



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Agenda

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

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**January 3, 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 (Daniels, Diaz)**

**Deputy Mayor Ushka and Council Member Bushnell participated virtually.**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

**Council Member Hines 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 Hines.**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

- 1. 23-0010** Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, September 6, 2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

2. 22-1421 Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 30, 2022.
3. 22-1420 Minutes of the Virtual Forum, August 23, 2022.

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Blocker**

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

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Daniels, Diaz) Abstaining: 0**  
**Items Removed: 0**

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. 23-0008 Proclaiming Saturday, January 7, 2023, as Cambodian Educational and Cultural Exchange Heritage Day.

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**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Blocker**

**ACTION: To suspend the rules to consider Item 6, Resolution No. 41111, regarding the Deputy Mayor election, at this time.**

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

6. RES41111 A resolution nominating and electing Council Member Kristina Walker to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2023.

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Blocker**

**ACTION: To continue Resolution No. 41111 to the meeting of January 10, 2023.**

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Public Comment began at 5:16 p.m.**

**The City Clerk's Office received no written comment and for Public Comment.**

**Two individuals addressed the City Council.**

**Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.**

## REGULAR AGENDA

5. **23-0011** A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City by Tony Palas in the matter of Tony Palas v. City of Tacoma Police Department, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 21-2-06606-4, relating to an automobile accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$1,250,000.

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

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

### APPOINTMENTS

6. **RES41111** A resolution nominating and electing Council Member Kristina Walker to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2023.

**Resolution No. 41111 was continued to the meeting of January 10, 2023, earlier in the meeting.**

### RESOLUTIONS

7. **RES41112** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Professional Public Safety Management Association, regarding deposits made to a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association account upon an employee’s retirement or death.

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

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

8. **RES41113** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs, LLC, in the amount of \$187,800, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$563,400, budgeted from the General Fund, for continued legislative lobbying services for the years 2023 and 2024.

**MOTION: Walker**  
**SECOND: Blocker**  
**ACTION: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 41113.**

**MOTION: Walker**

**AMENDMENT: I move to amend Resolution No. 41113, on page 1, line 3, and page 2, lines 3 and 12, to strike the words “General Fund,” and insert the words “General Government Internal Services Fund”.**

**SECOND: Blocker**

Public comment was taken.

One individual addressed the City Council.

**ACTION: Amended.**

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

**ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 41113, as amended.**

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

- 9. RES41114** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the contract with Simon and Company Incorporated, in the amount of \$173,006, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$516,790, budgeted from the General Fund, for continued legislative lobbying services for the years 2023 and 2024.

**MOTION: Walker**

**SECOND: Blocker**

**ACTION: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 41114.**

**MOTION: Walker**

**AMENDMENT: I move to amend Resolution No. 41114, on page 1, lines 3 and 25, and page 3, line 9, to strike the words “General Fund,” and insert the words “General Government Internal Services Fund”.**

**SECOND: Blocker**

Public comment was taken.

One individual addressed the City Council.

**ACTION: Amended.**

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

**ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 41114, as amended.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

A report was given.

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

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, gave a report.

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MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Blocker

ACTION: To excuse Council Members Daniels and Diaz from the meeting.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.