

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
January 24, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Silas. Absent: 1 - Mayor Moss. (Mayor Moss arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Kirby.

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of January 10, 1995.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 32889

Setting Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate portions of East 11th Street northerly and southerly of Blair Waterway. (Port of Tacoma; File No. 124.1012)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearing Examiner Agenda for Tuesday, January 24, 1995.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families, December 8, 1994.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Downtown Tacoma Parking Commission, January 4, 1995.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Public Utility Board and study session of December 14, 1994 and special meeting of December 13, 1994.
- e. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, December 1, 1994.
- f. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, November 15, 1994 and special meeting of November 8, 1994.
- g. Monthly Financial Reports for Belt Line Division, Light Division, Water Division, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund and Geographic Information System Fund, November 1994.
- h. State Auditor's Audit Report of the City of Tacoma, January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

Council Member Kirby moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. Resolution 32889, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. Resolution 32889, was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Hearing Examiner submitting Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit No. 141.585 to formalize the existing gravel walkway between the Point Defiance Boathouse and Owen Beach for the placement of a 3,000 foot long, 8 foot wide concrete sidewalk and approximately 10 foot wide gravel walkway, together with seating areas and two new stairways to the beach, removal of 2,244 square yards of asphalt to provide a grass play area and raise the existing seawall 12 inches in height. (Metropolitan Park District; File No. 141.585)

Mayor Moss arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 8 - Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss. Nays: 1 - De Forrest. The motion was declared adopted.

- b. Hearing Examiner recommending modification of a previously-imposed condition to allow outdoor storage at the Home Depot located on the northwest corner of South 74th Street and Tacoma Mall Boulevard. (Home Depot; File No. 120.1291C)

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Silas.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 1 -- Kirby.

The motion was declared passed.

Mayor Moss called on Mr. David Shaughnessy, Operations Coordinator for College Relief International, who spoke on the relief efforts that are being organized to assist the earthquake victims in Kobe, Japan. He announced that anyone interested in providing assistance to the earthquake victims can call 279-7158.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25659

Amending Chapter 12.08 of the Official Code to increase sewage disposal rates 14 percent and storm drainage rates 28 percent effective February 5, 1995.

Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 25659. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Crowley moved to suspend the rules to allow public testimony on Substitute Ordinance No. 25659 at this time. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before the Council were:

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| Stan Naccarato | One Stadium Way |
| Debra Rechnitz | Commercial laundries representative |
| Gary Brackett | Chamber of Commerce |
| Evan McCord | Resident |

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 1 -- De Forrest.

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25660

Accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology in the amount of \$1.9 million; depositing said sum in the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for upgrading the North End Wastewater Treatment Plant; and authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Washington State Department of Ecology in the amount of \$600,000 from the Centennial Clean Water Fund to provide assistance for the remaining improvements and upgrading of the North End Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 32893 at this time. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 32893

Authorizing the execution of various agreements in the amount of \$1,859,251 with specific community service agencies for human service projects.

Speaking before the Council were:

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| H. Brownie Braunsteiner | 3715 Alaska Street |
| Margy McGroarty | 1019 Pacific Avenue |
| Bev Tanis | Post Office Box 197 |
| David P. Mesler | 1502 South Mildred, #2 |
| Jody Lynn Pilarski | 3519 South Sheridan |
| Susan Strickland | 5202 South Tyler Street |
| Denny Hunthausen | Resident |
| N. C. Griffith | 715 South M Street |
| Dick Kellenberger | 5429 North 49th Street |
| Julie Bonsteel | 5218 South Puget Sound |

Feliotta Laiotta
Don Mansfield

1424 South L Street
University Place resident

Council Member Miller moved that the Substitute Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Substitute Resolution was declared adopted.

Council Member Miller moved to recess for five minutes. Seconded by Mayor Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted. Council recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS: (Began at 7:55 p.m.)

- a. Oscar Trinidad appealing the decision of the Hearing Examiner to not form L.I.D. No. 8578.

Mr. Rod Kerslake, Hearing Examiner, spoke regarding his decision relative to L.I.D. No. 8578.

Mr. Oscar Trinidad, appellant, presented his reasons for the appeal.

Ms. Patricia Lowry, intervenor, spoke in support of the Hearing Examiner's decision. Intervenors Thomas Schillar and Ronald Sorkness did not speak on the appeal.

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Decision of the Hearing Examiner and deny the appeal.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 -- Baarsma, Crowley, McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 3 -- De Forrest, Evans and Kirby.

Abstaining: 1 -- Silas.

The motion was declared adopted.

- b. Thomas E. Schillar and Patricia S. Lowry, appealing the decision of the Hearing Examiner relative to the formation of L.I.D. No. 8578.

Mayor Moss noted that because the Council concurred with the Findings, Conclusions and Decision of the Hearing Examiner, the Schillar and Lowry appeal is now moot.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25661

Accepting a grant of \$17,000 from the Washington State Community, Trade and Economic Development Department; and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary to conduct a feasibility study for business retention and recruitment program through the Neighborhood Business District Revitalization program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS: (Began at 9:25 p.m.)

- c. This is the date set for a public hearing regarding the Port of Tacoma's request to annex approximately 207 acres generally located south of East-West Road and bounded by the city limits of Tacoma on the north and west sides and the city limits of Fife on the south and east sides pursuant to the 75 percent petition method.

There were no speakers before the Council. The hearing was declared closed at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to receive public testimony on anti-crime issues. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before the Council were:

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| Al Pearn | President, McKinley Boosters |
| Steve Rodli | East Tacoma resident |
| Laura Resa | East Tacoma resident |
| Adrien Query | 102 East 40th Street |
| Ruth McElliott | 906 East 34th Street |
| Helen Stamper | 80th Street |
| Margaret Reemy | Resident |
| Cheryl Ware | M Street resident |
| Dave Mulholland | Resident |

Ordinance No. 25662

Amending Section 1.06.690(B) of the Official Code to modify the membership of the Information Systems Board by adding up to two private industry senior information systems executives to the Board.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 32890

Awarding a contract to:

Cook Paging, in the amount of \$29,000 for Police pager services, - Washington State Contract #93-PUR-001.

Council Member Miller moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans.

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

Resolution No. 32891

Authorizing the execution of a real estate purchase and sale agreement with the Port of Tacoma in the amount of \$126,000 for a parcel of land in the Frederickson area on 200th Street East and 44th Avenue East for a Light Division substation site.

Council Member Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 32892

Authorizing the execution of an agreement, in the amount of \$816,000 with Northwest Cascade, Inc., for receiving and composting the City's yard and garden waste and biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Award for financial reporting and gave special recognition to Dawna Stanfield, Jeff Christensen and Peter Luttrupp for their efforts in receiving this award.

Mr. Corpuz reported that the Safety First Committee has been meeting on public safety issues and their preliminary report will be shared with the Council.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member De Forrest asked who initiated the call to Ms. McCann suggesting a potential conflict of interest by serving on the TACID Board which resulted in her resignation from the Board. Council Member De Forrest comment on the recent tragedy of the Eastside shooting of Mr. Kim that shook the community. Council Member De Forrest expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Kim.

Council Member Kirby expressed his desire to reach out to the community to ask for their concerns on public safety. He asked the City Manager to see if the Public Safety Committee could be placed on each Neighborhood Councils agenda to solicit their interest and ideas on what improvements can be made on the city's crime situation. Council Member Kirby also suggested that Judge Gary Sullivan, John Ladenburg and Police officers in the field could provide various ideas. Council Member Kirby requested staff to investigate instituting a non-emergency public safety phone number such as 591-9111 and that this number be staffed.

Council Member Miller concurred with Council Member Kirby's suggestion to meet with each Neighborhood Council and suggested that the meetings take place during

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February and March. On another matter, Council Member Miller indicated that he will be forwarding a letter he received from a concerned citizen about vehicles in the alley between 30th and 31st Streets off Proctor to the Public Works Director. He asked that a reply be sent to the concerned citizen.

Council Member Silas reminded the Council and citizens that the first 1995 Town Hall meeting will be held in the central area at The Evergreen State College on February 2. Council Member Silas indicated that if the Public Safety Committee would like to use the forum at the Town Hall meeting to start their program on crime issues, there will be approximately 150 individuals in attendance. Council Member Silas noted that about six months ago, there was a group of members from McKinley Hill Boosters who waited late at night to speak to the Council about safety. Council Member Silas explained that at that time, the group was asked to leave or come to the first Council meeting of the month to speak under the Citizens' Forum portion of the agenda. Council Member Silas expressed her desire for the Council to set a precedent that if the Council is going to allow one group to come to talk to the Council at meetings other than the first meeting of the month, that the Council be consistent with all groups.

Council Member McGavick commented on the level of frustration from the public tonight. Council Member McGavick indicated that perhaps during the public safety meetings that will be held, a suggestion like a public safety bond levy may come out of the meetings. Council Member McGavick expressed concern that there needs to be more sensitivity to the neighborhoods when a significant crime surge occurs and perhaps a task force needs to go out to the community to help debrief the frustration and anger of that community and listen to their needs. She emphasized the need to take a proactive approach when a crisis occurs to help solve problems and diffuse situations to get to a place less frustrating.

Deputy Mayor Evans asked for a current status report on when the Council will be considering the proposed regulations on dormitory and rental housing.

Council Member Baarsma reported that his recent trip to Vancouver, B.C. was a positive experience. Council Member Baarsma noted that one idea that was shared relates to a meeting that he, Deputy Mayor Evans and Council Member De Forrest had some weekends ago with individuals in the McKinley Hill area concerning traffic problems during events at the Tacoma Dome. Council Member Baarsma indicated that the people of Vancouver, B.C. addressed a similar problem through the use of parking permits and other techniques. Council Member Baarsma indicated that there are two municipally owned parking garages that stand vacant while cars are parked in the McKinley Hill area in residential driveways and illegally parked in many instances. Council Member Baarsma indicated there must be ways to create disincentives to get people to move their cars into the municipally owned parking garages that remain vacant. He indicated that potential revenues are being lost and this is something that may be worth exploring.

Deputy Mayor Evans responded that the services offered by Pierce Transit in the past, for some unknown reasons were discontinued. Deputy Mayor Evans indicated that Pierce Transit has expressed a willingness to start services again if they are provided access to the garages. Deputy Mayor Evans announced that the Dome Access Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at the Port of Tacoma. He indicated that the Committee is suggesting to take out the proposed access ramps at Portland Avenue. Deputy Mayor Evans stressed that the ramps would be major assets to getting crowds into and out of the Dome area. Deputy Mayor Evans invited interested merchants and individuals to pursue the possibility of putting the ramps back in.

Council Member Baarsma announced the Sonics won their game tonight. The score was 111 to 89.

Mayor Moss expressed his appreciation to the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Award.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



HAROLD G. MOSS, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RICK ROSENBLADT, ACTING CITY CLERK