



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Agenda

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**November 28, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

### CALL TO ORDER

**Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.**

### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT: 9**

### FLAG SALUTE

**Council Member Ushka 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 Ushka.**

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- 1. 23-1134** Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 4, 2023.
- 2. 23-1149** Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 25, 2023.
- 3. 23-1148** Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, October 13, 2023.
- 4. 23-1150** Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 25, 2023.
- 5. 23-1113** Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, October 2, 2023.

### AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

**There were no modifications to the agenda.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

6. **RES41299** A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$1,000,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Special Revenue Fund, together with \$500,000 in matching City funds, budgeted from the Affordable Housing Sales Tax Fund, for a cumulative total of \$1,500,000; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, in the amount of \$1,500,000, through November 1, 2050, for homebuyer education and first-time homebuyer down payment assistance.

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Ushka**

**ACTION: The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0 Items Removed: 0**

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. **23-1147** Proclaiming Tuesday, November 28, 2023, as Student Government Day.  
8. **23-1162** Recognizing Twin Tigers Taekwondo.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Public Comment began at 5:29 p.m.**

**The City Clerk's Office received 123 written comments for Public Comment.**

**20 individuals addressed the City Council**

**Public Comment ended at 6:03 p.m.**

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**The City Council meeting recessed at 6:03 p.m., and reconvened at 6:22 p.m.**

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Ushka**

**ACTION: To suspend the rules to remove Community Forum from the Agenda.**

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

9. **RES41300** A resolution appointing individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, Community's Police Advisory Committee, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Commission, and the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Ushka**

**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

10. **RES41301** A resolution appointing Devynee Ye to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Ushka**

**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. **ORD28912** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.10.301, entitled "Fire hydrant services fee", and Section 12.10.400, entitled "Rates - Inside and outside City limits", effective January 1, 2024.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

12. **ORD28913** An ordinance authorizing an increase in the Ad Valorem general property tax revenue collection in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general property tax levy in 2024.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

13. **ORD28914** An ordinance fixing the amount of the Ad Valorem tax levies necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from property tax levies to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

14. **ORD28915** An ordinance authorizing an increase for the Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and percentage.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

15. **ORD28916** An ordinance fixing the amount of the Emergency Medical Services levy necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from the property tax levy to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

16. **ORD28917** An ordinance modifying the 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget to appropriate funds for contractual obligations, transfers, and other budget adjustments; authorize interfund transfers and contributions; and accept, deposit, and appropriate miscellaneous donations, contributions, and/or fees.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

17. **ORD28918** An ordinance modifying the 2023-2024 Capital Budget to recognize changes in transfers, additional revenues, and budget adjustments.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0**

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

18. **ORD28919** An ordinance amending Chapter 3.11 of the Municipal Code, relating to Emergency Medical Transportation, by amending Section 3.11.060, entitled “Patient transportation service rates”, to restore the Emergency Medical Services levy and allow the levy to pay for medical transport charges incurred by qualified City residents, as passed by voters in Proposition 1 in the August 1, 2023, Primary Election.

**Set over for final reading next week.**

19. **ORD28920** A supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$225,000,000, to provide funds to finance and refinance capital improvements to the electric system, redeem certain obligations of the electric system, and pay costs of issuance for the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.

**Set over for final reading next week.**

20. **ORD28921** An ordinance amending the current non-exclusive Right of Use Agreement and Franchise with Pierce Transit, extending the renewal term an additional five-years and amending the current expiration from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2029, for transit-related infrastructure within City rights-of-way.

**Set over for final reading on December 19, 2023.**

21. **ORD28922** An ordinance amending Titles 8 and 17 of the Municipal Code, relating to Animal Control and Public Safety, by amending Section 17.02.140, entitled “Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal”, and Section 8.12.060, entitled “Public disturbance noises”, to revise requirements for enforcement of an unlawful action and to remove the criminal misdemeanor charge for public disturbance and public nuisance noise made by an animal.

**Set over for final reading next week.**

22. **ORD28923** An ordinance amending Title 17 of the Municipal Code, relating to Animal Control, by adding a new Section 17.02.155, entitled “Cat Declawing”, to establish a ban on performing a procedure that results in the partial or complete declawing of a cat except when conducted by a licensed veterinarian for a therapeutic purpose, effective March 31, 2024.

**Set over for final reading next week.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**There was no unfinished business.**

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

**Community Forum was not held.**

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**There was no report.**

# COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

**Deputy Mayor Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, gave a report.**

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**Mayor Woodards stated that the November 2023 General Election results have been certified, and Measure No. 1 has passed.**

**Council Member Hines made comments about the Pictures of Hope program.**

**Deputy Mayor Walker requested an update on a public safety issue.**

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## ADJOURNMENT

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**