

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
February 18, 1997

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

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 - Kirby. (Council Member Kirby arrived at 5:16 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Evans.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of February 4, 1997 and study session of February 11, 1997.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution No. 33627**

Approving the final plat for SOPHIE'S PLACE, in the vicinity of 56th Avenue NE and 31st Street NE, for a 20-lot subdivision. (Anderson/Kellis Construction; File No. PLT96-00016)

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's agenda for February 18, 1997.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Commission, January 13, 1997.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families, January 9, 1997.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 12, 1997.
- e. Minutes of the regular meetings of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, December 4, 1996 and January 8, 1997.

- f. Minutes of the special meeting of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, December 18, 1996.
- g. Minutes of the meeting of the Transportation Committee, January 9, 1997.
- h. Minutes of the meeting of the Urban Policy Committee, December 12, 1996.
- i. Hearing Examiner's caseload for January through December 1996.

Council Member Miller moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 33627, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 33627, was declared approved.

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Tom Aldrich, General Site Manager, ASARCO, presented the City of Tacoma with a print of the ASARCO site after cleanup. Mr. Aldrich also presented photographs of the January 8, 1997, official signing of the Definitive Agreement.

#### **Resolution No. 33631**

Appointing individuals to a Library Task Force.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to continue Resolution No. 33631 to the meeting of February 25, 1997. Seconded by Council Member Silas.

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(Council Member Kirby arrived at 5:16 p.m.)

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

Resolution No. 33631 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of February 25, 1997.

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### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

#### **Ordinance No. 26032**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care, in the amount of \$199,102; depositing \$184,102 in the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund and \$15,000 in the General Fund; reappropriating \$13,119.01 of unexpended contract funds from the unreserved balance to the Miscellaneous Grants

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Summary Fund; and appropriating \$131,281.01 for the Senior Information and Assistance and Case Management programs; \$15,000 for the Senior Center Nutrition Program and \$65,940 for the Senior Mental Health Brokering Program.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 26033**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Work/Family Directions, Ceridian Performance Partners and Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network members for reimbursement of a range of child care resource and referral services; accepting \$20,000 from said agencies for 1997; authorizing the execution of an agreement with various Pierce County employers to provide child care resource referral and training services; accepting \$35,000 from the Pierce County Employers for 1996; depositing in and appropriating \$55,000 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for said purposes.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Abstaining: 1 – Miller

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 26034**

Authorizing the execution of a work order for Dependent Care Grant Funds with the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services, in the amount of \$4,500; depositing and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund to continue improvement and operation of a Child Care Resource and Referral System and extending authorization of a non-interest bearing loan from the General Fund for \$4,500 to be repaid by December 31, 1998.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26035**

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement 1997 rates of pay and compensation for represented employees from the Tacoma Police Union, Local No. 6 and Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Union, Local No. 313.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26036**

Authorizing the execution of a Quitclaim Deed and various permits conveying property rights and allowing construction of the SR-509 bridge over the Central Treatment Plant by the Washington State Department of Transportation; and authorizing the acceptance of a \$104,000 payment by the State for deposit of same into the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 33610** (Continued from the meeting of January 28, 1997.)

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with CH2M Hill, in the amount of \$110,950, for the implementation of a plan review and collection routing method, and to establish performance measures for the Refuse Utility Division.

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

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**Purchase Resolution No. 33628**

Awarding a contract to:

Signal Electric, Inc., on its bid of \$246,300, for signalization at the Tacoma Dome Park and Ride at Puyallup Avenue at East F and East G Street and East 25th and D Streets - Specification No. G-201-97.

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

**Resolution No. 33629**

Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local No. 6, I.U.P.A., effective January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1998.

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

**Resolution No. 33630**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the World Trade Center Tacoma, in the amount of \$150,000, to assist the City in the advancement of economic development through the promotion and development of international trade.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
William Riley	Member, World Trade Center Association Board

Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member Silas voting in opposition. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 P.M.)**

Allenmore Ridge Condominium Association appealing the reconsideration of the Hearing Examiner relative to the recommendation to approve the request for reclassification of the property located at 2747 Center Street from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to an "M-1" Light Industrial District and from an "M-2" Heavy Industrial District to an "M-1" Light Industrial District to allow construction of a residential treatment center/work release facility. (Progress House; File No. REZ96-00013)

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to continue the appeal hearing of Allenmore Ridge Condominium Association v. Progress House Association to the City Council

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meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 1997, due to the possibility of a settlement between the parties. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The appeal hearing of Allenmore Ridge Condominium Association v. Progress House Association will be heard at the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. stated that the City of Tacoma is participating in a project called the Devolution Project. Mr. Corpuz stated that the project was created in 1996 by a group of individuals with interests in the funding of human services. He stated that the purpose of the group is to take a systematic look at the future of human services in Tacoma, particularly with the issue of devolution. Mr. Corpuz then stated that a public community meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., at the Rialto Theater to discuss the Devolution Project.

City Manager Corpuz announced that a Town Hall meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in Northeast Tacoma at Meeker Middle School.

City Manager Corpuz respectfully requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Baarsma commented on the presentation made by the Public Utilities Department regarding the proposed business plan for the creation of a telecommunications system. He stated that the telecommunications system would provide fiber optic telecommunications for our community. He then stated that the decision to implement or not will be one of the most important policy decisions that the City of Tacoma has made since 1893. Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that in 1893 the City moved forward with the original commitment to provide water and light utilities. He stated that public hearings will be held on this issue in March and April 1997 with a decision after considerable review and analysis of the policy implications. Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that the system that is being discussed is a 750 Megahertz interactive telecommunications system that would provide an array of services for educational institutions, libraries, businesses, and citizens. He stated that cable television is just one piece of the overall system. Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that he is anxious to move forward with this and looked forward to the public hearings.

Council Member Silas thanked all the elected and public officials who participated in the Matrons Style Show. She stated that the Matrons Style Show helped provide scholarships for needy students.

Council Member Miller requested additional information regarding a letter the City Council received from Grand Tacoma Cinema.

Council Member Evans echoed Council Member Miller's request for additional information regarding the letter from Grand Tacoma Cinema. He stated that he is particularly concerned about the implication that gifts are being given to private enterprise and comparing that with our proposed developments downtown.

Mayor Ebersole stated the Spanish art show, "Catalan Masters of the 20th Century" is doing very well at the art museum. He stated that 25,000 citizens have attended the art show. He then stated he had met with Governor Locke, along with some other community people, regarding the University of Washington Tacoma Campus capital and enrollment requests. He expressed concern regarding the funding for Phase II for the University of Washington Tacoma Campus. Mayor Ebersole stated that the University of Washington needs the planning money at this time in order to have the \$73,000,000 for Phase II next biennium. He then asked citizens to contact their legislators or the Governor's office and to let them know that this is a priority for the citizens of Tacoma, as well as the region.

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Council Member Miller moved to convene to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, for a period of time not to exceed 15 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council recessed to Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to approve an amendment to the agreement for legal services with the firm of McGavick Graves, for \$50,000 additional, for defense in the State and Federal court case of Rendish v. City of Tacoma. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK