



City Council Minutes

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

May 11, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Council Members Present: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Council Members Absent: 1 – Ladenburg.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Manthou.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 20, 2004.
- b. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, March 24, 2004.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council study sessions, March 23 and 30, 2004, and meeting, April 20, 2004.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 36168

Setting Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider declaring a 1.32-acre tract of vacant land, known as the former Hyada Reservoir site, as surplus property and granting an assignable three-year option to purchase in exchange for a permanent easement over the property of an abutting property owner.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27233

Vacating the north 12 feet of the North 33rd Street right-of-way west of Monroe Street for the construction of a detached garage. (Douglas Crane; File No. 124.1208)

Ordinance No. 27234

Vacating the west 11 feet of North Junett Street south of North 30th Street to either subdivide the property into two lots or expand the existing home in the future. (John Graham; File No. 124.1211)

Ordinance No. 27235

Vacating a portion of Clark Place located within the plat of "Lincoln Heights" to consolidate and market the property as a commercial or industrial development site. (Deward Johnson; File No. 124.1207)

Deputy Mayor Evans moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 36168 and Ordinance Nos. 27233 through 27235, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 27233 through 27235. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 36168 and setting Ordinance Nos. 27233 through 27235 over for final reading to a date to be determined, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed the month of May 2004 as "Tacoma's Home Remodeling Month" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Clive Ebsen, Council Chair of the Master Builders Association of Pierce County Remodelors™ Council.

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed May 19, 2004, as "Kinship Caregiver Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Edith Owen, Coordinator, Pierce County Relatives Raising Children.

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 5:15 p.m.

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Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Subject
Frank Walton	Salvation Army – Sixth Avenue	Resolution Nos. 36171, 36173, and 36174; Ordinance Nos. 27234 and 27235
Gary Yazwa Allen Douglass	65 th Avenue Court West University Place Resident	Resolution No. 36173 Resolution No. 36173 and 36174; Ordinance No. 27239
Becky Fontane	Executive Director, First Place for Children	Funding services
Mary Plante	Director, New Connections	Funding services
Nancy Vignec	Tacoma Housing Authority	Funding services
Edward DuPree	Vice President, Tacoma Urban League	Funding services
Willie Anderson	Tacoma housing resident	Funding services
Mike Wilson	Director of Social Services, Salvation Army	Funding services

Public Comment closed at 5:32 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27183

Vacating South 1st Street from South G Street to the alley between Tacoma Avenue South and South G Street for parking. (Tacoma Bible Presbyterian Church; File No. 124.1193)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Ladenburg

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27232

Accepting \$60,000 and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care; and depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Human Rights and Human Services Special Revenue fund to provide various services to low-income homebound senior citizens through December 31, 2005.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Ladenburg

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27236

Providing for the formation of LID No. 7723 for the conversion of existing overhead electrical primary, telephone and cable television lines to underground along the alley between North 29th and North 30th Streets from White to Junett Streets; and along North 30th Street, 250 feet east of White Street to Junett Street.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Anderson, Evans, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 1 – Lonergan

Absent: 1 – Ladenburg

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27237

Providing for the issuance of a Limited Tax General Obligation Line of Credit Note, 2004 in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 for capital improvements to a marina and other related improvements on the Thea Foss Waterway.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 27238

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented employees of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 17, AFL-CIO, which covers approximately 223 employees; and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure, effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27239

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented employees of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power, which covers approximately 330 employees; and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure, effective April 1, 2003, through March 31, 2004, and April 1, 2004, through March 31, 2007.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS**Purchase Resolution No. 36169**

Awarding contracts to:

1. Toter International, on its bid of \$110,760.00, plus sales tax, and Schaefer Systems, on its bid of \$851,689.12, for a total award of \$962,449.12, plus sales tax, for various gallon size plastic containers for the collection of solid waste, recyclables, and yard waste – Specification No. PW04-0114F; and
2. H & H Engineering Construction, Inc., on its bid of \$437,271.12, including sales tax, for the rehabilitation and upgrade of railroad track between Frederickson and Eatonville – Specification No. PW04-0160F.

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

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

Resolution No. 36170

Authorizing the submittal of the 2004-2005 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan, as amended, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and further directing the City Manager to prepare a resolution amending the agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority for the implementation and administration of Affordable Housing programs and providing for limited City Council approval of affordable housing agreements.

Council Member Lonergan recused himself and left the Chambers.

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Deputy Mayor Evans moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Lonergan recused. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 36171

Authorizing the execution of Supplement No. 2 to the professional services agreement with Vanir Construction Management, Inc., in the amount of \$49,500, for a cumulative total of \$110,397, for assistance in administering the Police Headquarters construction contract, including reviewing, evaluating and making recommendations for potential requests for change and change orders, and assisting in claims management and mitigation.

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

Resolution No. 36172

Authorizing the execution of the Community Development Block Grant Section 108 Guarantee loan documents, in the amount of \$1,700,000, to assist Pony Lumber L.L.C. in the acquisition of the Louisiana Pacific Sawmill operation located at 3701 Taylor Way.

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

Resolution No. 36173

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to join the Tacoma Chapter of the Salvation Army, Tacoma School District No. 10, the Metropolitan Park District, the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, and others in submitting a Joan Kroc grant application for a community center at the former Mt. Tahoma High School site.

Council Member Phelps moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0 –

Absent: 1 – Ladenburg

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 36174

Authorizing the execution of an employment agreement with City Manager James L. Walton, as recommended by the Performance Review Committee, effective through March 31, 2005.

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Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0 –

Absent: 1 – Ladenburg

The Resolution was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the draft Scope of Work for the 2004 Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Public Hearing began at 7:00 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Scott Hansen	Puget Creek Restoration Society, President
Allen Douglass	University Place resident
Theo Gideon	Master Builders Association of Pierce County

The Public Hearing ended at 7:11 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager James Walton stated the Business Information Systems' return on investment review is under way. He stated the review is focused on five work stream areas, including the procurement processes, permitting, preventative maintenance and work order systems, customer life-cycle system, and budgeting and finance. He stated the Government Performance and Finance Committee will receive progress reports at its upcoming meetings with a final report on June 17th. He also stated the budget billing improvements have been simplified for better customer service and there were only three errors in the payroll this pay period.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Stenger moved to excuse Council Member Ladenburg from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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Deputy Mayor Evans mentioned that the Downtown Revitalization Institute honored Ms. Donna Datsko and her team from the Economic Development Department; and the State Historical Preservation Office presented Special Achievement Awards to Jay and Julie Turner, members of the North Slope Historic District, for their donation of hundreds of volunteer hours to preserve the historical character of the city; and to Mr. Bob Mill, of Save Albers Mill, and Ms. Grace Pleasants, from Heritage Properties, for their efforts to rehabilitate the Albers Mill property.

Council Member Talbert asked the City Manager to investigate an issue concerning a road easement at the Chinese Reconciliation Project and the prostitution and drug activity in certain parks and residential areas. He thanked the Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division, for providing Wood Duck boxes that were placed in certain City-owned wetlands area. He mentioned he and Council Member Anderson, along with members of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, had recently traveled to Washington, D.C., and had held discussions concerning Base Relocation and Closing (BRAC) with staff of the Pentagon. They also met with 8 of the 9 Congressional delegates and the two Senators from the State of Washington. He also mentioned a meeting with White House staff concerning the Presidents Family Justice Center grant that the City and the County had jointly applied for.

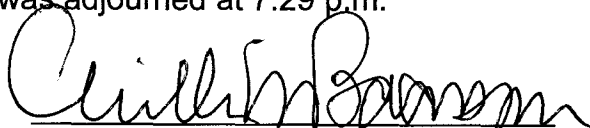
Council Member Anderson also mentioned that she was grateful to have traveled to D.C. and expressed her thanks to the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce for organizing the trip and lobbying on behalf of our community. She also noted that there are no less than three measurable items as part of the City Manager's performance expectations.


Council Member Lonergan reported there is sadness in terms of the smoking ban and the effect it has had on the community. He mentioned the prayer breakfast at the Dome recently that filled the Exhibition Hall and commended the Mayor for his heartfelt comments at the event.

Mayor Baarsma stated the Hilltop Action Coalition sponsored another St. Joseph Hospital area clean-up and found no needles and very few cans and bottles of fortified alcohol.

Council Member Manthou mentioned the departure of Mr. Ross Hjelseth and Mr. Eric Steinmeyer from the Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners and welcomed Ms. Victoria Woodards and Mr. Bernardo Tuma, the new Commissioners.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.


WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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