



City Council Minutes

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

May 6, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Council Members Present: 9 ~ Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Phelps.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, April 18, 2003.
- b. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library, Board of Trustees, March 19 and special meeting, April 2, 2003.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of April 15, 2003.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma declared May 9, 2003, as a "Day of Remembrance, Prayer, and Healing" in the memory of Crystal Brame.

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed May 5-12, 2003, to be "Historic Preservation Week" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Jonathan Phillips, Chair, Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission.

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Mayor Baarsma proclaimed May 5-11, 2003, to be "Public Service Recognition Week" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Jack Peterson, Public Works Department, Street Maintenance Division; Mr. Bob Arleth, Tacoma Economic Development Department; Mr. Rod Kerlake, Hearing Examiner; Mr. Charles Pearson, Public Works Department, Building and Land Use Services Division; Mr. Jeff Boyle, Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division; and Ms. Barbara Miller, Public Works Department, Administration Division.

Mayor Baarsma asked all the citizens of Tacoma to join him in supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on May 16-17, 2003, honoring the inspiration of our cancer survivors and memory of loved ones lost to cancer and presented the proclamation to Ms. Barbara Patterson, Chair, Tacoma American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

REGULAR AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to consider additional Resolution No. 35848. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35848

Granting City Manager Ray Corpuz' request to be placed on paid administrative leave; and appointing James Walton as Acting City Manager during the investigation of the career of David Brame.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Will Baker	Piercecountyinsider.com
Alton McDonald	City resident
Warrema Bay	31500 – 33 rd Place NE
Lawrence Norman	City resident
David Minikel	City resident

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 35845 (Continued from the Special City Council meeting of May 3, 2003)

Appointing a Council committee to liaison with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

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Deputy Mayor Moss moved to remove Resolution No. 35845 from the Agenda. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35845 was removed from the Agenda.

COMMUNICATION

City Clerk advising that the Civil Service Board has filed proposed amendments to Chapter 1.24 of the Municipal Code, entitled "Personnel Rules," reflecting recent changes in state law, which will affect Section 1.24.460, entitled "Veterans preference."

Mayor Baarsma advised that this is informational only and no action is required.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27080

Amending Chapter 6.07 of the Municipal Code, relating to ambulances, allowing charges for services, medicines, and supplies to be increased annually by the cost of living; and waiving amounts owed by Medicare patients after insurance payments.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27081

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement provisions negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Division Unit; creating two new classifications; and adding language relating to meal and rest periods.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27082

Accepting \$11,000 from the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County for developing and providing domestic violence training for Pro Tem Judges and other court personnel.

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Will Baker	Piercecountyinsider.com
Debra Hannula	Pro Tem Judge
Alton McDonald	City resident

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 35839

Awarding contracts to:

1. Coast Rail, Inc., in the amount of \$149,692.48, for rail track maintenance for the Mountain Division's track – Specification No. G-205-03;
2. Coast Rail, Inc., in the amount of \$114,218.24, for signal railroad crossing maintenance – Specification No. G-206-03;
3. Electric Lightwave, Inc., in the amount of \$110,368.85, for local and long-distance telephone services – Specification No. G-027-02;
4. Netversant – Washington, Inc., in the amount of \$412,000.00, for cabling equipment, installation and maintenance of the City's telephone and data systems – Washington State Master Contract No. T98-MST-015; and
5. Aramark Uniform Services, Inc., in the amount of \$295,000.00, to renew its contract for coverall, uniform and linen services for various departments – Specification No. G-007-01.

Council Member Phelps moved to waive further reading of the Resolution. Seconded by Council Member Ladenburg. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Alton McDonald	City resident

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35840

Submitting the 2003 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Deputy Mayor Moss to continue Resolution No. 35840 to the meeting of May 13, 2003. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35840 will be considered at the meeting of May 13, 2003.

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Resolution No. 35841

Designating the Waddell Building, located at 1502-1504 Pacific Avenue and 1501-1503 Commerce Street, as a historic landmark and placing said building on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Allen Douglas	507 South J Street, 1A
Warrema Bay	31500 – 33 rd NE

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35842

Naming the parks located at:

- North 30th and Starr Streets as “Old Tacoma Gateway Park”;
- North 10th and Washington Streets as “Washington Hill Park”; and
- North 8th and North K Streets as “North Slope Historic District Park.”

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Anita Preston	2611 North 30 th Street

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35843

Renaming the Ruston Senior Center, located at 4716 North Baltimore Street, to “Olga Scott Memorial Building.”

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Alton McDonald	City resident
Allen Douglas	507 South J Street, 1A

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to consider two additional Resolutions. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 35846

A Resolution stating the actions of the City Council regarding the investigation of the hiring of David Brame conducted by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Debra Hannula	Attorney
Sherry Bockwinkel	City resident
Lara Hermann	City resident; business owner
Judy Helstrom	Northend resident; God mother of Crystal Brame
Ardith DeRaad	President, Alliance Against Domestic Violence
Alton McDonald	City resident
Larry Norman	Hilltop resident
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Judy Fortier	President of Tacoma Chapter of National Organization for Women
Ginny Eberhardt	Chair, Community Council of Tacoma
Will Baker	Piercecountyinsider.com
Pete Lamb	Citizen, local volunteer
David Minikel	Resident; Attorney
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, 1A
Sally Perkins	1419 South Sheridan
Steve Apling	1401 South 14 th Street
Dick Hagener	Northeast Tacoma resident
Reverend Eric Flynn	City resident
Carl Teitge	Resident of Stadium Way
Phyllis Gordon	City resident
Patricia Benavidez	Citizen of Pierce County
David Murray	2006 East Columbia Avenue; Native American; business owner
Jeanie Peterson	1230 South Grant Avenue
Janis Martin	City resident
Sean Griffin	Northend resident
Dr. Ana Sierra-Jonsson	Resident
John Sanders	2336 South Jefferson
Jim Marso	Northend resident

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35847

Expressing the desire that the Human Rights and Human Services Department work in conjunction with the Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence, to provide training and technical assistance tailored to the needs of city employees and to assist city employees in identifying and responding to the problem of domestic violence.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Council Member Ladenburg moved to amend Resolution No. 35847 by adding to line 6, after the word and, “a member of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV), and”; line 9, after CADV, to add “WSCADV and others as appropriate to”; in line 13, delete the word “and” before CADV and after CADV, to add the words “and WSCADV”; in line 20, after CADV, add the words “and WSCADV” and then on page 2, line 2, delete the word “and” before CADV and after CADV, to add the words “and WSCADV.” Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Dr. Dolores Silas	Former Deputy Mayor and Council Member
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, 1A
Edward Ketcham	Resident of Midland
Constance Clay Williams	Resident
Will Baker	Piercecountyinsider.com
Reverend Eric Flynn	Resident
Alton McDonald	Resident
Warrema Bay	31500 – 33 rd NE

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager James Walton expressed his appreciation to the Mayor, Council, and citizens of Tacoma for their expression of trust and support in passing the Resolution making him the interim City Manager. He stated his role would be to maintain focus and keep the team together as they work through this difficult period of time.

Mr. Walton announced that Tacoma Economic Development Director Juli Wilkerson has been chosen to receive the Singular Exemplary Achievement Award from the Evergreen Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators, which recognizes an individual who has achieved exceptional public service accomplishments within the last two years. He thanked Ms. Wilkerson and her staff.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Talbert stated it has been ten days since this horrific act of murder was committed. He stated it is human nature for rational thinking people to attempt to somehow rationalize this unbelievable act and that in doing so we automatically look for someone or something to blame. He stated David Brame is responsible for the murder of his wife, the devastation of two families, and for placing his children in a position no child should ever have to deal with. He stated we must learn from this tragedy and other communities must benefit from what we learn. He stated it is important that the investigation be allowed to be completed so that the conclusions can be provided to the Council, which has the responsibility of correcting areas of deficiencies and, if it is proven that individuals were derelict in their duties, to take appropriate action. He stated that coming out of this horrific event, it would be an even bigger tragedy if we failed to learn from this, and if we failed as a community to educate others about what we learned. He encouraged everyone to come together to help heal the community and ensure that no spouse of a public safety employee ever be made to feel there is nowhere to turn for help.

