



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Agenda

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**December 19, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: 7**

**ABSENT: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka)**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

**Deputy Mayor 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 Deputy Mayor Walker.**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

There were no items filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

**Mayor Woodards stated that there are two modifications to the agenda, to add a letter regarding the Puget Sound Gateway under the Consent Agenda, and to add a settlement motion under the Regular Agenda.**

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Blocker**

**ACTION: To suspend Rule 4A of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to amend the agenda as follows:**

- to add a letter to from the City regarding the Puget Sound Gateway on the Consent Agenda as Item 3A; and
- add a settlement motion as Item 7A on the Regular Agenda.

**Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Bushnell, Daniels, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **23-1232** Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 23, 2023.
2. **23-1233** Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 6, 2023.
3. **23-1231** A letter from the City Council to the Charter Review Committee.
- 3A. **23-1257** A letter from the City Council regarding the Puget Sound Gateway.

## **PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

4. **RES41320** A resolution awarding a contract to Seva Workshop LLC, in the amount of \$745,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the 2024 update to the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan, for an initial contract of two years - Specification No. PL23-0065F.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

5. **RES41321** A resolution accepting grants and loans from the Puget Sound Regional Council, National Highway Performance Program, and the Washington State Public Works Board, in the total amount of \$17,684,908; for deposit into the Capital Project funds, together with \$470,750 in matching City funds, budgeted from the Streets Initiative Fund, for a cumulative total of \$18,155,658, to fund various Public Works projects, including pedestrian facilities, trails, bikeways, safe routes to schools, roadway improvements, traffic signals, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure improvements.
6. **RES41322** A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Pierce County Conservation Futures Grant program, in the amount up to \$264,070, plus eligible costs; accepting and depositing said sum into an escrow account, and further authorizing matching funds in the amount of up to \$35,930, budgeted from the Stormwater Fund, for a maximum total of \$300,000, plus eligible costs, to fund the appraisal and purchase of 15.5 acres for the purpose of protecting natural habitat and providing stormwater benefit; and further authorizing the execution and closing of purchase and sale agreement and conservation agreement for said parcel.

## PAYMENTS

7. **23-1227** Date Range - 11/20/2023 to 12/03/2023  
Payroll in the amount of \$20,995,369.21; Payments in the amount of \$29,082,878.05; for a total of \$50,078,247.26.

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Blocker**

**ACTION: The Consent Agenda, as amended, was declared adopted.**

**Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Bushnell, Daniels, Ushka) Abstaining: 0  
Items Removed: 0**

## 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 two written comments for Public Comment, regarding Resolution No. 41324.**

**One individual addressed the City Council.**

**Public Comment ended at 5:07 p.m.**

## REGULAR AGENDA

- 7A. **23-1258** A motion to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City in the matter of Jacqueline Mayo v. City of Tacoma and Mikael Johnson, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 22-2-08036-7, related to a vehicle-pedestrian collision, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$35,000.00.

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Blocker**

**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

8. **23-1230** A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Chris Bacha as City Attorney, effective January 2, 2024.

**MOTION: Walker**  
**SECOND: Blocker**  
**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

9. **23-1229** A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Catherine Marx as Retirement System Director, effective January 29, 2024.

**MOTION: Walker**  
**SECOND: Blocker**  
**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

10. **RES41323** A resolution reappointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

**MOTION: Walker**  
**SECOND: Blocker**  
**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

11. **RES41324** A resolution appointing individuals to the 2024 Charter Review Committee to serve until such time as the final reports and recommendations are made on or before May 7, 2024.

**MOTION: Walker**  
**SECOND: Blocker**  
**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

**PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

12. **RES41325** A resolution awarding a contract to Ceccanti, Inc., in the amount of \$4,144,937.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for construction of the South Tacoma Pump Station Rehabilitation Project Phase 2, for a projected contract total of \$4,973,924.40 - Specification No. ES23-0332F.

**MOTION: Walker**  
**SECOND: Blocker**  
**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

13. **RES41326** A resolution awarding a contract to SAP Public Services, Inc., in the amount of \$12,500,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for an initial contract of seven years with the option to renew, for Cloud Services, software, and licenses - Direct Negotiation.

**MOTION: Walker**  
**SECOND: Blocker**  
**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

**RESOLUTIONS**

14. **RES41327** A resolution ratifying the City Manager’s Declaration of Emergency for the Hylebos Bridge to allow application for a loan from the Washington State Public Works Board, in the amount of \$1,000,000, to fund emergency repairs.

**MOTION: Walker**  
**SECOND: Blocker**  
**ACTION: Adopted.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

15. **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.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

16. **ORD28927** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28910, relating to the Tax and License Code, to include an additional exhibit amending Municipal Code Chapter 6B.10 and 6B.20, effective November 13, 2023.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

17. **ORD28928** An ordinance amending Subtitle 6B of the Municipal Code, relating to the License Code, by amending Section 6B.10.030, entitled “License definitions”, and Section 6B.10.190, entitled “Investigations and background checks”, to meet Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements to allow the City to conduct nationwide background checks for certain license applicants.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

18. **ORD28929** An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, by amending Section 6A.30.065, entitled “Job credits”, to narrow the definition of a green job and increase the value of the green job tax credit from \$250 to \$1,000 per year; and amending various sections throughout Chapter 6A.30, to update language, address areas of inconsistency, and comply with state law.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

19. **ORD28930** An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Business and Occupation Tax, by adding a new Section 6A.30.067, entitled "Job Credit - Work Opportunity", to provide a new \$1,000 job tax credit for employers adding a new position and filling the position with an individual with a disability, as identified through the vocational referral in the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

**ACTION: Passed.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 20. ORD28931** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.07 of the Municipal Code, relating to Equity in Contracting, by amending various sections, and by repealing Section 1.07.050, entitled “Approval as a Certified Business”, to replace outdated elements of the former Small Business Enterprise Program and clarify expectations for review of the program.

**The ordinance was set over for final reading to January 9, 2024.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**There was no unfinished business.**

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**City Manager Elizabeth Pauli gave a report.**

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Government Performance and Finance Committee

**Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, gave a report.**

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**Mayor Woodards invited everyone to attend the Patsy Surh Place Groundbreaking Ceremony, on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 711 South 38th Street, at 11:00 a.m.**

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Recognition of outgoing Council Member Blocker

**Mayor Woodards and Council Members recognized Council Member Blocker for his years of service.**

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**Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the December 24, 2023, and January 2, 2024, meetings and study sessions have been cancelled.**

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**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Blocker**

**ACTION: To excuse Council Members Bushnell and Ushka from the meeting.**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Bushnell, Ushka) Abstaining: 0**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**