The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of April 23, 2024, adopted the following resolutions and/or ordinances. The summary of the contents of said resolutions and/or ordinances are shown below. To view the full text of the document, click on the bookmark at the left of the page.

**Resolution No. 41406**
A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with BERK Consulting, Inc., in the amount of $201,520.00, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of $1,430,785.73, budgeted from the General Fund, for the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, through June 30, 2025 - Specification No. PL19-0288F.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**Resolution No. 41407**
A resolution accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of $3,300,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, for the acquisition of a zero-emission, battery-electric switcher locomotive.
[Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

**Resolution No. 41408**
A resolution revising the appointments of City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council’s Standing Committees, through December 31, 2024.
[Mayor Woodards]

**AMENDED Ordinance No. 28962**
An ordinance enacting a temporary moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts, for a period of one year.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
RESOLUTION NO. 41406

A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment, and the furnishing of services; authorizing the increase and extension of the contract with BERK Consulting, Inc., in the amount of $201,520.00, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of $1,430,785.73, budgeted from the General Fund, for the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, through June 30, 2025, pursuant to Specification No. PL19-0288F.

WHEREAS the City has complied with all applicable laws and processes governing the acquisition of those supplies, and/or the procurement of those services, inclusive of public works, as is shown by the attached Exhibit “A,” incorporated herein as though fully set forth, and

WHEREAS the Board of Contracts and Awards has concurred with the recommendation for award as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A”; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Tacoma concurs with the Board of Contracts and Awards to adopt the recommendation for award as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A.”

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to increase and extend Contract No. CW2233677, with BERK Consulting, Inc., in the amount of $201,520.00, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of
$1,430,785.73, budgeted from the General Fund, for the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, through June 30, 2025, pursuant to Specification No. PL19-0288F, consistent with Exhibit “A.”

Adopted __________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 41407

A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division, (d.b.a. “Tacoma Rail”); authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of $3,300,000, and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, for the acquisition of a zero-emission, battery-electric switcher locomotive.

WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Division (d.b.a. “Tacoma Rail”), was awarded a grant in the amount of $3,300,000, from the Washington State Department of Ecology, to assist with the acquisition of a zero emission battery-electric switcher locomotive, and

WHEREAS the grant funds were awarded as a distribution from the State’s Volkswagen Settlement Fund after a competitive call for projects from the Department of Ecology, and

WHEREAS this project will continue Tacoma Rail’s efforts toward decarbonization by eliminating the annual consumption of up to 30,000 gallons of diesel fuel by replacing a genset diesel-electric locomotive with a battery-electric locomotive and rendering two diesel engines manufactured between 2008 and 2009 inoperable, and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that the installation of locomotive charging equipment from the initial battery-electric project will be sufficient to support this additional battery-electric switcher locomotive, and

WHEREAS the current estimated cost for a battery-electric switcher locomotive is approximately $5,500,000 and Tacoma Rail will be required to cover all associated project costs that exceed this grant award, and

WHEREAS Section 4.11 of the Tacoma City Charter requires that all matters relating to the “incurring of indebtedness . . . shall be initiated by the
Board, subject to approval by the Council, and executed by the Board," prior to
acceptance of the agreement, and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Public Utility Board Resolution No. U-11452
on April 10, 2024, the Public Utility Board approved the proposed grant
agreement, pending authorization by the City Council; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities,
Beltline Division (d.b.a. “Tacoma Rail”) is authorized to accept the grant funding
in the amount of $3,300,000 from the Washington State Department of Ecology,
to assist with the acquisition of a zero-emission battery-electric switcher
locomotive, and to deposit said funding into the Tacoma Rail Fund.
Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are authorized to execute any necessary or convenient agreements needed to complete the acceptance of the grant funding with the State of Washington Department of Ecology, subject to all agreements being approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

Adopted ____________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11452
RESOLUTION NO. 41408

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

A RESOLUTION relating to committees, boards, and commissions; revising the appointments of City Council to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council’s standing committees, effective through December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council Members are called upon to serve on a number of local, regional, state, and national committees, boards, and commissions, and

