tacoma Sounder Station access improvement project, noting equity, accessibility, and funding.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Daniels, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported the March 26, 2024, meeting included a report from Travel and Sports Tacoma, soon to be renamed the Tacoma-Pierce County Tourism Authority; and the next meeting will be held on April 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in a hybrid format, and will include a presentation on the National League of Cities' health care training pilot program.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported the March 19, 2024, meeting included a monthly budget update and a report on the Tidy Up Tacoma program; the April 2, 2024, meeting included a presentation on the City Treasurer's Office; and the next meeting will be held on April 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in a hybrid format, and will include a monthly budget update.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the annual Daffodil Parade is on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Council Member Bushnell invited the public to attend the annual Khmer New Year event on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the STAR Center, located at 3873 South 66th Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Council Member Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Mayor Woodards.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk