



City Council Minutes

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

November 9, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Kirby. Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Phelps.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting and study session of November 2, 1999.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, November 16, 1999.
- b. Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 20, 1999.
- c. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, October 13, 1999.
- 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, September 1999.
- e. Report of the Director of Finance, September 1999.

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

PROCLAMATION

Deputy Mayor Kirby proclaimed the day of November 15, 1999, to be "Dr. Helen Beck Stafford Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Marie Lindsey.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 34577

Appointing John Idstrom to the Tacoma Arts Commission Board of Directors for a four-year term to expire on November 5, 2003.

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.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26528

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Tacoma, Water Division, General Government, and Metropolitan Park District; accepting \$900,000 from the Interagency for Outdoor Recreation; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Capital Improvement Summary Fund for the purchase of the Wapato Hills property.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Kirby

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 26529

Appropriating \$100,000 from the Employee Benefits Trust Fund for employee wellness activities.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Kirby

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26530

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code to eliminate the 90-day waiting period for membership for all employees, effective January 1, 2000, except employees scheduled to have an employment term of 90 days or less; to eliminate pension contributions on overtime effective January 1, 2000; and combining years of service for portability for the purpose of determining the benefit formula effective February 1, 1997.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Kirby

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26526 (Continued from the meeting of October 26, 1999)

Amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code to adjust rates and charges for storm drainage service; and to make other miscellaneous housekeeping changes.

Council Member Crowley moved to continue Ordinance No. 26526 to the meeting of November 16, 1999, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26526 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of November 16, 1999.

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Ordinance No. 26527 (Continued from the meeting of October 26, 1999)

Amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code to adjust the effective date of solid waste collection and disposal rates from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 1999; and to make other miscellaneous housekeeping changes.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26531

Amending Ordinance No. 26368 regarding the establishment of pricing for cable television products and services by adding pricing for Broadband Services to Internet Service providers within the city limits of Tacoma by Click! Network.

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address/Affiliation |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Chris Easley | Telisphere Communications |
| Ken Lombardi | Harbor Net |
| Paul Mocket | Telisphere Communications |

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 6:18 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding revisions to the Municipal Code, Chapters 13.06.285, "X Mixed-Use Center District"; 13.06.350, "Off-street parking and loading areas"; and 13.06.552, "Sign regulations," which have been reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address/Affiliation |
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| Walt Waisath | Chair, Planning Commission |
| John Lewis | 505 Broadway, #206, Tacoma |
| Walter Evanishyn | North End Neighborhood Council |

The public hearing was declared closed at 6:34 p.m.

Ordinance No. 26532

Amending Chapter 6.89 of the Municipal Code to adjust the rate of taxation from 10 percent to 5 percent on bingo and raffles, as mandated by Substitute Senate Bill 5745, effective January 1, 2000.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 26533

Amending Chapter 6.70 of the Municipal Code relating to tax on the gross earnings of the Solid Waste and Sewer Utilities, of the Department of Public Works; and amending Title 6 of the Municipal Code by adding a new chapter to be known as Chapter 6.71 entitled "Electricity Business and Solid Waste Collection."

Council Member Crowley moved to remove Ordinance No. 26533 from the agenda, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26533 was removed from the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34572

Awarding contracts to:

1. U.S. Traffic Corp., dba IDC, on its bid of \$34,118.19, for traffic signal controller cabinets and conflict monitors – Specification No. G-046-99;
2. Ink, Inc., in the amount of \$48,000, to extend and increase its contract for Fire Department seasonal uniform wear – Specification No. G-007-98; and
3. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Bonney Lake for cooperative purchasing.

Council Member 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. 34573

Accepting the action strategies from the North End, Northeast, South End and South Tacoma Neighborhoods.

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

Resolution No. 34574

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$267,000, for relocation benefit payments made to individuals and businesses in conjunction with the acquisition of the police facility site.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby.

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Speaking before the Council was:

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

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

Resolution No. 34575

Approving the name change of the policy statement to the “Funding Priority Statement” for projects and programs supported with Community Development Block Grant Funds, Home Investment Partnership Program Grants and Emergency Shelter Grants; and also approving the Funding Priority Statement for the year 2000 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

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. 34576

Authorizing the execution of a consultant agreement with KPFF Consulting Engineers, in the amount of \$165,000, to prepare plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of the North Proctor Bridge located between North 31st and North 34th Streets.

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

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The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. announced that the Request for Proposal for the new Tacoma Convention Center is complete and will be advertised and sent out within the next week.

Mr. Corpuz requested a six-month temporary residency waiver for Ms. Trin Tran to fill the position of Assistant City Attorney I in the Legal Department’s Criminal Justice Division.

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Council Member Crowley moved to authorize the City Manager to grant a temporary residency waiver for Ms. Trin Tran to fill the position of Assistant City Attorney I in the Legal Department’s Criminal Justice Division. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Mr. Corpuz then reminded the City Council that the City offices will be closed for Veteran’s Day this Thursday, November 11, 1999.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Baarsma moved to excuse Mayor Ebersole and Council Member Miller from tonight’s meeting. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Crowley moved to authorize final settlement in the case of Diana F. Stewart vs. City of Tacoma, Et Al., United States District Court No. C99-5069RJB, for the sum of \$75,000. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Kirby requested that the City Council be assured that there will be a public process so that the citizens will have an opportunity to address the City Council regarding the closure of a fire station and how the City will provide fire service in Tacoma.

City Manager Corpuz stated that on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, at noon, a study session has been scheduled to discuss the proposed Biennial Budget Modifications with the City Council. He stated that at approximately 5:30 p.m., that same evening, during the City Council meeting, a public hearing on the proposed Biennial Budget Modifications has been scheduled. Mr. Corpuz stated that citizens are encouraged to testify and make their concerns and issues known at that time. He stated that there will also be an Ordinance before the City Council to implement any modifications, at which time citizens will be afforded another opportunity to testify on the proposed Biennial Budget Modifications.

Council Member Baarsma clarified the proposal that the City Council received from the City Manager which indicates one approach of dealing with the budgetary challenge the City is currently facing. He stated his understanding of that approach is across the board reductions in all the various categories.

City Manager Corpuz stated that he provided the City Council an initial approach involving the \$3.5 million problem the City has for the current Biennial Budget. He stated that it has been suggested in the past, that one way to look at reductions, so that everyone shares equally, would be to reduce the General Fund budget by the

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appropriate amount that each department shares in the General Fund. He stated that this approach doesn't address the issue programmatically or operationally.

Council Member Phelps congratulated the City Manager and Mrs. Corpuz on the birth of their grandchild.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



STEVE KIRBY, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK