

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
December 12, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Kirby.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 33238

Setting Tuesday, January 23, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate North Steele Street right-of-way from North 29th Street south to the alley between North 28th and 29th Streets to allow the existing Catherine Ursich Park to be located on "open space property" and to clear an encroachment for the abutting owner. (Department of Public Works; File No. 124.1023)

Resolution No. 33239

Setting Monday, January 8, 1996, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on L.I.D. 2627 for the placement of two-inch asphalt surface treatment on South G Street from South 60th to South 61st Streets.

Resolution No. 33240

Setting Monday, January 8, 1996, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on L.I.D. 8590 for the placement of permanent pavement on Fawcett Avenue from Division Lane to South 36th Street.

Resolution No. 33241

Setting Monday, January 8, 1996, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on L.I.D. 3955 for the construction of sanitary sewers in North 48th Street from Winnifred Street to Highland Avenue.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearing Examiner agenda for December 12, 1995.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Planning Commission, October 19, 1995 and special meeting, October 30, 1995.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Downtown Tacoma Parking Commission, November 1, 1995.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the LESA Executive Board, August 16, 1995.
- e. Statements by City employees disclosing remote interests pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code 1.46.030(O) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Federico Cruz-Uribe, M.D.	United Way of Pierce County

Deputy Mayor Evans moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, including Resolution Nos. 33238, 33239, 33240, and 33241. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

Mayor Moss welcomed Doris Sorum, General Services Department, back from family leave and congratulated her on the birth of a bouncing baby boy.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation of suggestion awards.

Mayor Moss called on Mr. Jeffrey L. McVicker and presented him with a certificate and a check for his suggestion for a new cooling system for a PSA.

Mayor Moss then called on Mr. Steven Hays and Mr. John Cresto and presented them with certificates and a check for their suggestion regarding machine hammermill couplings.

Mayor Moss proclaimed the month of December 1995 as "Drunk and Drug Driving Prevention" month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Sherry Badger, from the Tacoma-Pierce County DUI Task Force.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 24625

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located at the northwesterly corner of Center and Tyler Streets from an "R-4-L" Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District to a "C-1" Commercial District to allow construction of a convenience store, gas pumps, retail shops and apartment units. (Alpine Maintenance/Gary Walter Davis; File Nos. 120.1262 and 120.126A)

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 24625. Seconded by Council Member Silas. 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 Moss.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to reconsider Resolution No. 33219. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member De Forrest and Deputy Mayor Evans voting in opposition.

Council Member Miller moved to reconsider Resolution No. 33219. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member De Forrest and Deputy Mayor Evans voting in opposition.

Resolution No. 33219

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County regarding the site of a temporary jail facility to be located in the County City Building parking lot and further expressing the support of Pierce County's efforts to secure financing for a permanent jail facility.

Council Member Miller moved to amend the Resolution by changing the interlocal agreement for the temporary jail facility attached to the Resolution by deleting paragraph 3.13. Seconded by Council Member Crowley.

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Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Thomas Dickson	President of the Tacoma Urban League and Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective
William Baker	809 South 'I' Street

Roll call vote was taken on the amendment, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 -- Baarsma, Crowley, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 3 -- De Forrest, Evans, and Silas.

The amendment was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 33219, as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 -- Baarsma, Crowley, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 3 -- De Forrest, Evans, and Silas.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Substitute Ordinance No. 25792

Establishing a "B" Business District interim zoning classification for certain properties within the City of Tacoma to allow for expansion of the Pierce County Corrections and Detention Center.

Council Member Miller moved to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 25792 by adding the following language at the end of the sentence to be inserted on line 5 of page 1:

". . . and declaring a public emergency making necessary the immediate passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication."

and by adding an additional "whereas" to be inserted on page 3 at the end of the "whereases" to read as follows:

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“Whereas the City Council has determined that a public emergency exists necessitating an interim zone classification to aid the County in locating the temporary jail facility within the time constraints imposed by the order entered in federal court and to avoid an imminent danger to public safety; Now, therefore . . .”

and by adding a new section to be designated as Section 5 to read as follows:

“Section 5. In order to insure that there will be adequate capacity within Pierce County jail facilities, and to avoid the danger to the public safety which would result from the release of inmates if the July 1, 1996, population maximum established by federal court order is not met, it is imperative that this ordinance take effect at the earliest possible date, and by reason thereof, and in accordance with RCW 35.33.081 and Section 2.12 of the Charter of the City of Tacoma, a public emergency is hereby declared to exist making necessary the immediate passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.”

The motion was seconded by Council Member Crowley.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Thomas Dickson	President of the Tacoma Urban League and the Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective
William Baker	809 South 'I' Street
David Barefield	Member of the 8 to 9 Association

Roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 25792, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 -- Baarsma, Crowley, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 3 -- De Forrest, Evans, and Silas.

The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Miller moved to further amend Substitute Ordinance No. 25792 by adding the following language to Section 1 of the Ordinance:

“. . . from the date of approval by the Pierce County Council of the Interlocal Agreement for Temporary Jail Facility approved by the Council of the City of Tacoma with the adoption of Resolution No. 33219.”

Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

Roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 25792, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 2 -- Evans and Silas.

The amendment was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 25792, as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 -- Baarsma, Crowley, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 3 -- De Forrest, Evans, and Silas.

The Substitute Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25807

Amending Sections 1.30.130 and 1.30.150 of the Municipal Code relating to annual pension compensation limits.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 25808

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to permit employees to participate in supplemental pension plans.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Crowley.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25809

Amending Sections 1.24.480 and 1.24.810 of the Municipal Code relating to Civil Service and Personnel Rules providing for annual reports to the Civil Service Board regarding how examinations and training support the City's affirmative action goals and changing the training rule to allow required attendance at mandatory training provided by the City.

Council Member Kirby moved to suspend the rules to allow public testimony. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Pat McElligott	Chair, Joint Labor Committee for the City of Tacoma

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 0.

Nays: 9 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

The Ordinance was declared failed.

Ordinance No. 25809 was reconsidered later in the agenda.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS: (Began at 6:45 p.m.)

Lawrence Barber, James and Mary Bonneau, Mary Jean Cox, Viola Goldberg, Jack and Fran Russum, Robert and Winnie Raby and Brian Wells appealing the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to vacate a portion of the alley between East 34th and East 35th Streets west of Portland Avenue. (Sts. Peter and Paul Parish; File No. 124.1014).

Mayor Moss called on Mr. Rod Kerslake, Hearing Examiner, who spoke regarding his decision relative to the vacation request vacating a portion of alley between East 34th and East 35th Street west of Portland Avenue.

Mayor Moss then called on Mr. Stempski, representing Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and Mr. Dave Bonneau, representing residents and property owners west of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. Mr. Bonneau was not in attendance.

Mayor Moss asked the clerk to read the letter from the residents and property owners west of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish for the record. Mr. Stempski then gave his presentation.

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Decision of the Hearing Examiner and deny the appeal. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 25810

Approving the 1996 Ad Valorem tax levies.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to reconsider Ordinance No. 25809. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Baarsma moved to reconsider Ordinance No. 25809. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 25809

Amending Sections 1.24.480 and 1.24.810 of the Municipal Code relating to Civil Service and Personnel Rules providing for annual reports to the Civil Service Board regarding how examinations and training support the City's affirmative action goals and changing the training rule to allow required attendance at mandatory training provided by the City.

Council Member Baarsma moved to reject Ordinance No. 25809 and refer the proposed Civil Service Rules back to the newly seated Civil Service Board for a more comprehensive review. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 25811

Amending Section 6.62.020 of the Municipal Code to exempt persons attending a public celebration sponsored by a city or county from the City's admissions tax.

Mayor Moss stated that last week the Council had agreed to allow public testimony. He called for public testimony from the audience. There was no one wishing to testify.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25812

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located on the southeast corner of South 41st and Prospect Streets from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "C-2" Commercial District for the construction of a 12,500 square foot office/retail building with 66 parking spaces. (Frank S. Mitchell; File 120.1397)

Mayor Moss moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans. 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. 25813

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code relating to zoning by adding and deleting certain described property from zoning classifications.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on January 9, 1996.

Ordinance No. 25814

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to implement 1996 rates of pay and compensation negotiated with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge 160 on behalf of Local Lodge 297 (Belt Line Unit) and Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Union Local 313.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on January 9, 1996.

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Ordinance No. 25815

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to implement rates of pay and compensation negotiated with the International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers Local 17.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on January 9, 1996.

Ordinance No. 25816

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the City of Fircrest, in the amount of \$36,736.84, for fire and emergency medical services and appropriating said sum to the Fire Department.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on January 9, 1996.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 33242

Awarding contracts to:

1. Aqua Flo, Inc., on their bid of \$48,730, for an emergency contract for landfill extraction well rehabilitation - Purchase Order No. E-51474;
2. Wilbur-Ellis Company, in the amount of \$32,000, for pesticides - Washington State Contract No. 10793;
3. Pro-Med, in the amount of \$10,000, to increase their contract for hospital sundries and supplies - Open Purchase Order No. 3611;
4. Western Peterbilt, Inc., on their bid of \$305,987.14, for two front-loader refuse trucks - Specification No. G-058-95;
5. Sahlberg Equipment, Inc., on their bid of \$49,401.96, for one self-propelled four-wheel drive hydraulically-driven highway mower - Specification No. G-053-95;
6. Affordable Stump Grinding Service, in the amount of \$25,000, for stump grinding, and Hunter's Tree Service, in the amount of \$50,000, for tree removal - Specification No. G-061-95;
7. General Chemical Corporation, on their bid of \$227,624.64, for liquid aluminum sulfate - Specification No. G-060-95;
8. Valley Freightliner, Inc., on their bid of \$406,347.08, for six 28,000 GVW dump trucks with sand spreaders - Specification No. G-049-95;
9. U.S. West Cellular, in the amount of \$240,700, for cellular phone atrium billing - Washington State Contract No. 92-PUR-011;

10. The Northwest Dispatch, in the amount of \$60,000, to renew and increase their contract for official City publications - Specification No. G-056-94;
11. Macro Com, Inc., on their bid of \$150,000, for telecommunications wiring and maintenance services - Washington State Contract No. T94-PUR-001;
12. Western Peterbilt, Inc., in the amount of \$315,060, for two residential front-loader refuse trucks - City of Olympia Purchase Order No. 10509;
13. Lincoln Construction, Inc., on their bid of \$86,600, for design-build vinyl siding work - Beacon Senior Center and South End Neighborhood Center - Specification No. G-246-95;
14. Vista Graphics, Inc., dba E-Print, in the amount of \$125,000, for quick copy (photocopy) reproduction services - Pierce County Contract No. 564;
15. Rejecting all bids for two sixteen-passenger 11,700 GVW mini buses - Specification No. G-050-95; and
16. Rejecting all bids for eighteen intermodal refuse containers - Specification No. G-057-95.

Council Member Miller moved that the Purchase Resolution, including rejecting all bids for Item Nos. 15 and 16 and waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 1 and 3, be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including rejecting all bids for Item Nos. 15 and 16 and waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 1 and 3, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33243

Approving the preliminary plat of DELONG LAKE for the property bounded by Cheyenne Street on the east, South 18th Street extended on the south, Gove Street on the west and South 12th Street on the north, to allow development of single-family homes and duplexes on 30-lot and 25-lot subdivisions. (Terry B. Owen; File Nos. 125.327A and 125.327B)

Mayor Moss moved that Resolution No. 33243 be removed from the agenda per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. Resolution No. 33243 was removed from the agenda.

Resolution No. 33244

Accepting and ratifying the agreement between the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and the City of University Place to provide certain health care services.

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

Resolution No. 33245

Authorizing the execution of a Participation Agreement with The Western Metal Industry Pension Fund to permit employees of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 160 on behalf of Local Lodge 297 (Belt Line Unit) to participate in a supplemental pension plan.

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. 33246

Authorizing the execution of a Participation Agreement with The Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund to permit employees of Teamsters Local 313 to participate in a supplemental pension plan.

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

Resolution No. 33247

Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers Local 17, AFL-CIO, effective January 1, 1995, through December 31, 1997.

Council Member 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. 33248

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$47,500, to jointly fund the Commission for Children, Youth and Families through December 31, 1996.

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

Resolution No. 33249

Authorizing the execution of the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Application Fee Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County, to collect application fees relating to tax exemptions for multi-family housing.

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

Resolution No. 33250

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to Pierce County for Community Development Block Grant funds, in the amount of \$15,000, to operate the Tacoma-Pierce County Child Care Resource and Referral Service.

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

Resolution No. 33251

Authorizing the execution of agreements with the Metropolitan Development Council in the amount of \$30,000 and the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association, in the amount of \$30,000, for the development of low-income housing.

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

Speaking before Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
David Barefield	814 South "I" Street

Resolution No. 33252

Authorizing the execution of agreements with the Northshore Golf Course, Quadrant Corporation and United Pacific Properties, in the amount of \$140,500, for the construction of a stormwater detention pond on the golf course and storm drainage improvements.

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

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Resolution No. 33253

Extending the expiration date of Tacoma's curfew ordinance to December 31, 1997.

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

Resolution No. 33254

Authorizing the execution of an EDI Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$165,000, a Section 108 Loan Guarantee Agreement, in the amount of \$1,135,000, and Amendment No. 113 to the Neighborhood Preservation Program Agreement, relative to the Betye Martin Baker Human Services Center Project.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Moss moved that the City Manager be authorized to enter into settlement agreements with all parties with claims against the City in the case of Goforth-Teixeira and Barbon vs. Reda and the City of Tacoma in accordance with the terms of a confidential memorandum to the City Manager, dated December 7, 1995, on file in the Office of the City Attorney. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member De Forrest voting nay. The motion was declared adopted.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager thanked Mr. Gary Tiedeman for his work as Special Assistant in the City Manager's Office for the last three months. He then asked the City Council to let him know how to proceed regarding his recommendations on funding for the County's "Drug Court" issue. Mr. Corpuz reported that he called the Emergency Operations Center regarding the storm and that the City of Tacoma was doing generally well. There were no power outages, no fires, the Christmas tree was still standing and the wind was still blowing. He then requested an executive session not to exceed 10 minutes to consider pending litigation.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Deputy Mayor Evans read and presented a proclamation and a plaque with the Seal of the City to Mayor Moss.

Council Member McGavick stated that Mayor Moss and her had shared many things over the years. Two of those things they shared was the same house and the same Council seat, but not at the same time. She thanked Mayor Moss for many laughs, tears, kindness, support and leadership. She called him a gentleman and a scholar and appreciated working with him and that she would miss him.

Council Member De Forrest stated that Mayor Moss exceeded Council Member Kirby with years on the City Council. He appreciated the fact that he never used the phrase "on the previous Council." He indicated that twenty-four years ago he did not vote for the Mayor and stated politically they were on the other side of the fence. However, Mayor Moss did make one bad mistake during his term in office and that was passing term limits in the City Charter. Council Member De Forrest stated that he enjoyed telling people in the community that this is the finest Mayor Tacoma has had in twenty-five years or longer. He complimented the Mayor on giving people his attention and treating everybody equal, whether you sat behind the dais, lived in the city limits or came from Bainbridge Island. He reminisced about an ordinance being discussed during a previous Council meeting, when others wanted to stop him from speaking, the Mayor did not call him out of order. He went on to state that if there was one legacy Mayor Moss should be remembered for is his serving the community, leaving it a better place and that everybody loves him.

Council Member Crowley stated that he enjoyed working with Mayor Moss the last 2 years. He stated that he knew the minute he met Mayor Moss that he was going to like him and be able to trust him and the Mayor held up to that. Council Member Crowley commented on the Mayor's speaking ability and how he envied that ability. He stated that he was disappointed that the Mayor was not nominated as one of the funniest Mayor's. He stated that he thinks the Mayor is a lot funnier than Norm Rice.

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Council Member Kirby stated that he thinks it will be a long time before Tacoma has another Mayor who will be the personality and the ambassador for Tacoma that Mayor Moss has been. He stated that is Mayor Moss' gift to Tacoma. He also envied his ability to always know the right thing to say. Council Member Kirby then told a story that took place at the firefighters annual retirement dinner and about being bestowed with the honor of becoming a honorary firefighter. He indicated that he was one of the few people in Tacoma to have that honor. He continued the story stating that Mayor Moss had begged to become an honorary firefighter. He also stated that there was another honor out there to be bestowed on the Mayor and to save the Mayor from groveling he presented the Mayor with a T-shirt that said "I know Steve Kirby."

Council Member Silas thanked the Mayor for being our Mayor. She stated that this job wasn't and isn't an easy job, but he made it look easy. She expressed her appreciation for his class, patience and letting Council Member De Forrest talk on and on until 1:00 in the morning without cutting him off, when everyone else is saying cut. She indicated that a dinner in his honor had been planned for tonight but because of the wind storm it had been postponed. Council Member Silas presented the Mayor with a gift in remembrance of this Council.

Council Member Baarsma stated that on the evening of the Mayor's appointment he had the pleasure of speaking as the unofficial resident political historian. He continued by restating some of those milestones. He stated that Mayor Moss was not the first appointed Mayor under the Council/Manager form of government that he was the fifth. He then stated that the Mayor was not the first Harold to be appointed that Harold Tollefson was the first. He continued with more milestones by stating that Mayor Moss was the first appointed Mayor to be appointed on a unanimous vote. He also noted that all the other Mayors that were appointed failed to be reappointed or re-elected. He indicated that if this Council had the opportunity, they would reappoint Mayor Moss unanimously, which would have been another milestone because Mayor Moss would have been the first unanimously reappointed Mayor. He congratulated Mayor Moss on the good work he did.

Council Member Miller described Mayor Moss as one of the most decent and gracious man he has ever had the pleasure to know. He stated that Mayor Moss represented the City of Tacoma most eloquently. Council Member Miller stated that it has been a honor to serve along side Mayor Moss, and called him a very good friend. He stated that some people make significant impacts on your life and help in the direction you take, and indicated that Mayor Moss had had that affect on him.

Deputy Mayor Evans describe the Mayor as having an eloquent use of the language and patience beyond anything he has ever seen exhibited. He stated that he appreciated the way the Mayor treated people, both on the dais, in the audience and staff. He stated what a great pleasure and how gratifying it is to see the Mayor where he is today. He wished the Mayor continued progress. He also stated another milestone, Mayor Moss was the first Mayor to be married in office.

Mayor Moss stated that he is deeply appreciative of what life gives him and that transformation is a reflection of the people he has encountered. He then stated that the folks that are out there doing things and making things happen are the most fascinating people. Mayor Moss stated that he had survived a car crash and at that point he knew someone had plans for his life. He stated that he is pleased that part of those plans was serving the City of Tacoma as Mayor. He stated that it has been one of the greatest things that has happen to him. He then introduced his wife Bil Moss and recognized his mother and sister who were unable to attend tonight because of the storm. Mayor Moss stated that the City of Tacoma and the City Council are in good hands with Mayor Elect Ebersole. He stated that Mayor Elect Ebersole lead the discussion at the legislative breakfast that morning and did so with great knowledge and grace. He is going to be a great Mayor and he's glad that he supported him and watched his career over the years. Mayor Moss stated that the employees of the city have a hunger to serve the City and you can see it and he appreciated that. Mayor Moss continued by addressing Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager, has having an uncanny capacity to bring the very best out in people that work for him. He stated that Mr. Corpuz gave the City Council great confidence in his decision making capacity and in his ability to digest complex issues and get them before Council. He then reminisced about the appreciative dinner for the Committees, Boards and Commissions. He acknowledged all those that served on a Committee, Board and Commission. He ended by saying that he cherished every moment.

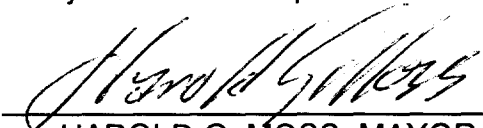
Mayor Moss moved to recess for 10- to 15-minutes. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted. The Council recessed at 8:33 p.m. and reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

Council Member De Forrest wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.


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Council Member Baarsma reported that last week the City Council passed a Resolution dealing with TCI's decision on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He indicated that he took the issue to the Rainier Cable Commission. He asked Mr. Pease to send a copy of the Resolution and the letter to Ms. Barbara Wyatt to the TCI Denver office.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



HAROLD G. MOSS, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RICK ROSENBLADT, ACTING CITY CLERK