



City Council Minutes

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

February 15, 2005

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

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

Council Member Absent: 1 – Phelps.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Stenger.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Civil Service Board, November 15 and December 6, 2004.
- b. Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 25, 2005.
- c. Minutes of the Environment and Public Works Committee, January 12, 2005.
- d. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting and public hearing, January 5, 2005.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, special session, December 3, 2004; regular session, December 15, 2004.
- f. Minutes of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, January 5, 2005.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (62) Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting, January 25, 2005.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 36434

Authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County to amend the *County-wide Planning Policies for Pierce County*.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 36434, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 36434, was declared approved.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Jack Peters, Director, Community Planning and Development for Seattle’s Housing and Urban Development Office, was presented the “Doorknocker” award.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed the week of February 13, 2005, to be “Homeownership Week” and presented the proclamation to Mr. Gary Andrew, Executive Director of the Homeownership Center.

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed February 13, 2005, to be “Rotary International Day” and presented the proclamation to Mr. Jim Harris, Rotary Tacoma #8, a past District Governor.

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 5:25 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Subject
Allen Douglass	University Place resident	Ordinance Nos. 27316 through 27318; Resolution Nos. 36434 through 36436
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman Avenue	Ordinance No. 27316
Rick Cvitanich	2808 North 8th Street	Resolution No. 36435

Public Comment closed at 5:34 p.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27315

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for represented and unrepresented employees and changes relating to administrative leave; longevity, vacation, and personal time off; and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Phelps.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27316

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26, which covers 21 employees, effective January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27317

Accepting \$19,010 from Pierce County to provide child care referral services for Pierce County parents and enhanced services for employees of Pierce County government from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005; and amending the 2005-2006 Biennial Budget to provide for the expenditure of said funds.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27318

Accepting \$72,784.07 from the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, for a total contract amount of \$488,440.07, to support child care referral services for Pierce County parents through June 30, 2005; and amending the 2005-2006 Biennial Budget to provide for the expenditure of said funds.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27319

Authorizing the execution of agreements with the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC), for a total amount of \$1,340,000 in IAC grant funds for float, breakwater and boat ramp improvements at Point Defiance Park and authorizing the execution of an agreement in the amount of \$1,170,000 with Metro Parks Tacoma for purchase of the improvements by Parks upon completion; accepting the total sum of \$2,510,000 from the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and Metro Parks Tacoma and appropriating that sum for the Point Defiance Boat Ramp Expansion Project, and further authorizing the execution of an agreement in the amount of \$2,510,000 with Metro Parks Tacoma for the acquisition and installation by Parks of the float, breakwater, and boat ramp improvements.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved to waive further reading based on information provided. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 36435

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the employment agreement with City Manager, James L. Walton, effective through June 30, 2005.

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



Resolution No. 36436

Expressing profound concern over proposed changes to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including funding reductions and consolidations, and urging the United States Congress to continue full funding of the CDBG program at its current level.

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

Mayor Baarsma indicated the following names were to be listed as additional sponsors: Deputy Mayor Ladenburg, and Council Members Evans and Talbert.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

No report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

Council Member Talbert stated the recent TET Celebration was successful. He stated he and Deputy Mayor Ladenburg attended a meeting with Senator Maria Cantwell and staff to discuss the Family Justice Center and her desire to assist the City of Tacoma with Federal Lobbying efforts to acquire additional funding for the center.

Council Member Anderson mentioned that Council Member Talbert will be recognized in Washington, DC at the annual Congressional City Conference by the National League of Cities (NLC) for achieving the Bronze level in its Certificate of Achievement in Leadership program.

Council Member Lonergan thanked the Mayor and Mr. Jack Peters, Director, Community Planning and Development for Seattle's Housing and Urban Development Office, for attending the recent Tyler Square dedication and ceremony which provides a second chance for formerly homeless families. He stated Catapult Community Developers voluntarily entered into the City's Historically Under-utilized Business program to involve local businesses. He concluded by stating he attended the 85th Birthday event for the League of Women's Voters and mentioned the ongoing encouragement to cherish the right to vote.

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Council Member Manthou mentioned his recent visit to the Museum of Glass and encouraged the community to visit the phenomenal exhibits.

Council Member Evans encouraged everyone to attend the third of the Thursday night Film and Food Festival events and this week will honor Sister City Taichung, Taiwan.

Mayor Baarsma also mentioned Council Member Talbert’s recognition by the NLC and read from a news release that stated “Council Member Talbert is one of less than three hundred and fifty NLC members to reach the Bronze level in the Certificate of Achievement in Leadership program. NLC’s Leadership Training Council established the Certificate of Achievement in Leadership program in 1999, with its primary aim to recognize and acknowledge excellence in local government leadership.” He thanked Council Member Talbert for a job well-done in representing the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Baarsma stated he and Council Member Evans attended the celebration at University of Puget Sound (UPS) for the signing of the global Talloires Declaration by its President Ron Thomas. He stated this declaration commits UPS to sustainability, and working with the City and community to protect the environment.

Mayor Baarsma moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the case of Cathy J. Lamond v. City of Tacoma, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$40,000. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ladenburg. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.


WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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