

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
October 21, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Silas.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of October 7, 1997, and study session minutes of September 9, 16, and 23, 1997.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution No. 33856**

Setting Wednesday, November 12, 1997, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider amendments to Chapter 13.10 of the Official Code relative to Shoreline Regulations.

### **Resolution No. 33857**

Setting Tuesday, November 18, 1997, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider modifications to the City's 1997-1998 Biennial Budget.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, October 21, 1997.
- b. Minutes of the Planning Commission regular meeting and public hearing, September 29, 1997.
- c. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, September 24, 1997.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33856 and 33857, be approved. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice

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vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33856 and 33857, was declared approved.

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

#### **Ordinance No. 26138**

Amending Chapters 5.26 and 6.60 of the Municipal Code relating to confinement of an animal in a motor vehicle, redemption of a dog, tattooing or microchipping of potentially dangerous dogs and amending fees for pet license.

Council Member Evans moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26138. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

#### **Ordinance No. 26139**

Accepting \$88,000 from the Economic Development Administration; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for organizational building and technical assistance to Tacoma's business districts; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Economic Development Administration for said purpose.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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**Ordinance No. 26140**

Accepting \$25,000 from Sound Transit; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund for consultant services to assist in the preparation of a Station Area Planning Study for the planned South Tacoma Commuter Rail Station to be located in the vicinity of South Tacoma Way and South 56th Street.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Substitute Ordinance No. 26141**

Amending the Department of Public Utilities Light Division's biennial budget for 1997-1998 by appropriating \$69,411,000 to design, build, and operate the Telecommunications Project; and declaring a fiscal emergency to allow this amendment.

Council Member Crowley moved to continue Substitute Ordinance No. 26141 to the meeting of October 28, 1997. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Roll call vote was taken on the motion to continue Substitute Ordinance No. 26141, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Crowley, De Forrest, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 4 – Baarsma, Evans, Kirby, and McGavick

The motion was declared adopted.

Substitute Ordinance No. 26141 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of October 28, 1997.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

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Council Member De Forrest moved for a short recess.

The City Council recessed at 5:40 p.m. and reconvened at 5:48 p.m.

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**Ordinance No. 26142**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code by revising the sign regulations for schools, parks and churches on sites larger than one acre.

Speaking before the Council was:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Anita W. Preston	Tacoma Resident

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26143**

Authorizing the execution of an Interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$27,602; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund for the removal and installation of cable on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26144**

Expanding the boundaries of the North Slope Historic Special Review District to include North I to M Streets, from North Steele Avenue to North 3rd and 4th Streets, designating contributing properties within those boundaries to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places; and amending Chapter 13.07 of the Official Code to clarify responsibilities for public amenities.

Speaking before the Council were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood
Virginia Fitchitt	Tacoma Resident
Tyler Gazecki	North 11th and K Streets
Julie Turner	North J Street
Erica Nelson	611 North M Street
Don Brosnan	North 5th and L Streets
Will Dudley	520 North L Street
Ester Day	Tacoma Resident
Roy Ketcheson	501 North M Street
Ann Marinkovich	712 North M Street
Scott Wold	Tacoma Resident
Marilyn Torgeson	702 North I Street
Bill Johnston	705 North J Street
Steven Ketchum	1005 North M Street

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## Ordinance No. 26144 (continued)

Speaking before the Council were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Paul Easley	912 North I Street
James P. Healy	1721 North Steele
Paul Britt	902 North K Street
Gary Hochstrasser	710 North M Street
Edger Rombauer	North 10th and I Streets
Henry DeVore	306 North J Street
Mark Sharley	411 North M Street
Debra Cade	908 North M Street
Brain Palosi	624 North M Street
Lynn Wahlund	1114 North M Street
Marie Dudley	520 North L Street
Kip Duff	619 North K Street
Velda McDonald	1601 North 8th Street
Jay Turner	North 8th and J Streets
Vaughn Martin	515 North M Street
Howard Welborn	North Yakima Street
Lesley Kenney	Tacoma Resident
John Butler	707 North K Street
Wendy Malovich	612 North K Street
Harlen Larson	1123 North 9th Street
Monica Howard	1112 North 9th Street
Ed Hawkins	911 North L Street
Jean Kenney	414 North J Street
Lynn Mauck	402 North I Street
Roger Johnson	802 North J Street
Tim Chen	1101 North 5th Street
Melvin Hansen	810 North L Street
Rick Whitney	822 North M Street
Walter Evanishyn	517 North Ainsworth
Ralph Tomberg	Tacoma Resident
Jane Easley	912 North I Street

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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Council Member De Forrest moved for a short recess.

The City Council recessed at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

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## RESOLUTIONS

### **Purchase Resolution No. 33858**

Awarding contracts to:

1. Kemwater North America, on its bid of \$150,000, for polyaluminum hydroxychloride coagulants for sewage treatment - Specification No. G-047-97; and
2. Ramlo Well Drilling, on its bid of \$33,000, for the Tacoma Landfill groundwater well rehabilitation project - Specification No. G-239-97.

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

### **Resolution No. 33859**

Amending Resolution No. 31954 to include 718 South J Street to the 700 block of the South J Street designation on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places; and amending Resolution No. 33490 to correct the address on the Tacoma Register from 844 South State Street to 844 South Steele Street.

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. 33860**

Designating the McIlvane Apartments, located at 920 South 9th Street, as a historic landmark on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.

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. 33861**

Authorizing the execution of agreements with Bankers Trust Company, in the amount of \$184,000; Denver Investment Advisors LLC, in the amount of \$530,000; Edinburgh Fund Managers plc, in the amount of \$360,000; Frank Russell Trust Company, in the amount of \$265,000; Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc., in the amount of \$400,000; for investment services for a period of January 1, through December 31, 1998; Davis Wright Tremaine, in the amount of \$75,000, for special counsel; The Northern Trust

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Company, in the amount of \$104,405, for custodial services; and Milliman & Robertson, Inc., in the amount of \$43,500, for actuarial consultation; for the period of January 1, through December 31, 1998; and amending the agreements with Davis Wright Tremaine, in the amount of \$25,000, to increase their contract for special counsel; and with Scudder, Stevens & Clark, in the amount of \$50,000, for investment services for a period of January 1, through December 31, 1997.

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. 33862**

Repealing Resolution No. 31728, which established the Airport Advisory Committee.

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. 33863**

Authorizing the acquisition of parcels abutting the Harrison Firing Range for appraised value and costs for public safety purposes.

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. 33864**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association, in the amount of \$40,000, for continuation of the Main Street Program.

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

**Resolution No. 33865**

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 152 to the Neighborhood Preservation Program agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority to allocate \$125,000 in 23rd Year Community Development Block Grant funds and \$125,000 in HOME Investment Partnership funds for the continued implementation of the Down Payment Assistance Program.

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

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**Resolution No. 33866**

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 153 to the Neighborhood Preservation Program Agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority to allocate \$255,000 of Community Development Block Grant Funds and \$245,000 of HOME Funds for the continued implementation of the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

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

**Resolution No. 33867**

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 154 to the Neighborhood Preservation Program Agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority to allocate \$75,000 in 23rd Year Community Development Block Grant funds for the continued implementation of the Major Home Repair Program.

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. 33868**

Authorizing the execution of agreements with various contractors, in the amount of \$31,658,752.50, for the materials, equipment and construction of the Telecommunications Project.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to continue Resolution No. 33868 to the meeting of October 28, 1997. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33868 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of October 28, 1997.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. reported that the Association of Washington Cities will have its annual meeting this Thursday, October 23, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., at the LaQuinta Inn. He stated that the discussion topic will be the 1998 Legislative session.

