



# City Council Minutes

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

March 24, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 - Miller. (Council Member Miller arrived at 5:36 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Crowley.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **Resolution No. 33997**

Setting Monday, April 13, 1998, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on LID No. 3959 for installation of sanitary sewers in Shirley Street from North 37th to North 35th Streets and North 35th Street from Shirley Street west 250 feet.

#### **Resolution No. 33998**

Setting Monday, April 13, 1998, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on LID No. 8613 for placement of permanent pavement on the alley between North 27th and North 28th Streets from Cheyenne to Mullen Streets.

#### **Resolution No. 33999**

Setting Monday, April 13, 1998, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on LID No. 8615 for placement of permanent pavement on Mullen Street from North 28th to North 29th Streets.

**Resolution No. 34000**

Setting Monday, April 13, 1998, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on LID No. 8619 for placement of permanent pavement with storm drainage on the alley between North 28th and North 29th Streets from Mullen to Ferdinand Streets.

**Resolution No. 34001**

Approving the final plat for GLENDALE COURT, located in the vicinity of East 52nd Street, between East C and East D Streets, for a 16-lot subdivision. (Glendale Court; File No. PLT98-00001)

**ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

- a. Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 4, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study sessions and meetings, February 11 and 25, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health, February 4, 1998.
- d. Minutes of the Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health Special Goal 2 and Budget meeting, February 19, 1998.
- e. Annual Financial Reports for the Light and Water Divisions, 1997.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33997 through 34001, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33997 through 34001, was declared approved.

**PRESENTATION**

Deputy Police Chief Hairston presented a Community Service Award to representatives from the Commencement Terrace Apartments Residents Club for providing stuffed animals to police officers to distribute to children who come in contact with dramatic circumstances from an automobile accident to domestic violence.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the day of March 28, 1998, as "Safe Home - Youth CAPS Recognition Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Janis Gall-Martin of Safe Homes Career Aptitude Project Services and Ms. Latoya Veliz of Tacoma Youth.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 34003 at this time. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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**Resolution No. 34003**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Daffodil Festival, Inc., in the amount of \$12,000, for services relative to the 1998 Daffodil Festival.

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

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Council Member De Forrest moved for a short recess. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The City Council recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

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**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26210**

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code relating to the Compensation Plan to implement 1998 rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 17.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Miller

The Ordinance was declared passed.

(Council Member Miller arrived at 5:36 p.m.)

**Ordinance No. 26211**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code relative to wireless communication facility regulations.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 26212**

Accepting a 35 mm camera and telephoto lens; a two-volume set of manuals on the Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants from the NorthWest Research Institute, Inc.; accepting and depositing into the General Fund \$100 from the Quaker Church; accepting \$1,000 from TAPCO Credit Union; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund for the video production of the 1997 Holiday Torchlight Parade; accepting \$2,300 from the Video Voters' Pamphlet candidates' fees; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund for expenses related to the Video Voters' Pamphlet; and accepting \$7,550 from various businesses, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund in support of the 1998 Martin Luther King Day Celebration.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26208** (Continued from the meeting of March 17, 1998.)

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code relating to the Compensation Plan by adding a new section to be known as Section 1.12.090 which provides for a Personal Time Off plan in lieu of vacation and sick leave plans for unrepresented employees; and implements rates of pay and compensation for certain represented employees; and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26208. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Substitute Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26213**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located at 4820 North Pearl Street from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to an "R-3" Two- and Three-Family Dwelling District to allow for the construction of a side-by-side, single-story duplex. (James M. Marso; File No. REZ97-00016)

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading to a date to be determined.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 33987** (Continued from the meeting of March 10, 1998.)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Tacoma Recycling Company, Inc., to process commingled recyclable materials.

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

**Purchase Resolution No. 34002**

Awarding contracts to:

BBC Dodge, on its bid of \$18,890.18, for one 3/4 ton truck; Bud Clary Chevrolet, on its bid of \$18,657.84, for one cargo van; Dwayne Lane GMC, on its bid of \$41,673.25, for three 4x2 pickups; Gilchrist Chevrolet, on its bid of \$22,383.97, for one 3/4 ton pickup, and \$18,121.28, for one 1/2 ton pickup; Sound Ford, on its bid of \$209,952.57, for 13 mid-size sedans and \$25,084.72 for one 15-passenger van; and Wendle Ford Sales, on its bid of \$198,283.14, for nine full-size sedans, \$19,368.53 for one van and \$14,137.16 for one station wagon - Washington State Contract Nos. 98197, 98297, 98497, 98697, 98897, 98997.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

**Resolution No. 34003**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Daffodil Festival, Inc., in the amount of \$12,000, for services relative to the 1998 Daffodil Festival.

Resolution No. 34003 was considered earlier in the meeting.

**Resolution No. 34004**

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with the United States Government, General Services Administration for the lease of 6,014 square feet of office space in the Tacoma Municipal Building North.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
George Yerry	Resident Agent, Drug Enforcement Administration

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

**Resolution No. 34005**

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Dock Street Tacoma Associates for the construction of five units of permanent market rate multi-family housing at 535 Dock Street.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Ted Johnson	Dock Street Tacoma Associates
Kathleen Skrinar	424 North C Street

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

**Resolution No. 34006**

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Dobler Limited Partnership for the construction of 83 units of permanent market rate multi-family housing at South 47th and Lawrence Streets.

Council Member Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council was:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
David Dearth	Dobler Management Corporation

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

**Resolution No. 34007**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Development Council, in the amount of \$27,500, for the operation of the Emergency Minor Home Repair Program.

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

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(Mayor Ebersole turned the gavel over to Deputy Mayor Crowley and left the Council Chambers.)

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**Resolution No. 34008**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Safe Streets Campaign, Inc., in the amount of \$84,000, to provide the administrative and coordination of services for the Safe School Zones project.

Council Member Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Silas.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Priscilla Lisicich	Director, Safe Streets Campaign
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

Council Member Miller noted that Mayor Ebersole had excused himself from the consideration of Resolution Nos. 34008 and 34009 and had left the Council Chambers.

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

**Resolution No. 34009**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Safe Streets Campaign, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000, to provide community mobilization and block organizing efforts for 1998.

Council Member Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Will Baker	809 South I Street

Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member De Forrest abstaining. The Resolution was declared adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

Ray E. Corpuz Jr., City Manager, gave an update on the three police officers that were involved in a high-speed pursuit. He stated that two of the officers had been released

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from the hospital and the third officer was receiving additional tests, but the prognosis was good.

Mr. Corpuz stated that the joint quarterly meeting with the Public Utility Board will be held on Tuesday, April 14th. He stated that the agenda for the meeting has not yet been determined. Mr. Corpuz stated that a considerable amount of time may be devoted to the Endangered Species Act and that he may invite some of the federal agencies to brief the City Council and the Public Utility Board on what the issues and consequences are in relation to the Endangered Species Act. He stated that he will be meeting with staff to discuss how to approach the joint meeting to ensure that the City Council and the Public Utility Board have as much information as possible because of the serious decisions and choices that will have to be made.

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

Mayor Ebersole requested a comprehensive look at the capital needs of the City in order to prioritize the issues. He then asked City Manager Corpuz to schedule a study session to discuss the amount of debt we might incur and the amount of debt service we could expect from each of the items and to also discuss various funding strategies. Mayor Ebersole stated that his concern is that as these projects develop, the City Council may be committing to more than the City can reasonably deliver. He stated that the City of Tacoma has on the table to discuss: the Municipal Dock Building, the move of the Rescue Mission, the Convention Center, the Police Headquarters, including a northwest and southeast precinct, parking garages for the multiplex and the Art Museum, and significant commitments on the Thea Foss Waterway. He stated that he needs time to sort through the various funding proposals and the different options.

Council Member Phelps stated that he will be hosting informal community meetings once a month on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. He stated that on the odd months of the calendar the meetings will be held at the Pomodoro Restaurant in the Proctor District and that on the even months the meetings will be held at the North Shore Golf Course. Mr. Phelps then invited the constituents of Tacoma, as well as the City Council Members to attend the meetings.

Council Member McGavick stated that last week she participated with several other Council Members in an event called "From the Corner Office," which was sponsored by the Tacoma Pierce-County Chamber of Commerce. She stated that Mr. Bill Philip was the featured guest and that the event was televised and would be rebroadcast. She stated it was a very thoughtful interview and that a lot was said about what is going on in the City of Tacoma. She stated that Mr. Philip is a very quiet man who is dedicated to the community. She stated that Mr. Philip indicated that in a community like Seattle that has a lot of large corporations and major Chief Executive Officers, there is a real synergy of private sector investment; however, in a community like Tacoma the public sector really needs to step up and provide significant support and contributions, not just in staff, but also financial support. Council Member McGavick then stated that in light of this information, she agrees with Mayor Ebersole about looking at the capital investments and looking at the City's part of the private-public partnership. She stated that she appreciated Mr. Philip's insight into the future of Tacoma.

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Council Member Silas stated that you are often criticized when you are doing something innovative where you are being challenged. She stated that you should know you are doing a good job when people take time to criticize you. Council Member Silas stated that if you were doing nothing, then nothing would be said. She stated to the citizens of Tacoma that they are doing a good job. She stated that what the City Council and the citizens are trying to collectively do, with different agencies, is to make the City a safe place in which to live. Council Member Silas then stated that she also agrees with Mayor Ebersole on the priority list, but added Sector 1 precinct station to the list as one of the needs to be looked at as the City Council prioritizes capital needs.

Council Member Baarsma stated that last Thursday he and the Mayor, along with Judith Lorbier, Environmental Coordinator, attended a meeting in Bellevue that was organized by the County Executives of Pierce, King and Snohomish to begin the discussion, on a regional basis, of the potential impact of the listing of the Chinook salmon as an endangered species. He stated this will be the first time such an act or listing, if it occurs, would effect an urban area. He stated that the State of Oregon has had the Coho salmon listed, but the impact is along the coastline. Council Member Baarsma stated that Oregon has taken a number of proactive steps to deal with that issue. He stated that although what needs to be done is uncertain, what has to be done is profound. He stated that the only way to address this issue is on a regional basis. Council Member Baarsma stated that this was the second step of many steps to get our act together as a region to address this critical issue which would effect zoning, land use, economic development, how we are going to deal with the Municipal Dock, and shoreline construction. He then stated that he concurred with the City Manager in his notation that it is going to be very important that we bring this issue to the table with the Public Utility Board. Council Member Baarsma then noted that the Chinook salmon issue has already had an affect on the scheduling of the construction of the second pipeline.

Council Member Baarsma stated that he was most impressed with the Court of Daffodil Festival and the progress of the festival. He stated that there was a period in which there was some struggling, but now there is a sense of optimism in growth and excitement.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

  
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BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK