



City Council Minutes

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

March 17, 1998

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

Present on roll call: 9 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Tacoma City Council minutes of February 24 and March 3, 1998, and the study session minutes of March 10, 1998.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33988

Setting Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner, on the request to vacate the west half of Verde Street between North 9th Street and the alley to the south. (Stephen G. Emmert; File No. 124.1067)

Resolution No. 33989

Approving the final plat for LINKSIDE PHASE II, located in the vicinity of Fairwood Boulevard and 42nd Street Northeast, for a 39-lot subdivision. (EMS, Inc.; File No. PLT97-00015)

Resolution No. 33990

Approving the final plat for HARBOR RIDGE DIVISION IX, located in the vicinity of Norpoint Way Northeast and Northshore Parkway, for a 131-lot subdivision. (EMS, Inc.; File No. PLT97-00017)

APPEALS

Jonathon Chaffey and Gloria Hartley representing various neighbors appealing the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of North 38th Street, west of Washington Street, to include the vacated property as additional yard space. (Noble & Driessnack; File No. 124.1061)

Setting Tuesday, April 14, 1998, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the City Council.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, March 17, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Arts Commission, February 9, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 25, 1998.
- d. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, February 18, 1998.
- e. 1997 Annual Financial Reports for Belt Line Division, Conservation Project Fund, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Geographic Information System Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund.
- f. Monthly Financial Reports for Light and Water Divisions, December 1997.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33988 through 33990, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33988 through 33990, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed March 17, 1998 to be "Tacoma Youth Symphony Association Day" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Eli Ashley, Director of the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts.

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the Wilson High School Boys' Swimming Team, the Wilson High School Girls' Swimming Team, and the Wilson High School Boys' Basketball Team winners in the eyes of the students and staff of Wilson High School, and the citizens of Tacoma. He then presented the proclamation to Mr. Paul Apostle, Principal of Wilson High School.

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

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed March 19, 1998 to be "I Love Tacoma Day" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Jeff Daniel and Ms. Connie Rickman.

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REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26185

Vacating a portion of North Mildred Street south of Parkside Lane, in the vicinity of North 50th Street, for additional yard space. (Jerry Reidburn; File No. 124.1059)

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. 26188

Vacating a portion of Manitou Custer Road, at Meadow Park Golf Course, 7108 Lakewood Drive West, to clear title to portions of the parking lot and landscaping, which are currently located on the right-of-way. (Metropolitan Park District; File No. 124.1062)

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. 26206

Accepting \$110,000 from the Washington State Department of Transportation through Pierce County; depositing in and appropriating \$110,000 from the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Summary Fund; authorizing the execution of interlocal agreements with Pierce County and the City of Fife for the distribution of funds and the implementation of the State-mandated Commute Trip Reduction Program for 1997-1999.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

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The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26207

Vacating portions of South 90th Street and South 'L' and 'M' Streets to combine the vacated right-of-way with abutting properties for a proposed 77-lot subdivision. (Leon P. Sorensen; File No. 124.1058)

Deputy Mayor Crowley 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.

Ordinance No. 26208

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 continue Ordinance No. 26208 to the meeting of March 24, 1998, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26208 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of March 24, 1998.

Ordinance No. 26209

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code relating to the Compensation Plan to implement employee benefits negotiated with the Joint Labor Committee.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to continue Ordinance No. 26209 to the meeting of April 7, 1998, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26209 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of April 7, 1998.

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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.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26211

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

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 33991

Awarding contracts to:

1. Brodsky's Uniforms, on its bid of \$30,765.92, to provide nomex uniform shirts for the Fire Department - Specification No. G-006-98;
2. Boise Cascade Office Products, in the amount of \$400,000, to increase their contract for office supplies through June 16, 1999 - Specification No. G-010-93; and
3. Pierce County Security, Inc., in the amount of \$49,148.64, to renew their contract for security officer services at the Tacoma Landfill from April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999 - Specification No. G-001-97.

Speaking before the Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

Resolution No. 33992

Segregating LID No. 8433 for the property located in the vicinity of Fairwood Boulevard and 42nd Street Northeast in the LINKSIDE ADDITION PHASE II, for a 39-lot subdivision.

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

Resolution No. 33993

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lee & Associates, in the amount of \$70,000, for schematic design of the City's Chinese Garden Park on the former National Guard site on Ruston Way.

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

Resolution No. 33994

Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Joint Labor Committee, effective January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2000.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to continue Resolution No. 33994 to the meeting of April 7, 1998, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33994 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of April 7, 1998.

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Resolution No. 33995

Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 17, effective January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2000.

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

Resolution No. 33996

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal umbrella agreement with the RTA/Sound Transit and Pierce Transit to facilitate the design, permitting, construction, and operation of capital projects listed in the Sound Move plan and other related capital projects.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

None.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Phelps noted for Deputy Mayor Crowley that the Youth Symphony had played Brandeberg Concerto No. 2, first movement, abridged.

Council Member McGavick gave an update on Genelle Birk, Assistant City Manager, stating she was doing better and would probably be back to work some time in April.

Council Member Silas said happy St. Patrick's Day to all the Irish-American citizens.

Deputy Mayor Crowley stated it was a pleasure for him to fill in for the Mayor in reading a proclamation at Shenanigan's Restaurant regarding this being St. Patrick's Day. He stated he had been a guest reader at Birney Elementary School for their literacy day, which had been a great event. He then told City Attorney Robin Jenkinson that he and Council Member Phelps were new members of the Tacoma-Pierce County Employment and Training Consortium, which is the Board of Directors for the Private Industry Council. He stated he was curious to know if our mandated Performance Audits include that type of organization and any other community agencies that the City has

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involvement with, such as Comprehensive Mental Health. He asked that she get back to him in the Friday Letter or whenever possible.

Council Member Baarsma stated that tonight was Wilson's night with the extraordinary achievements of the young men and women who have achieved scholastically and athletically and that often those people go on to become a part of the educational institution where he is at. He mentioned that this year the University of Puget Sound's women's swimming team won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' Swimming National Championship, and that the men's team finished second. Council Member Baarsma then commented on the noon study session, a discussion on the future of the Municipal Dock building. He stated that former Council Member Bob Evans was optimistic over the direction the Council is moving in that regard and that former Council Member Evans has been invited by City staff to participate in the process. Council Member Baarsma said since this is a proposed reconstruction of a historic site, it might be appropriate to involve some members from the community who have a sense of history in providing oversight in working with this committee. He said he may come forward with some kind of formal proposal in that regard that would involve an oversight citizens committee.

Council Member De Forrest wished to notify the viewing audience that the Smile Mobile would be in town this week, from March 19 through 27, for free dental service for all low-income children in the community. He said Dr. Lamb, who is retired, and his wife go throughout the state donating their time to help the children. Council Member De Forrest wanted people to know that anyone under the age of 13 that needs dental care or has never been to a dentist could visit the Smile Mobile at 1717 South J Street, near St. Joseph Hospital. He stated they would be in town for eight days because the children will get x-rays and if they need more care than just cleaning, they can schedule it before they leave town. He stated it is a great service and it is paid for by the Washington State Dental Association.

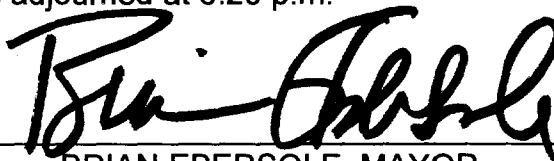
Council Member De Forrest stated that about two weeks ago there was a hit and run on Portland Avenue where a young man lost his life, and he wanted to know the status of that case. He stated that a few days later there was another hit and run near 32nd and Portland Avenue where there was no bodily damage involved, only property damage to a vehicle. He related a story of how an individual who witnessed the crime called 9-1-1 and was told to call Sector 4 since there was no bodily injury involved. He stated that when the witness finally spoke with someone at Sector 4 on the next day he was handed a letter which they mail out to hit and run victims, and the letter basically says that it is not against the law, that we don't handle hit and run problems, and to contact your insurance company. Council Member De Forrest stated he was curious about this because he always thought it was against the law to hit and run, whether there was an injury or not. He asked is this a policy of the Police Department that we don't want to keep track of hit and runs or is this really the state law, no law is being broken? He said he would also like to see a copy of the letter that the Police Department sends out to victims of hit and runs. He said if it is a policy, it is the wrong policy and we ought to change it.

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Mayor Ebersole congratulated the Tacoma Fire Department for their excellent response to the major apartment fire on Sunday. He stated there was no loss of life and it was a job well done. He then said the City is actively participating with Seattle, Everett, Pierce County, King County, and Snohomish County in the salmon recovery effort. He said on Thursday he is going to Bellevue for the second major gathering to talk about how we're going to work together to save the Chinook salmon so the Endangered Species Act is not invoked by the Federal Government. He invited other Council Members to get involved in that effort.

Mayor Ebersole stated the Weyerhaeuser Company has stated their tentative plans to move their headquarters out of downtown Tacoma. He stated the Weyerhaeuser Company has had a presence in downtown Tacoma for many decades and it would be a major loss if it leaves; therefore, Mayor Ebersole said he would request a meeting with the new Weyerhaeuser CEO and invite the Council to have a meeting to express our concerns and distress at having this potential loss of presence of the Weyerhaeuser Company.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR



ATTEST:

RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK