



City Council Minutes

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

July 14, 1998

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

Present on roll call: 6 - De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley. Absent: 3 - Baarsma, Miller, and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Silas.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the LESA Executive Board, May 4 and 26, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Rainier Communications Commission, May 20, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, June 11, 1998.
- d. Monthly Financial Reports for the Belt Line Division, Conservation Project Fund, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Geographic Information System Fund, Light Division, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, and Water Division, May 1998.

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

PROCLAMATION

Deputy Mayor Crowley presented a proclamation to Ms. Lisa Doolittle, extending the City Council's congratulations and wishing her luck as Ms. Wheelchair Washington '98.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Hearing Examiner recommending approval of a modification to a previously approved reclassification, for the property located at 5319 Tacoma Mall Boulevard, to allow the expansion of an existing restaurant and off-street parking. (East West Cafe; File No. REZ98-00003)

Council Member De Forrest moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

- b. Hearing Examiner recommending approval of a modification to a previously approved reclassification, for the property located at 729 South Vassault Street, to allow construction of 9 two-story buildings, with 72 units, rather than the 8 two-story buildings, with 87 units. (Jeffrey W. Edwards; File No. REZ98-00004)

Council Member McGavick moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26231

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located at 6002 Westgate Boulevard, from an "R-2-T" Residential Commercial Transitional District to a "C-2" Commercial District for the construction of a drug store and a credit union building with drive-up windows. (Michael Taylor, Inc.; File No. REZ97-00017)

Council Member McGavick moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26231. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 – Baarsma, Miller, and Mayor Ebersole

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 26269

Amending Chapter 12.07 of the Municipal Code by adding a new section to be known as Section 12.07.100 relating to the establishment of pricing for telecommunications services offered by the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 – Baarsma, Miller, and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26270

Vacating a portion of South 35th Street east of Pacific Avenue to combine the vacated right-of-way with the abutting property for off-street parking. (David B. Knodel; File No. 124.1069)

Council Member Silas moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Kirby. 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.

Ordinance No. 26271

Vacating G Street between South 7th and 8th Streets to combine the vacated right-of-way with the abutting property for additional off-street parking. (Tacoma School District No. 10; File No. 124.1068)

Council Member Silas moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Ordinance No. 26272

Vacating East J Street south of South 58th Street to the alley to combine the vacated right-of-way with the abutting property for additional yard space. (David A. Potterton and Douglas Lowe; File No. 124.1070)

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Council Member Silas moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34109

Awarding contracts to:

1. CEcon Corporation, on its bid of \$91,194.28, for repair of geosynthetic caps at the Tacoma Landfill - Specification No. G-203-98; and
2. Tydico, Inc., on its bid of \$63,250, for installation of new sidewalk on Mildred Street from South 12th to South 19th Streets - Specification No. G-208-98.

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

Resolution No. 34110

Authorizing the execution of amendments to the agreements with Frank Russell Company, in the amount of \$58,000, for custodial verification services, from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1998; Michael L. Price, in the amount of \$50,000, for computer programming services related to the PeopleSoft Payroll System, from January 1 through December 31, 1998; Milliman & Robertson, Inc., in the amount of \$63,500, for actuarial consultation, from January 1 through December 31, 1998; Disciplined Investment Advisors, Inc., in the amount of \$505,000, for equity investment services from October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998; and authorizing the execution of agreements with Disciplined Investment Advisors, Inc., in the amount of \$525,050, for equity investment services from October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999; and Wilshire Associates, in the amount of \$115,000, for pension consulting services, from October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999.

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

Resolution No. 34111

Accepting the petition for annexation of the unincorporated territory commonly known as the Summit at Stonebrook; and clarifying the legal description to include the street rights-of-way.

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

Resolution No. 34112

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Bank of America/Seafirst, in the amount of \$50,000, for the issuance of credit cards to be used by City officials and employees; and adopting the Administrative Policy and Procedure entitled "City of Tacoma Procurement Card Program," which governs the authorization, distribution, control, and use of said credit cards.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood

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

Resolution No. 34113

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Timothy J. Parker of Carney Badley Smith & Spellman, in the amount of \$75,000, for legal services.

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

Resolution No. 34114

Supporting economic expansion, employment, and redevelopment through the creation of an International Services Development Zone (ISDZ) and setting guiding principles for the development of the ISDZ.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Keith Stone	430 East 25th Street

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

Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the Lincoln International District, thanked the City Council for their support. He asked the City Council to assist the Lincoln International District in economic growth opportunities. Mr. Johnson invited the City Council to a meeting that will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 1998, at 2:30 p.m., at the Lincoln Lanes, located at 39th and Yakima.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 5:52 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the proposed sale of the Centralia Power Plant located in Lewis County.

There were no speakers.

The public hearing was declared closed at 6:02 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, the session not to exceed 30 minutes.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member De Forrest stated that he was on vacation over the Fourth of July weekend when he heard of the tragic shootings at the Trang Dai Café in the Lincoln Business District. He stated that the healing process started last Wednesday night with a meeting at Lincoln High School, which was coordinated by Safe Streets. He thanked City Manager Corpuz and Chief Arreola for representing the City of Tacoma and for their heartfelt comments at that meeting. Council Member De Forrest stated that last Saturday the City of Tacoma was represented by the Mayor and others at the funeral and on Sunday night he had attended the candlelight vigil in the Lincoln District. He stated that he hoped that the individuals did not die in vain and that the City of Tacoma is working on solutions to ensure that this does not happen again. Council Member De Forrest stated the City Council would be behind all the efforts to make sure the Lincoln International District is safe and prosperous.

Council Member McGavick requested and was given personal privilege to give tribute to the Tanner family. She stated that Erna Tanner-Davis was born in Tacoma, was a long-term resident, and was raised by her paternal great grandmother who was born into slavery. She stated that Ms. Tanner-Davis died June 19, and that there was a memorial last week for her after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Council Member McGavick stated that Ms. Tanner-Davis' husband was with her at the time of death and that she had been preceded in death by her father, Ernie C. Tanner, who was a long-time longshoreman in Tacoma. She stated that Mr. Tanner's name is on the Center for the Study of Community and Society at the University of Washington Tacoma. She stated that Ms. Tanner-Davis' mother, Emma Trixie Claxton, was the sister of Jimmie Claxton. She stated that, according to the June 1, 1998, edition of *Sports Illustrated*, Jimmie Claxton broke the color line in professional baseball in the Twentieth Century before Jackie Robinson. Ms. Tanner-Davis is survived by her brothers, Senior U.S. District Court Judge Jackie Tanner and Robert McGinnis; sisters-in-law Glenna Tanner and Patricia McGinnis; nieces; nephews and other family members. She stated that, because of limited job opportunities in those days, Ms.

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Tanner-Davis sought opportunities in larger cities and ended up in Los Angeles where she was an extra in movies. Council Member McGavick stated that Ms. Tanner-Davis then entered the fashion industry. She stated that Ms. Tanner-Davis was quite the fashion plate. She stated that she was an uncommon person in that she had no bias, nor prejudices and never uttered an unkind or negative word about anyone. She stated that Erna Tanner-Davis regretted not having a college education.

Council Member Kirby stated that several of the Council Members had attended an event at Cheney Stadium congratulating the City of Tacoma for receiving the All-America City Award. He stated that they saw a baseball game and a fireworks show.

Council Member Silas moved to excuse Council Members Baarsma and Miller and Mayor Ebersole from tonight's meeting and Council Member De Forrest from the meeting of July 7, 1998. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member De Forrest moved to convene to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, the session not to exceed 30 minutes. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



MIKE CROWLEY, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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