



City Council Minutes

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City Council Chambers, 747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, Washington 98402

April 21, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 - Silas.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Phelps.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Tacoma City Council minutes of March 31, 1998.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 1, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, March 25, 1998.
- c. Monthly Financial Reports for Belt Line Division, Conservation Project Fund, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Geographic Information System Fund, Light Division, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, and Water Division.

Council Member Miller moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the day of April 25, 1998, as "Mammography Awareness Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Sally Lohrengel, American Cancer Society.

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the week beginning April 20, 1998, as "Tacoma Sabercats Championship Week" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Frank Colarusso, Vice President, Marketing and Sales for the Sabercats.

RECOGNITION

Deputy Fire Chief Ralph Johns presented Certificates of Merit to Larry Anderson and Bryan Anderson for their work in public education. Larry and Bryan, a father and son team, along with their Dalmatian dogs, Pepper and Annie, visit schools on their own time teaching children the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" drill.

REGULAR AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26219

Appropriating \$900,000 from the Capital Improvements Summary Fund for the construction of the Fire Training Center located at 2124 Marshall Avenue.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26220

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County in the amount of \$4,000 to implement a mentoring project and provide training resources for child care providers of children with special needs; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for said purpose.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26221

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$8,000 for the Child Care Resource and Referral Service; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for said purpose.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26222

Authorizing the execution of a Public Works Trust Fund Construction Loan Agreement with the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, in the amount of \$10,000,000, for the construction of certain public works

projects; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Capital Improvements Summary Fund for said purpose.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34031

Approving the release of slope easements on the north side of South 47th Street between South Lawrence and South Warner Streets to clear title to the property for the construction of an 82-unit apartment building.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. reported on his trip to Phoenix, Arizona. He stated that the City of Tacoma is one of four cities that is being used across the nation as a "case study" on how we involve our citizens in government. He stated that a citizen from Tacoma also traveled to Phoenix and participated in the case study discussions.

Mr. Corpuz reminded the City Council that the Regional/Urban Development Action Team (R/UDAT) visit will be held this weekend. He stated that a special R/UDAT meeting will be held for the City Council on Friday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m., at the Schoenfeld Building. Mr. Corpuz stated that the City Council will have the opportunity to meet with the Regional Urban Development Action Team and discuss specifics of the R/UDAT approach. He stated there will also be public meetings and forums throughout the weekend. Mr. Corpuz then encouraged citizens to attend and express their ideas about the potentials and the opportunities for the development of downtown.

Mr. Corpuz reported that the Community Council of Tacoma has submitted an application to the National Civic League for the All American City Award. He stated that it has been approximately 13 years since the City of Tacoma won that award.

Mr. Corpuz stated that this year the nomination was based on three programs - alternatives to youth, hope on the hilltop, and citizen participation in capital improvements. He announced that the City of Tacoma is one of 30 finalists and that a representatives from the Community Council will be traveling to Mobile, Alabama, to give a presentation. He stated that the judges will then make their selection at the conclusion of the presentations.

Mr. Corpuz then announced that the *Pierce County Business Examiner* is moving its headquarters from Gig Harbor to downtown Tacoma.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ebersole stated that the news of the *Pierce County Business Examiner* moving its headquarters to downtown Tacoma ties in with the announcement that Total Renal Care will be staying in downtown Tacoma. He stated that currently Total Renal Care has approximately 200 employees with plans to expand that number to approximately 600. He stated that Total Renal Care is a very fast-growing and progressive company which decided to stay in downtown Tacoma. Mayor Ebersole then complimented City Manager Ray Corpuz; Juli Wilkerson, Planning and Development Services Director; Martha Anderson, Economic Development Manager; Pierce Transit; Tacoma Empowerment Consortium; James Walton, Deputy City Manager; and Council Members Miller and Phelps and Deputy Mayor Crowley for their roles in the negotiation of the Total Renal Care project.

Council Member Miller moved to excuse Council Member Silas from the meeting tonight. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that on Saturday, April 25, 1998, at 8:00 a.m., he will be representing Mayor Ebersole at the opening of the March of Dimes Walk. He then stated later that day he will kick-off the first public meeting of the Regional/Urban Development Action Team at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel.

Council Member Phelps stated that the public meeting with the R/UDAT will be held on Saturday, April 25, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the Tacoma Convention Center. He stated that it will only be successful with the input of Tacoma's citizens. Council Member Phelps stated that this meeting is the citizens' opportunity to speak about their vision of the downtown area.

Council Member Phelps then reminded everyone that his second coffee gathering with constituents will be held on Saturday, April 25, 1998, at 8:30 a.m., at the Northshore Country Club.

Council Member Phelps then passed on his condolences to the Ingram family. He stated that Dave Ingram passed away on Friday, April 17, 1998. He stated that Mr. Ingram was a very active member of the Stadium Historical District Association, and that he had a passion and love for his community and will be greatly missed.

Council Member Miller requested a legal opinion as to whether or not the letter the City Council received regarding an appeal is *ex parte* communication or outside of the record.

Council Member Miller then complimented staff for their outstanding work regarding the Total Renal Care project.

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Council Member Miller stated that the Marine Daffodil Parade was an outstanding event and complimented the Tacoma Yacht Club for putting on the event. He stated that the Charles N. Curtis, Sea Explorer Ship 110, earned the Commodore's Choice Award.

Mayor Ebersole commented on the success of the Daffodil Parade on Saturday. He thanked the sponsors of the event and commented on the support of citizens that were out watching the parade. He stated that the City of Tacoma is very proud to be a part of that tradition.

Council Member Kirby stated that on Monday, May 4, 1998, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Tacoma Dome Convention Center, the Washington State DARE Officers Association will hold a discussion about the City of Tacoma's DARE program. He stated that it will be moderated by Mr. Ken Shram, KOMO TV 4 and presentations will be made by experts in the field.

Council Member Kirby stated that the City Council rode in the DARE cars during the Daffodil parade and that the Marine Daffodil Parade was a successful event.

Mayor Ebersole announced that on April 30, 1998, the City of Tacoma will be hosting the eighth annual "Police on Bikes" Conference. He stated that police on bikes from throughout the world will be converging in Tacoma for this conference.

Council Member De Forrest stated that he recently attended the general meeting of the Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council of Tacoma's (ENACT) held at the Lighthouse Senior Center. He stated that they had an excellent program. Council Member De Forrest stated that one of the attendees at the meeting discussed with him an incident that took place at the Brown Bear Car Wash on South 38th Street. He then requested information on the policy in the Police Department regarding whether or not officers are dispatched to fingerprint robberies on Saturday evenings.

Council Member De Forrest requested information regarding speeding in neighborhoods. He requested figures from the Police Department, for the last five years, of the number of traffic enforcement officers assigned or previously assigned to patrolling the neighborhoods so that he can do a comparison. He also requested the amount of revenue that the City of Tacoma received for each of those years. He then requested the same information regarding Driving Under the Influence (DUI) violations. Council Member De Forrest requested that the DUI violations be separate from the other traffic violations.

Council Member McGavick commented on the Daffodil Parade. She stated that the Daffodil Festival had discussed discontinuing the Daffodil Parade in Tacoma last year because of financial problems. She stated that the City of Tacoma contributed more money this year which allowed the Daffodil Parade to continue in Tacoma. Council Member McGavick stated that she enjoyed participating in the Daffodil Parade again this year.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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