WHEREAS, in addition to incorporating feedback from the City Council, Mayor Woodards strives to balance committee, board, and commission assignments based on a number of criteria, including City Council Member areas of interest and expertise, availability, and number of roles assigned, and

WHEREAS since the passage of Resolution No. 41330 on January 9, 2024, there have been shifts in availability by appointed City Council Members, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tacoma City Charter and the rules, regulations, and procedures of the City Council, the City Council Members named on Exhibit “A” have been nominated to serve on said committees, boards, and commissions listed thereon; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That those nominees to the committees, boards, and commissions listed on Exhibit “A” are hereby confirmed, and the City Council Members designated
thereon shall be appointed as members of such committees, boards, and commissions, as set forth on said Exhibit “A,” through December 31, 2024.

Adopted ______________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
EXHIBIT “A”

2024 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

1. Association of Washington Cities Board – Hines

2. Association of Washington Cities Large City Advisory Committee – Bushnell, Vacant (alternate) Hines

3. Association of Washington Cities Legislative Priorities Committee – Ushka, Vacant (alternate) Daniels

4. City Manager Performance Review Committee – Woodards, Hines, Ushka, Walker

5. Community Council Liaison – Bushnell, Diaz (alternate)


7. Community’s Police Advisory Committee – Woodards, Bushnell (alternate)

8. Cross District Association of Tacoma – Rumbaugh, Bushnell (alternate)

9. Crystal Judson Family Justice Center – Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott (alternate)

10. Economic Development Board Executive Committee – Woodards

11. Economic Development Committee – Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Scott, Rumbaugh (alternate)

12. Firemen’s Pension Fund Board of Trustees – Woodards, Hines (alternate)

13. ForeverGreen Trails – Walker

14. Foundation for Tacoma Students – Woodards, Rumbaugh (alternate)

15. Government Performance and Finance Committee – Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker (alternate)


17. Investment and Finance Committee – Woodards
| 178. | Joint Municipal Action Committee – Rumbaugh, Walker, Bushnell (alternate) |
| 199. | Law and Justice Council – Ushka |
| 210. | Law and Justice Community Oversight Subcommittee – Ushka |
| 211. | National League of Cities – Walker, Ushka (alternate) |
| 212. | Opioid Abatement Council – Hines, Ushka (alternate) |
| 223. | Parks Policy Group – Daniels, Walker |
| 234. | Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence – Rumbaugh, Scott (alternate) |
| 245. | Pierce County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee – Diaz |
| 256. | Pierce County Regional Council – Rumbaugh, Vacant, Diaz, Hines, Bushnell (alternate) |
| 267. | Pierce Transit Board – Diaz, Hines, Walker |
| 278. | Pierce County Select Committee on Homelessness – Hines, Rumbaugh |
| 289. | Police Disability and Pension Fund Board – Woodards, Walker (alternate) |
| 290. | Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board/Board of Directors – Bushnell, Walker (alternate) |
| 301. | Puget Sound Regional Council/Executive Board – Walker, Woodards (alternate) |
| 312. | Puget Sound Regional Council/Economic Development District Board – Bushnell, Daniels (alternate) |
| 323. | Puget Sound Regional Council/Growth Management Policy Board – Bushnell, Rumbaugh (alternate) |
| 334. | Puget Sound Regional Council/Transportation Policy Board – Walker, Diaz (alternate) |
| 345. | Puyallup Tribe Community Contribution Committee [2 percent] – Woodards, Ushka (alternate) |
| 356. | Regional Access Mobility Partnership – Walker |
| 1 | Safe Streets Board – Hines |
| 2 | Sound Transit Board – Walker |
| 3 | South Sound 911 – Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Diaz (alternate) |
| 4 | South Sound Housing Affordability Partners – Woodards, Daniels (alternate) |
| 5 | Tacoma Arts Commission – Scott, Diaz (alternate) |
| 6 | Tacoma Council of PTA/City Government Liaison – Bushnell |
| 7 | Tacoma Employees’ Retirement System Board of Administration – Woodards |
| 8 | Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health – Daniels, Ushka, Bushnell (alternate) |
| 9 | Tideflats Subarea Planning Steering Committee – Woodards, Walker, Rumbaugh (alternate) |
| 10 | Urban Waters Board of Directors – Diaz, Hines (alternate) |
| 11 | U.S. Conference of Mayors – Woodards |
| 12 | WorkForce Central – Woodards, Daniels, Diaz (alternate for Council Member only) |
| 13 | Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction Executive Steering Committee – Woodards (Chair), Daniels (Vice-Chair) |
| 14 | Zoo Trek Authority – Hines, Rumbaugh |
AN ORDINANCE relating to land use regulation; enacting a temporary moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts, for a period of one year.