Council Member Lonergan congratulated Senior Airman Terri Rollins for receiving the 22nd Annual Howard O. Scott Citizen-Soldier of the Year award from the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce during a recent luncheon at the Kiwanis Club.

Council Member Lonergan commended the officers and non-commissioned staff of the Police Department for carrying on in protecting our City during this tragic time. He commended the various domestic violence agencies within the community for responding to a very large number of requests for assistance and information during the past week. He stated many people have come together in prayer for Crystal's and David's families and for the City of Tacoma.

Council Member Ladenburg stated this Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Wright Park, there will be a time for community healing. She stated the Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence is sponsoring a remembrance and vigil for Crystal Brame, her family, and victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Mayor Baarsma stated there has been no historical parallel to the nightmare this community has endured. He thanked Council Member Talbert for his comments, which represent the sentiments of the Council. He then thanked his Council colleagues for doing the right thing this evening in the Resolutions which were considered to restore faith and confidence in our government.

Council Member Evans thanked his Council colleagues for their comments in relation to the tragedy our community has suffered. He commended the citizens for their testimonies tonight. He stated this is democracy in action. He stated he received many calls from television stations, radio stations, and newspapers. He stated a writer from the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* called Sunday and asked if nothing good was happening in Tacoma. He said he then realized that 7,000 people in our City last weekend joined in the opening of the museum. He stated 1,300 people attended the tour of historic homes over the weekend. He stated the Associated Ministries Banquet was attended by 600 people. He stated this shows there are lots of good things happening in Tacoma. He stated we will conquer this horrendous tragedy.

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CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 9:12 p.m.

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Topic
Jim Cozad	South 48 th Street	E-mail sent by president of Police Union
Allen Douglass	507 So. J St., 1A	Condolences to Brame families
Stan Naccarato	Stadium Way	Appreciation of Council and Ray Corpuz
John Collins	1127 No. Oakes	Possible "Good Old Boy System" in Tacoma
Ginny Eberhardt	Community Council	Need investigation of how City does business, policy implementation, and accurate release of information; no more private meetings
Steve Apling	Central Neighborhood Council	City government
Sally Perkins	1419 So. Sheridan; Central Neighborhood Council	Was on screening committee for David Brame; information was not provided
Will Baker	Piercecountyinsider.com	Council meetings
Sherry Bockwinkel	Northend	Investigation; Initiative to change government from City Manager to Mayor
Velma Stewart	Citizen	Abuse of African-American students in Tacoma
Rick Cvitanich	Northend	Elected officials and "Good Old Boys System"

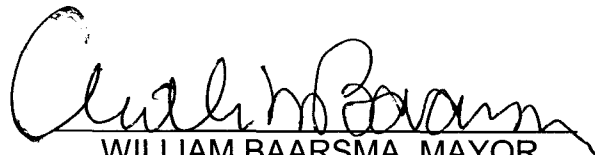
Citizens' Forum (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jeanie Peterson	City resident	Support of police department; anonymous reporting system
Dwayne Nicholas	City resident	Independent Review Commission
Robert Wardell	Northend	Abuse and violence in schools
Margaret Riebe	Northend	Votes to have City Manager step down
Phyllis Barrett	912 So. Cushman	Investigation of Police
David Murray	2006 E. Columbia Ave	Domestic terrorism
Alton McDonald	City resident	Abuse of African-Americans
Rev. Eric Flynn	City resident	Council response to challenge

Mayor Baarsma recognized former Mayor Karen Vialle in the audience.

Citizens' Forum closed at 10:10 p.m.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.


 WILLIAM BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
 DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

