



# City Council Minutes

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

October 28, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

Council Members Present: 8 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Baarsma.

Council Members Absent: 1 – Talbert.

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Moss.

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## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 1, 2003.
- b. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library, Board of Trustees, September 17, 2003.
- c. Minutes of the Task Force on Disabilities, September 25, 2003.
- d. Monthly Financial Reports for the Conservation Project Fund, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, and Tacoma Water, August 2003.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Resolution No. 35992

Setting Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner, on the request to vacate a portion of East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street between East D Street and Interstate 5, to increase parking and landscaping areas. (Hawthorne Hill Condominium, LLC; File No. 124.1197)

### ASSESSMENT ROLLS

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Rolls for the following:

- LID No. 3960 for the placement of sanitary sewer in View Ridge Drive from the cul-de-sac west of Frace Avenue 700 feet; and
- LID No. 8625 for the placement of permanent pavement and storm drainage on View Ridge Drive from Whitman Street to Frace Avenue and on Frace Avenue from View Ridge Drive to North 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

Setting Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 35992, be approved. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 35992, was declared approved.

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### PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed the month of November 2003, to be "Tacoma Artists Month" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Greg Youtz, a member of the Tacoma Arts Commission.

Mayor Baarsma paid tribute to the international students from the University of Puget Sound who were in attendance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time set aside for public comment on items on the agenda. Speakers are asked to identify the specific agenda items they wish to address and comments will be limited to up to five minutes per person.

Public Comment began at 5:27 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Allen Douglass	University Place	Resolution No. 35993, appointments; Ordinance No. 27156; convention center; Resolution No. 35996, criminal justice
Will Baker	<a href="http://www.piercecountyinsider.com">www.piercecountyinsider.com</a>	Resolution No. 35996, sales tax

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Speaking before Council (continued):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Ordinance Nos. 27156 and 27157, taxes
Sherry Bockwinkel	Resident	Ordinance Nos. 27156 and 27157; revenue bonds for convention center
Michele Reich	1205 Earnest S. Brazill Street	Ordinance Nos. 27156, 27157; revenue bonds, limited tax bonds
Charles Creso	Broadview	Ordinance Nos. 27156, 27157; real estate and finances
Alton McDonald	Resident	Ordinance Nos. 27156, 27157; taxes, bonds; ad valorem tax
Rick Cvitanich	www.thetruthabouttacoma.org	Public Facility Districts, taxes

Public Comment ended at 6:09 p.m.

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## **R E G U L A R   A G E N D A**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Resolution No. 35993**

Reappointing Judy Hosea to serve on the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board of Directors for a four-year term, beginning November 1, 2003, through December 1, 2007.

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

### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 27156**

Providing for the sale and issuance of revenue bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$31,000,000, for refinancing the costs of acquiring land and constructing and renovating a regional convention center and public parking facilities in the downtown area.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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**Ordinance No. 27157**

Authorizing the sale and issuance of limited tax general obligation bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$43,000,000, to provide long-term financing for the costs of acquiring land and constructing and renovating a regional convention center and public parking facilities in the downtown area.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 27158**

Amending Chapters 13.05 and 13.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to shoreline management, by eliminating the lengthy process for exemption requests and clarifying mineral extractions uses that apply only to commercial purposes.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Purchase Resolution No. 35994**

Awarding contracts to:

1. Bobcat West, on its bid of \$61,931.02, for two Bobcat skid steer loaders and Towmaster Contrail trailers; and
2. Corporate Express, in the amount of \$600,000.00, to renew its contract for office supplies from November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2004.

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

**Resolution No. 35995**

Authorizing the execution of a two-year extension to the Option to Extend Agreement and the Option to Purchase Agreement with Stellar International, Inc., for the "A" Street Parking Garage located at 110 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

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**Resolution No. 35996**

Expressing the City Council's intentions to use its share of the revenue from the sales tax increase proposition on the November 4, 2003, ballot which reads as follows:

SPECIAL ELECTION  
PROPOSITION NO. 1  
SUBMITTED BY PIERCE COUNTY  
LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

The Pierce County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2003-80s2 concerning a local tax for public safety and criminal justice services. This ballot proposition, if approved, will authorize the imposition within Pierce County of a sales and use tax equal to three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) to provide funds to make needed improvements to public safety and criminal justice services, and to provide funds to hire at least 100 new City and County law enforcement officers. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

APPROVED                      REJECTED

for criminal justice purposes, including services to victims of domestic violence and public safety-related programs, such as, but not limited to, a one-stop center for victims of domestic violence, truancy officers, probation officers, a youth assessment center, prevention programs and business district security.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the 2004 ad valorem property tax levy.

The Public Hearing began at 6:53 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Alton McDonald	Resident
Michele Reich	1205 Earnest S. Brazill Street
Charles Creso	Broadview
Will Baker	<a href="http://www.piercecountyinsider.com">www.piercecountyinsider.com</a>
Allen Douglass	University Place

The Public Hearing ended at 7:16 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

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**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager James Walton asked Chief Ramsdell to speak to the Council regarding Police Department staffing levels.

Chief Ramsdell stated that the hiring status and staffing levels of the Police Department were as follows: 381 positions budgeted, 22 current vacancies, 3 lateral officers just hired, 2 entry-level officers hired, 13 entry-level candidates in various stages of the hiring process, and 10 lateral-entry officers in various stages of the hiring process

Chief Ramsdell stated there would be another aggressive recruiting and hiring process in January.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to excuse Council Member Talbert from the meeting. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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Council Member McGavick stated they had an Executive Session today on pending litigation. She stated she was pleased to hear that the City could look at its internal hiring practices. She stated the Mayor mentioned the possibility of a performance audit in the Human Resources Department. She then requested the City Manager give the Council a plan within the next two or three weeks about how to look at the City's internal processes.

Mayor Baarsma stated hiring procedures and processes are governed by City Charter and that the Charter Review Committee should be able to look at the recommendations.

Council Member Lonergan stated he toured the new facility for the Auto Warehousing Company last Friday. He stated the Evergreen terminal at the Port of Tacoma will be expanding. He stated the Exchange Club, including some City employees, volunteered to clean up the Tyler Square Park; and their efforts were appreciated.

Mayor Baarsma noted that he, along with Council Members Evans and Lonergan, attended the grand celebration held for the dedication of the new Mason Middle School.

Mayor Baarsma stated there was a very positive article about Tacoma in the business section of Sunday's paper. The article mentioned the nearly 50 visitors from Rockford, Illinois, who were impressed with Tacoma's development.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

  
BILL BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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