WHEREAS Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) 13.07.060 outlines regulations for the local Tacoma Register of Historic Places and the nomination and designation process for Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts (“Districts”), and

WHEREAS the Landmarks Preservation Commission (“LPC”) and Planning Commission (“PC”) both have roles in reviewing nominations and making recommendations, and,

WHEREAS in reviewing applications for Districts over the last year, both commissions noted concerns about the existing historic district designation process and recommended that a review and potential update to the process should be conducted in the earliest possible plan and code amendment cycle, and

WHEREAS the PC adopted its Work Program for 2023-2025 in November 2023, and the City Council’s Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee concurred with the work program in December 2023, and the work program includes the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, which is anticipated to be completed in mid-2025, and

WHEREAS a Historic Preservation Plan Update including a policy/code review of local historic districts is included in the current scope for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update (“Comprehensive Plan”), and
WHEREAS the requested review is planned to be included in the upcoming 2024 Comprehensive Plan update process, however, in the interim, applications for Districts may continue to be submitted, and

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 41226, the City Council directed the PC, in coordination with the LPC, to conduct a public process to develop findings of fact and recommendations as to whether a moratorium on nomination and designation of local historic districts is warranted, and the PC adopted a review schedule and set a public hearing on September 20, 2023, and

WHEREAS following the public hearing, the PC also sought feedback and input from the LPC, and

WHEREAS the LPC did not feel that a moratorium was a necessary step to address existing policy issues within the normal scope of its work, but the PC found there are significant unresolved policy and code questions relating to historic district creation, and the PC workplan would benefit from a temporary pause on historic district review afforded by a moratorium, and

WHEREAS the PC expressed that before the establishment of any new Districts additional study was needed regarding the interplay between the current code and the City’s efforts to increase all income housing availability, and increase housing density within the City, and

WHEREAS the PC further noted that before the establishment of any new Districts study of the current code was needed to focus on addressing the impacts
of systemic racism on home ownership and wealth-building opportunities for people of color in the City, and

WHEREAS, in its recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed moratorium, the Commission noted that Council Ordinance 28793, which adopted Home In Tacoma Phase 1, in part “strengthened Tacoma’s commitment to addressing the lingering impacts of systemic racism and facilitating home ownership and wealth-building opportunities for people of color.”, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission also advised that the Landmarks Commission may need time to review its current program components for potential unintentional contributions to the legacy effects of discriminatory housing policies and, therefore, the primary policy questions regarding local historic districts are centered on Tacoma’s residential areas to support that focus the moratorium should be limited to residential areas, and

WHEREAS on November 15, 2023, the PC voted to recommend that the City Council establish a moratorium on the consideration and adoption of new Districts for a period of one year while the PC’s established workplan on the subject is implemented, and

WHEREAS on March 5, 2024, the City Council held a public hearing to seek comment on the PC recommendation; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.
Section 2. That a temporary moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts, is hereby enacted, for a period of one year or until the work is complete whichever is less.

Section 3. This moratorium shall be applicable only to those areas of Tacoma that have the following residential land use designations: Low-Scale Residential; Mid-Scale Residential; High-Density Multifamily; Airport Compatibility Residential.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to any other person or situation.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective ten days after its publication.
Section 6. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed ______________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney