



City Council Minutes

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

September 21, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 – Crowley.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member De Forrest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of September 14, 1999.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Arts Commission, August 9, 1999.
- b. Minutes of the Planning Commission, September 1, 1999.
- c. Minutes of the Rainier Communications Commission, July 21, 1999.
- d. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, August 25, 1999.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, July 8, August 12, and August 26, 1999.
- f. Citizens' petition requesting an immediate ban on all minicasinos.
- g. Report of the Finance Director, July 1999.

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

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Ebersole recognized Tacoma's Hilltop Artists in Residence program and presented the recognition to Ms. Luwana Welch, Executive Director.

Mayor Ebersole then called on Mr. Tony Anderson, who gave an update on the Sister City High School All-Star Baseball Exchange with Kitakyushu, Japan.

Next, Mayor Ebersole recognized the American Institute of Architects Southwest Chapter and the R/UDAT Team Members for their outstanding public service and commitment to the betterment of downtown, and presented the recognition to Mr. Peter Rasmussen and Mr. Blake Bolton.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 34522

Appointing Dale Carlisle to serve on the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees to fill an unexpired term which expires on June 2, 2002.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Substitute Ordinance No. 26395 (Continued from the meeting of September 14, 1999)

Amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code by adding a new chapter to be known and designated as Chapter 8.120, relating to graffiti; regulating the furnishing of aerosol spray paint and broad tip indelible markers; prohibiting persons under the age of 18 from purchasing and possessing such property; and requiring property owners to remove unauthorized graffiti.

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute No. 3. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Rick Gorn	Member, Bryant Neighbors.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 1 – De Forrest

Absent: 1 – Crowley

Substitute No. 3 of Ordinance No. 26395 was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 26481

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located on the west side of Norpoint Way, 250 feet south of the intersection of 29th Street NE and Norpoint Way NE, from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to an "R-4-L" Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District to allow the construction of a 16-unit apartment complex. (Gerry Hodgkiss; File No. REZ98-0009)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Crowley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26500

Vacating the south 200 feet of the alley right-of-way between Cushman Avenue and Sawyer Street, south of Center Street, north of the Burlington Northern tracks. (Ply Trim West; File No. 124.1101)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Baarsma, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 – Crowley, Miller, and Phelps

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26510

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology, in the amount of \$91,231; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Capital Improvements Summary Fund to partially reimburse the City for its Underground Storage Tank Removal Program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26511

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code relating to the Compensation Plan to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented and unrepresented employees and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure.

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The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26512

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code relating to the Retirement Code to streamline and clarify election procedures; and to provide the option to purchase partial service credit by making partial payment of previously received contributions and interest, effective October 1, 1999.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34511 (Continued from the meeting of September 14, 1999)

Directing the City Manager to take the necessary steps to ensure that graffiti on City property be promptly removed.

Mayor Ebersole moved to remove Resolution No. 34511 from the agenda. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34512

Authorizing the execution of various Purchase and Sale Agreements, in the amount of \$617,000, for acquisition of property located on Alaska Street between South 49th and 50th Streets for the new Fire Station No. 8.

Council Member Baarsma 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

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

Resolution No. 34513

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Greer Patterson & Associates, in the amount of \$67,500, for appraisal services in connection with the acquisition of property for the new Tacoma Convention Center.

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.

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Resolution No. 34514

Authorizing the release of a 10-foot utility easement located between MacArthur and Oxford Streets, from South 10th to South 12th Streets.

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. 34515

Authorizing the execution of amendments to various consulting services agreements, in the amount of \$228,000, in support of the Thea Foss Waterway Arbitration Process.

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

Resolution No. 34516

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with the Metropolitan Park District for Tacoma Police Resource Centers at Metropolitan Park District Headquarters and Jane Clark Neighborhood Center.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

Resolution No. 34517

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with the Tacoma Housing Authority for a Tacoma Police Department Resource Center at that location.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Skip Young	817 South Cushman

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

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Resolution No. 34518

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Consultant Agreement with Sverdrup Civil, Inc., in the amount of \$16,363, to provide additional improvements to the railroad crossing signal on Milwaukee Way near SR509.

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

Resolution No. 34519

Authorizing the use of the General Contractor Construction Manager approach for construction of the new Tacoma Convention Center Project.

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

Resolution No. 34520

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the King Center, in the amount of \$30,000, to operate the Emergency Relocation Program in accordance with the 25th Year Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

Resolution No. 34521

Authorizing the execution of proposed Amendment No. 184 to the agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) to allocate \$90,000 of 1999-2000 Community Development Block Grant funds to TCRA for annual payments on the Section 108 Demonstration Program Notes.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 6:15 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the need to acquire property for parking purposes associated with the Tacoma Convention Center.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Bob Sinclair	1541 Market Street

The public hearing was declared closed at 6:22 p.m.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. announced that Deputy City Manager James Walton was recently presented with an award for Excellence by the Washington City/County Management Association.

Mr. Corpuz announced that the first ever Dragon Boat Races were held during Maritime Fest this past weekend. He thanked Clare Petrich, Commissioner, Port of Tacoma for including the race in the festivities and also thanked Mr. Ron Stephens, Special Assistant to the City Manager, for putting together the City of Tacoma’s team.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ebersole stated that the Maritime Fest was a rousing success. He stated that many citizens were in attendance from all over the region. He stated that there were many activities to enjoy including tugboat races and dragon boat races.

Council Member Phelps stated that he recently learned about a new facility coming into his district and into the City that has him very concerned. He stated that Pierce County Alliance has received a \$3 million grant and is planning to open a facility for testing convicted felons for drug use. He stated that the facility is to open in October, and is located on 7th Street between Tacoma Avenue and Market Street. He stated that if the convicted felons tests are positive, then they are required to remain for daily monitoring and testing. Council Member Phelps stated that there could be two to three hundred convicted felons everyday coming into a primarily residential neighborhood. He stated that he has heard from a developer from Portland, Oregon, who has purchased a number of buildings and is currently renovating a building, that is greatly concerned about this issue.

Council Member McGavick stated that the City Council is working on the “minicasino” issue and will be bringing an ordinance forward in the near future. She stated that she has received many inquiries about this issue and wanted to let the citizens know that it is being worked on.

Council Member Silas commended Deputy City Manager James Walton on his award.

Council Member Silas also commended City Manager Ray E. Corpuz for being elected as Vice-President of the Washington City/County Management Association.

Deputy Mayor Kirby moved to excuse Council Member Crowley from the meeting tonight. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Baarsma stated that he received a response to a letter he wrote, to the Mayor of Los Angeles, regarding Neighborhood Councils. He stated that the citizens of the City of Los Angeles passed many charter amendments in which one of the central issues was the creation of the Neighborhood Councils. He stated that the charter amendments passed by a substantial margin. He stated that in response to that

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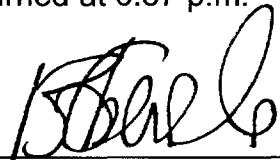
election, he sent a letter to the Mayor of Los Angeles. He stated that the letter he received from the Mayor of Los Angeles is very complimentary and states that he is assigning his chief staff assistant to contact Mr. Elton Gatewood to discuss this issue. He stated that the Mayor of Los Angeles also conveyed his very best wishes to the citizens and staff of the City of Tacoma.

Council Member De Forrest stated that recently he made an inquiry among his constituents in East Tacoma regarding how they felt about the issue of banning card rooms in Tacoma. He stated that he received three telephone calls. He stated that one constituent opposes any ban, and the other two were in favor of the ban of "minicasinos" on Ruston Way as long as that ban does not include Harry's Place Tavern or the Great Wall. He stated that the Eastside Neighborhood passed a resolution opposing any such ban on "minicasinos" and card rooms.

Council Member De Forrest inquired about the East L Street Bridge. He stated that it was his understanding that there was no structural damage to the bridge and was wondering why it has not reopened.

Council Member De Forrest stated that the water main project in East Tacoma is moving right along except that the contractor has stopped watering the dirt. He stated that he would appreciate it if the contractor would be contacted and asked to water the dirt so that the dust from the vehicles would be kept at a minimum.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR



ATTEST: _____
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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