Mr. Corpuz then stated that Saturday, October 25, 1997, is "National Make A Difference Day," in which the City participates. He stated volunteers from City staff will be working with the community on the cleanup of the Guadalupe Garden project at 14th and G Streets, which will be a three-year project. He stated that, in addition to the Guadalupe Garden project, there will also be an "Adopt an Entrance" at Point Defiance

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Park, and the Police Department will be collecting teddy bears for trauma situations involving children.

Mr. Corpuz then reported that the jail issues which were scheduled to be discussed with the Public Safety Committee will be rescheduled for next Tuesday, October 28, 1997. He stated that the discussion will include a temporary jail, the issues surrounding a potential municipal jail, and the Pierce County Corrections' new facility and how all of that will work together.

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

Deputy Mayor Baarsma commented on the timing of the TCI proposal and that if the overture had occurred several weeks ago he would have been much more open to it. He stated that he felt strongly about the issue and the timing of the TCI proposal was of concern to him.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that during the Study Session earlier today the Library Task Force had the opportunity to share their recommendations with the City Council. He stated that the Library Task Force has come up with eleven recommendations. He stated that the City Manager has indicated that he is willing to sit at the table with the Library staff and discuss how to implement the suggestions. Deputy Mayor Baarsma indicated that the Task Force is looking at three important issues, the first being able to identify other sources of revenue and freeing the Library from total dependence on the General Fund. He stated that the second area gets into the question of effectiveness, efficiency and economy as aims that could be looked at through a performance audit or management review. He stated that the third area is telecommunications and the potential relationships that we may see in the future with the Library and the School District and institutions of higher education. He stated that there is also an interest in sharing facilities with other agencies. Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that he remains optimistic that they can move forward and that now it is up to the City Manager, City staff and Library staff to see if some of these proposals can be implemented. He stated that former County Council Member Flannigan did an outstanding job, during the noon study session, in defining the argument, discussion and debate. He then thanked Mr. Flannigan for his good work in facilitating this endeavor.

Council Member Silas stated that most of the City Council has probably received telephone calls and letters concerning the discussion or the lack of discussion between the Police Department and the Chief of Police. She stated that she hoped that the communication level will remain open and that the two sides will continue to talk. She stated that what was seen this evening at the City Council meeting was a silent protest in favor of the Chief of Police. She wanted to commend those who came out tonight.

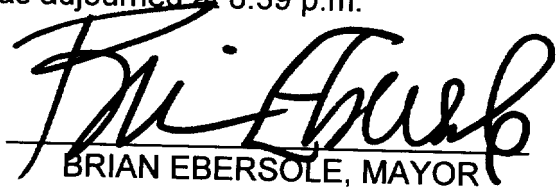
Council Member De Forrest stated that there is a lot of interest in the community about the issues regarding the Police Department. He then requested that the City Council and the community be kept informed as to how the progress is going in resolving those issues. He then stated that it would be appreciated if Chief Arreola could attend the City Council meetings occasionally along with other department directors.

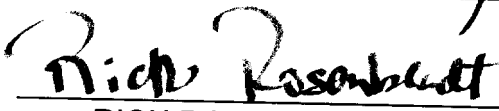
Council Member Miller stated that he appreciated that the Assistant Police Chief was in attendance at tonight's City Council meeting. He then acknowledged the strong statement made last week by the police officers who expressed their concern over the Police Chief last week and the showing of individuals at tonight's meeting from the Black Collective and the Third District who were here in support of the Chief. Council Member Miller stated that it shows that there are strong feelings on this issue and a divided posturing. He hoped that they can heal the wounds and try to find some solution that is not at the extremes, but in the best interest of not only our officers, but the community as well.

Council Member Miller then claimed momentary ignorance and apologized to Mr. Abel Corpus, Library Board Member, and to all that attended the study session today for the ethnic implications of a statement he made at the study session.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

  
BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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