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City of Tacoma

City Council Voting Record*

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 Passcode: 349099
December 3, 2024
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Present: 8; Absent: 1 (Woodards)

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. **24-1266** Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 24, 2024.
2. **24-1246** Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 23, 2024.
3. **24-1248** Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 23, 2024.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Daniels

To continue Ordinance No. 28997 to the meeting of December 17, 2024, at the request of staff.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **24-1296** Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, February 20, 2024.
5. **24-1298** Minutes of the City Council study session, February 27, 2024.
6. **24-1299** Minutes of the City Council study session, March 5, 2024.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. **RES41561** A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Republic Parking Northwest, LLC, d.b.a. Reef Parking, in the amount of \$256,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,873,360, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome Fund, for professional parking services for the Tacoma Dome, through June 30, 2025 - Specification No. PF16-0327F.

PAYMENTS

8. **24-1297** Date Range - 11/04/2024 to 11/17/2024
Payroll in the amount of \$22,560,376.16; Payments in the amount of \$29,656,216.54; for a total of \$52,216,592.70.

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RESOLUTIONS

9. **RES41562** A resolution setting Tuesday, December 17, 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 declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation, for the amount of \$3,490,000.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. **ORD28981** An ordinance vacating a 16-foot-wide alley lying south of vacated South 30th Street and north of South Tacoma Way and lying between South Wilkeson Street and vacated South Ash Street to address and eliminate existing building and industrial storage use encroachments.
(Bradken, Inc.; File No. 124.1453)

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Daniels

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0 Items Removed: 0

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

11. **RES41563** A resolution appointing Darlene Leevey to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries.

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Daniels

Adopted.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Scott, Woodards) Abstaining: 0

12. **RES41564** A resolution reappointing Colleen Barta and Dean Burke to the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board.

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Daniels

Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

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RESOLUTIONS

13. **RES41565** A resolution authorizing transfer of a telecommunications system from Unite Private Networks, LLC to Zply Fiber Pacific LLC d.b.a. Zply Fiber, to construct, operate, and maintain subject to the provisions of the existing telecommunications franchise, Municipal Code, and Charter.

MOTION: Walker
SECOND: Daniels
Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

14. **RES41566** A resolution approving the General Government Fee Schedule for special and miscellaneous services, to include charges to the public for various departmental services.

MOTION: Walker
SECOND: Daniels
Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

15. **RES41567** A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,000, to sponsor the Hilltop holiday event.

MOTION: Walker
SECOND: Daniels
Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

16. **RES41568** A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$30,000, to support the transition of Tacoma's senior services from Lighthouse and Beacon Activity Centers to Metro Parks Tacoma facilities.

MOTION: Walker
SECOND: Daniels
Adopted.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. **ORD28991** An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Business and Occupation Tax, by amending various sections to repeal the preferential tax rate and related deduction for International Investment Management Services, remove outdated language, and update the definition of "farmers", effective January 1, 2025.

MOTION: Walker
SECOND: Daniels

To consider as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28991.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Daniels, Woodards) Abstaining: 0

Passed as a substitute.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

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18. **ORD28993** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective April 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

19. **ORD28994** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.06.374, entitled "Electric Vehicle Public Charging Provided by Tacoma Power - Schedule EVPC", by updating the tariff on electric vehicle public charging fees, effective January 1, 2025.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

20. **ORD28995** An ordinance amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges and Electrical Code, to update language regarding fees for inspection, permit, disconnection, and reconnection, effective April 1, 2025.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

21. **ORD28996** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.06.373, entitled "Electrofuel service pilot - Schedule EF", to reflect the costs of serving large new customers, effective January 1, 2025.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

22. **ORD28997** An ordinance amending the Official Schedule of Stormwater and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.

Ordinance No. 28997 was continued to the meeting of December 17, 2024, earlier in the meeting.

23. **ORD28998** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, to adjust rates and charges, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

24. **ORD28999** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

25. **ORD29000** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, related to Water - Regulations and Rates, for water service construction charge adjustments, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.

Passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

26. ORD29001 An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented and nonrepresented employees, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Set over for final reading next week.

27. ORD29002 An ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget.

**MOTION: Scott
SECOND: Daniels**

To direct the City Manager to prepare a modification to the 2025-2026 budget ordinance to reduce revenues by the \$8,900,000 reliance on cash and make corresponding reductions totaling \$8,900,000 in expenses and a proviso that directs that \$5,600,000 of the expense reduction is allocated to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget for personnel and offset by the removal of a \$1,400,000 vacancy assumption. The allocation of the remaining reductions is to be determined by the City Manager following discussions with the City Council beginning in January 2025, and to explore revenue options and strategies.

Adopted.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 3 (Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh) Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

**MOTION: Hines
SECOND: Daniels**

To direct the City Manager to prepare a modification and proviso to the 2025-2026 preliminary budget on file with the Budget Office, allocating \$4,200,000 from the General Fund for the Fire Department together with reduction of \$5,600,000 allocated in the 2025-2026 preliminary budget for personnel and offset by the removal of a \$1,400,000 vacancy assumption.

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m., and reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

Failed.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 5 (Bushnell, Daniels, Sadalge, Scott, Walker)

Absent: 1 (Woodards) Abstaining: 0

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:13 p.m., and reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Ordinance No. 29002 was set over for final reading next week.

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28. **ORD29003** An ordinance adopting the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program of the Comprehensive Plan, and adopting the 2025-2026 Capital Budget.
Set over for final reading next week.

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

29. **24-1211** This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to permitting levels of service and public notice.
The public hearing began at 8:03 p.m., and was closed at 8:11 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY FORUM

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

MOTION: Walker
SECOND: Daniels
A motion was made and adopted to excuse Mayor Woodards from the meeting.
Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

ADJOURNMENT – 8:48 p.m.