



**Virtual Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 15, 2024**

**Board Members present: Bobby Ocasio, Brian Humphreys, Diane Blount, Jesse Hart, Judith Miller, Lynnette Scheidt, Rick Slater, and Tara Scheidt. We had a quorum.**

**Total number of participants: Twenty-seven.**

<b>July 2024 Treasurer Report</b>					
<b>CK/C ODE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRANSACTION</b>	<b>WITHDRAWAL</b>	<b>DEPOSIT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>DC</b>	7/15/2024	Board Meeting Food	\$65.00		\$8,623.61
		<b>TRANSACTION COUNT: 1</b>			

**Minutes of the June 17, 2024, meeting was approved.**

**Shown in the video are:**

- **Committee reports.**
- **Mr. Alfred Lewers Jr.'s "Sound Thinking Inc. Shot Spotter presentation" with a question-and-answer period.**
- **Liaison Reports from Public Works, Tacoma Police, Tacoma Fire, City Manager's Office, Tacoma Public Schools, Metro Parks, Tacoma Public Utilities, Congressman Conway's Office, Katie Workforce Central, and Tacoma Public Library.**
- **Community Questions, Comments and Concerns.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm**

**Jesse Hart Jr.  
Secretary**

## Video

[video1136493304.mp4](#)

## Chat

18:34:24 From Lt Shawn Malott, TPD: Lt Shawn Malott, Tacoma PD, Community Policing, South Sector; 253-318-6831

18:34:37 From Ramiro Chavez -- PW Tacoma: Ramiro Chavez, City of Tacoma Public Works. [rchavez@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:rchavez@cityoftacoma.org)

18:34:44 From Gabi Barragan: Hi there! 😊 My name is Gabi, and I am a supervisor over at the Moore Branch of the Tacoma Public Library! Feel free to reach out at [gbarragan@tacomalibrary.org](mailto:gbarragan@tacomalibrary.org)

18:35:01 From Christina Caan -- City of Tacoma: Christina Caan, City Manager's Office, [ccaan@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:ccaan@cityoftacoma.org)

18:35:16 From leesha: Reacted to Hi there! 😊 My name... with "❤️"

18:35:37 From Alfred Lewers Jr: Alfred Lewers Jr

18:35:44 From Lindsay Wills: \]  
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18:36:38 From Zeek Edmond, TPS: Zeek Edmond, Tacoma Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Teaching & Learning [eedmon1@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:eedmon1@tacoma.k12.wa.us)

18:37:05 From Lelli, Kimberlie: Hi, I'm Kimberlie Lelli, Senator Steve Conway's Sr. Legislative Assistant. Tonight, I'm just here to listen. If you need to contact our office, please email: [steve.conway@leg.wa.gov](mailto:steve.conway@leg.wa.gov).

18:37:19 From Sun+They+Sh: Reacted to "Hi, I'm Kimberlie Le..." with 👍

18:37:40 From Alfred Lewers Jr: Alfred Lewers Jr Senior Director Trauma Response and Community Engagement, SoundThinking (954) 822-6966 [alewers@soundthinking.com](mailto:alewers@soundthinking.com).  
LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alfredlewersjr/> Noteworthy blogs: <https://www.soundthinking.com/blog/improve-community-relations-with-information-sharing/>

18:44:04 From Sun+They+Sh: Sandesh Sadalge  
Planning Commissioner District 4  
[sandeshhtpc@gmail.com](mailto:sandeshtpc@gmail.com)

18:52:59 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Public Works

18:53:08 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Tacoma Police

18:53:17 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Tacoma Fire

18:53:26 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: City Manager's Office

18:53:35 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Tacoma Public Schools

18:53:43 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Metro Parks

18:53:54 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Tacoma Public Utilities

18:54:13 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Congressman Conway's Office

18:54:51 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Katie Workforce Central

18:55:22 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Tacoma Public Library

19:09:03 From Lelli, Kimberlie: Our police department is already understaffed, does the implementation of this service add extra stress on police departments? Do

19:09:26 From Lelli, Kimberlie: Do calls go up and how much?

19:11:18 From Christina Caan -- City of Tacoma: Here is some information from the City: ShotSpotter FAQs - City of Tacoma

19:17:57 From Alfred Lewers Jr: <https://www.soundthinking.com/soundthinking-responds-to-false-claims/>

19:19:33 From Sun+They+Sh: Replying to "Here is some informa..."  
Thank you Christina. This FAQ was very helpful for me.

19:20:02 From Christina Caan -- City of Tacoma: Reacted to "Thank you Christina..." with 👍

19:22:35 From Alfred Lewers Jr: <https://www.soundthinking.com/blog/improve-community-relations-with-information-sharing/>

19:23:39 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: SafeTacoma253@gmail.com

19:24:14 From Sun+They+Sh: Replying to "SafeTacoma253@gmail...."  
I would love to help with the clean up.

19:29:48 From Laura C.: When they restripe 56th street, can it allow left turns to access the south end pool and the glass recycling area? Those living east of the south end park can either cross a double line by the police substation or go out of their way to come from the west. Traffic is one way into the immediate recycling area.

19:30:42 From Alfred Lewers Jr: I was able to also upload the PDF to the chat. I appreciate everyone's attention, and the great questions. Please feel free to contact me, should you have any questions. My phone is the best way to get a swift response.

19:33:55 From Sun+They+Sh: Link that has information on the McKinley Overlook project: <https://cityoftacoma.org/capital-projects/McKinley-Overlook>.

19:34:22 From Sun+They+Sh: Also, @Lelli, Kimberlie - I'm your neighbor. I live on E Wright between E E & E F st.

19:39:20 From Bobby Ocasio-Board Member: 56th to 62nd on McKinley needs some love!!!

19:39:51 From leesha: Stewart heights does not have much shady areas.

19:40:11 From leesha: Nor the capacity to hold that many ppl.

19:41:45 From leesha: Wright park

19:42:27 From Sun+They+Sh: Replying to "Lt Shawn Malott, Tac..."  
Do you get texts at this #? I can text you a link to the TNT article I referenced.

19:43:05 From Sun+They+Sh: LeMay would be an awesome location.

19:43:36 From Sun+They+Sh: Replying to "Lt Shawn Malott, Tac..."  
or if you have an email address, I can email you the links too.  
<https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/crime/article289585992.html>

19:43:39 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: Lemay is still an East Tacoma location.

19:44:20 From Bobby Ocasio-Board Member: Replying to "Lemay is still an Ea..."  
And if you have been to a concert there, it's a great venue and surprisingly bigger than it

looks.

19:44:47 From Sun+They+Sh: Reacted to "And if you have been..." with 👍

19:45:26 From Tara Scheidt - Vice President - She/Her: June 1-30

Total Fires: 183 of which 51 were homeless related.

Incendiary: 76

Accidental: 78

Illegal Burns: 27

Fireworks: 2

### Outdoor Burning Restrictions

- o Burning yard waste, household garbage, and building materials (i.e., scrap wood, paint, vinyl flooring, roofing, and carpet) are prohibited.
  
  - o Recreational fires are generally allowed – clean fuel, less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height, and 25 feet from any structure.
  
  - o Recreational fires are not allowed during a burn ban. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency ([pscleanair.org](http://pscleanair.org)) sets regional air quality bans, and local fire officials set the fire safety ban.
  
  - o WAC 173-425-050 - if the smoke from the fire bothers the neighbors or damages their property or otherwise causes a nuisance, the fire shall be extinguished.
- 19:46:48 From Laura C.: Reacted to "June 1-30

Total Fir... " with 👍

19:52:02 From Zeek Edmond, TPS:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/summer-learning/summer-learning>

19:52:25 From Zeek Edmond, TPS:

<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/tacomapublicschools?keywords=>

19:59:16 From Antonio McLemore - MPT - Community Center Supervisor: Summer Bash at Stewart Heights Park - Metro Parks Tacoma

19:59:30 From John Gaines: You can help choose the next local non-profit to receive a \$50,000 grant from Tacoma Power! If you're a Tacoma Power customer, your vote will decide who next in our community will get these funds to help generate their own electricity from renewable resources. Review the proposed projects and cast your vote now.

<https://bit.ly/3W0GHZo>

Tacoma Rail is establishing a hiring roster for Locomotive Mechanics to inspect, service, and maintain a variety of locomotives in accordance with federal and company regulations, diagnose diesel engine malfunctions and make repairs.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/3XOB1h4>.

**TPU Night at the Rainiers is back! Join us on August 22nd at Cheney Stadium to support the Tacoma Public Utilities Senior Assistance Fund, which will help seniors in our community who are struggling to pay their utility bill.**

**Tickets include a reserved seat, ballpark meal, specially designed T-shirt, and a \$5 donation to the Senior Assistance Fund. <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Event/Ra>**