



City Council Minutes

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

October 31, 2000

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

Present on roll call: 9 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34954

Setting Tuesday, December 12, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner, on the request to vacate the north 12 feet of North 36th Street, between Puget Sound Avenue and Warner Street, for landscaping purposes. (Jerry and Tanya McClain; File No. 124.1136)

Resolution No. 34955

Setting Tuesday, November 14, 2000, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the 2001-2002 Biennial Budget.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Citizens Recognition Committee, July 19, 2000.
- b. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 11, 2000.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 34954 and 34955, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 34954 and 34955, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the week of October 30 through November 3, 2000, as "Youth Voting Awareness Week" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Cathy Pearsal-Stipek, Pierce County Auditor.

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

FINAL 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)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26723

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented and nonrepresented employees and making changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

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Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26724

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Child Care Policy; accepting, depositing in and appropriating \$3,846 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund to support the operations of the City's Child Care Resource and Referral Service program.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26725

Appropriating \$200,000 from the Open Space Fund for the acquisition of 24,900 square feet of waterfront and tidelands along Ruston Way and other open space purposes; and authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Allen Teitge, in the amount of \$175,000, for the acquisition of said property.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26726

Amending Title 10 of the Municipal Code by repealing and re-enacting Chapter 10.26; approving the "City of Tacoma Historically Under-utilized Business Enterprise - Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations"; and directing the City Manager to review the implementation of said chapter within one year, and report back to the City Council.

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Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Thomas Dixon	Member, Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective
Gary Jones	Owner, S & W Utility Contractors; Vice President, Southern District, Associated General Contractors

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26727

Amending Title 10 of the Municipal Code by enacting a new Chapter 10.27; approving the “City of Tacoma Small Works Roster Program”; and directing the City Manager to review the implementation of said chapter within one year, and report back to the City Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26728

Amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code to adjust rates and charges for solid waste collection and disposal and other miscellaneous housekeeping adjustments.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26729

Amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code to adjust rates and charges for Wastewater Management Services and other miscellaneous housekeeping adjustments.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26730

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code by amending Sections 13.06.010 and 13.06.370, and adding a new Section 13.06.600 to be known and designated as “Adult Uses.”

Council Member Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute No. 3 of Ordinance No. 26730. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Substitute No. 3 of Ordinance No. 26730 was set over for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 26731

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code regarding the siting of juvenile community facilities and work release centers per the recommendation of the Planning Commission and based on the mediated draft settlement with the Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Elizabeth McNagny	Department of Social and Health Services, Lands and Buildings Division

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34956

Awarding contracts to:

1. General Chemical Corporation, on its bid of \$190,860.00, for liquid aluminum sulfate – Specification No. G-025-00;
2. Granich Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$43,424.80, for two Fairbanks Morse impellers for the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant – Sole Source; and
3. Approving an interlocal agreement with the Town of Steilacoom for cooperative purchasing.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 2, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 2, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34890

Authorizing the execution of an agreement, consenting to an assignment, between COMARCO, Inc., and the City, to American Airports Corporation to manage the Tacoma Narrows Airport.

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

Resolution No. 34957

Approving the Public Works Environmental Services, including Wastewater, Surface Water, and Solid Waste expansion policy.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Deputy Mayor De Forrest voting in opposition. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34958

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with David W. Allender for the construction of eight market rate condominium units located at One St. Helens Avenue.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
David W. Allender	One St. Helens Avenue Condominium Project

Voice vote was taken and carried, with Deputy Mayor De Forrest voting in opposition. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34959

Amending the “Legislative Policy Manual” and adopting the “City of Tacoma 2001 Legislative Priorities.

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

Resolution No. 34960

Authorizing the execution of various real estate documents with Robert Sinclair and Jackie Sinclair, in the amount of \$82,000, for an option to purchase the site located at 1541 Market Street, within the site of the new Convention Center.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. presented the 2001-2002 City of Tacoma Preliminary Biennial Budget.

Mr. Corpuz stated that at the study session today details and an overview of the Preliminary Biennial Budget were presented. He stated that the presentation tonight is the official presentation of the budget, which will consist of overview and key issues of that budget and recommended future direction.

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Key Features:

- Copies available to public through the Budget Office or City Clerk's Office
- No growth budget of the General Fund and General Fund supported services
- Modest growth of services for Utility Enterprise funds
- Overall a lean budget
- Proposal represents about \$1,753,273,490 in services to Tacoma citizens and Utility customers
- Includes General Fund at \$305,119,000 (represents about 18% of total budget)
- Total General Government, Utility Enterprise Funds, total about \$301,885,000 and the Public Utility Department represents about \$748,655,000, of which \$612,000,000 is for the Power and Light fund.
- Other funds include: Trust and Agency funds; Intergovernmental funds; Capital Project funds; Debt Service funds; and Special Revenue funds totaling about \$398,615,000
- Follow assumptions and requirements to include support of the Strategic Plan priorities, establishment of program performance measures, and reduction in employer/employee shared pension contributions, which is 1.46 percent; General Fund departments to develop budget requests with a 2 percent overall reduction in their current appropriation based on the mid-biennium correction of the 1999-2000 biennium, which was reduced by \$6,000,000 of the base revenues and 56 full-time positions.
- In the 2001-2002 preliminary biennial budget approximately 11 full time positions will be lost
- Strategic focus areas; market-rate adjustments of 3 percent in 2001 and another in 2002 on average
- Medical premium increases equal 8.8 percent and 10 percent, respectively for 2001 and 2002
- Dental increases are zero in 2001 and 5 percent in 2002
- Assumes continuation of regular property tax levy of \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation
- City Council must approve the property tax levy annually, would require six votes
- IPD equals 1.8 percent currently
- Continues reduction of business tax level; based on five-year plan and policy direction
- Projects conservative rate increases consistent with the five-year plans for Solid Waste Management, Wastewater Management Utility, and Surface Water Management Utility

- Increasing parking garage rates to increase parking capacity and fund additional parking construction; transfer the Streetlighting Program to the Department of Public Utilities in 2002
- Maintains current service levels for Police and Fire
- Provides sufficient funding for Metropolitan Parks to prevent any closures or significant program reductions
- Maintains current level of service at the Tacoma Public Library
- Requests an increase of \$500,000 in the Public Utility support for Economic Development for marketing efforts
- Provides for replacement of the Emergency Communication System at \$1.2 million and assumes the Law Enforcement Support Agency would use existing funds to implement the full project
- Continues to address the Endangered Species Act under the federal law
Focuses on completing the identified priority capital projects, and for additional soft costs, acquisition and implementation of projects

Future Directions:

- Capital projects, constructing a new Greater Tacoma Convention Center; the Costco site complex for Police, Streets, and Fleet activities
- A fully developed systems approach for determining priorities and financing of capital projects
- Capital bond issue in 2001 that would address the capital needs of the Police Department facility with Streets, Maintenance and Fleet as part of that
- Improvements in infrastructure for the Neighborhood Council areas, improvements to the business districts, support of the expansion and renovation of the performing arts centers; and establishment of a new trust fund for affordable housing
- Review the existing building and facility needs to determine staffing requirements
- Review the 1997 interlocal agreement with the Metropolitan Park District to determine future funding support
- Complete the Police Department's performance audit and present a Resolution to the City Council establishing an independent audit committee; select an independent audit firm to conduct the first set of audits; the first will be the Police Department and in 2001, Finance and the Fire departments
- Consider raising rates, charges and fees if State Initiative 695 is found unconstitutional
- Pending voter approval of Initiative 722, the City will be challenged by a loss of at least \$9,000,000 to the General Fund along with effects to the Enterprise funds; recommend looking at that in April, and if Initiative 722 passes, taking a conservative approach to expenditures

Schedule:

- November 14 – Public Hearing on the 2001-2001 preliminary biennial budget
- December 5 – First Reading of Budget Ordinance
- December 12 – Final Reading of Budget Ordinance and Ad Valorem Taxes

Mr. Corpuz thanked the City Council for their guidance and consultation as the budget was assembled. He thanked the employees for their quality of service. He thanked the stewardship of the Department Directors. Mr. Corpuz then gave a special thanks to Ms. Judith Shoudy, Director of Management, Budget and Analysis.

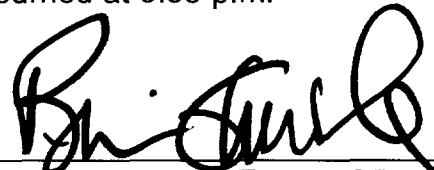
Mayor Ebersole then thanked City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. for his diligence, professionalism and wisdom.

Mr. Corpuz then extended best wishes for recovery to Harold LeMay, who suffered a heart problem and is in serious, but stable condition at St. Clare Hospital.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Evans thanked the 60 volunteers, as members of Tacoma's Green Team, who planted 5,000 trees and small plantings at South 19th and Highway 16. He stated that he would write personal letters to each volunteer.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



 BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: Doris Sorum

 DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK