

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
October 29, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 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 Evans.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meetings of September 10 and October 22, 1996, and study session minutes of October 22, 1996.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 25972 (Final reading on November 5, 1996)

Accepting the donation of a 9-1-1 telephone simulator from State Farm Insurance Company in support of the Fire Prevention Bureau Public Education Program.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33539

Setting Tuesday, December 3, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the streets in those portions of the Replat of Prairie Park and the Second Replat of Prairie Park located in the vicinity of 80th Street and South Tacoma Way. (Sunabill Investment Ltd.; File No. 124.1045)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner agenda for October 29, 1996.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Civil Service Board, October 7, 1996.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Human Rights Commission, August 15, 1996.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the LESA Executive Board, August 7, 1996.

- e. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, September 24, 1996.
- f. Minutes of the public hearing of the Planning Commission, October 9, 1996.
- g. Minutes of the meetings of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, September 18 and October 2, 1996.
- h. Report of the Director of Finance, April 1996.

Council Member Evans moved that the Consent Agenda, including setting Ordinance No. 25972 over for final reading next week and adopting Resolution No. 33539, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including setting Ordinance No. 25972 over for final reading next week and adopting Resolution No. 33539, was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 25970

Authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$37,300; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for the purpose of intake services for housing discrimination charges and training.

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.

Ordinance No. 25971

Authorizing the execution of a Financial Assistance Award agreement with the Economic Development Administration, in the amount of \$88,000; and accepting, depositing and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for assisting and revitalizing business districts in the Upper Tacoma and Eastside areas.

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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.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33538 (Continued from the meeting of October 22, 1996.)

Expressing support for the Tacoma Dome District retail project, known as the "Transit Square," as a viable economic development project and further supporting the continuation of the partnership between Transit Square, Inc., and Pierce Transit in the completion of this worthwhile economic development venture.

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 33538. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Substitute Resolution No. 33538

Expressing support for the Tacoma Dome District retail project, known as the "Transit Square," for its potential economic development benefits; encouraging the continued partnership between Transit Square, Inc., and Pierce Transit in the completion of this worthwhile economic development venture; lending assistance to the "Transit Square" project; acknowledging the project to be a public/private partnership which may be eligible for public, technical and capital assistance and further, stating that the availability of resources is not assured by the resolution.

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

Purchase Resolution No. 33540

Awarding contracts to:

1. PeopleSoft, Inc., in the amount of \$25,655.33, to increase the contract for the Human Resources Management System (HRMS) training and expert services - PO No. 21173; and
2. Paulson's, Inc., in the amount of \$131,014.80, to purchase fourteen 1996 police motorcycles - Federal Way PO No. 022612.

Council Member Miller moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 1 and 2, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 1 and 2, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33541

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with the Yeh Children's Trust, in the amount of \$257,050, for the use of 7,080 square feet of space located at 2367 Tacoma Avenue South, beginning October 1, 1996 through September 30, 2001.

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

Resolution No. 33542

Adopting the 1996 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction by the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association; the November 1996 City of Tacoma Amendment to the Standard Specifications and the Division One Supplement for construction projects.

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

Resolution No. 33543

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce Transit for the installation of three new traffic signals to improve traffic flow for vehicles using the Pierce Transit Tacoma Dome "Park-N-Ride" facility.

Council Member 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. 33544

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Savage Wholesale Building Materials for the property located at East 25th and J Streets for parking purposes.

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

Resolution No. 33545

Authorizing payment of \$16,693 to Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad for emergency repairs to the Tacoma Eastern Railroad due to the winter storm damage of November 1995.

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

Resolution No. 33546

Authorizing the execution of a temporary, non-interest bearing loan, in the amount of \$3,900,000, from the Capital Improvements Summary Fund to the Tacoma Eastern Railroad Acquisition and Operating Summary Fund for repairs to the Tacoma Eastern Railroad due to the floods of November 1995 and February 1996.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 6:07 P.M.)

Allenmore Ridge Condominium Association appealing the decision of the Hearing Examiner relative to the recommendation to approve the request for reclassification of the property located at 2747 Center Street from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to an "M-1" Light Industrial District and from an "M-2" Heavy Industrial District to an "M-1" Light Industrial District to allow construction of a residential treatment center/work release facility. (Progress House; File No. REZ96-00013)

Mayor Ebersole stated that the quasi-judicial hearing for the appeal regarding Progress House is now in session. He stated that it is the City Council's intention that this hearing be fair in form and substance, as well as in appearance. He requested that if any Council Members having a personal interest in this matter or having had any *ex parte* communications with the parties regarding this case, please disclose that interest and those contacts.

Council Members then disclosed the communications they had regarding this case. Council Member De Forrest and Deputy Mayor Silas excused themselves from hearing the appeal.

Mr. Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner Pro Tem, spoke regarding his decision relative to the reclassification of the property located at 2747 Center Street.

Ms. Stephanie A. Arend, Attorney, representing the appellant Allenmore Ridge Condominium Association, presented reasons for the appeal.

Mr. Terry McCarthy, Attorney, representing the applicant Progress House, spoke in support of the Hearing Examiner Pro Tem's decision.

Mayor Ebersole moved to continue the appeal to the meeting of November 5, 1996. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The appeal will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of November 5, 1996.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Baarsma stated that he would like to add the following nominees to the October 21, 1996, memorandum from the Appointments Committee.

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| Alice Currie | Human Rights Commission |
| Nicole Tarver | Youth Member of Human Rights Commission |
| Laurence Christian | Tacoma Arts Commission |
| Carolyn A. Elsie | Landmarks Preservation Commission |
| Florence D. Welborn | Landmarks Preservation Commission |
| Marilyn Reynolds | Transportation Committee |

Council Member Baarsma stated that the Resolution listing the nominees will be before the City Council on Tuesday. He then stated that the Appointments Committee is diligently working to fill all the vacancies on the Committees, Boards, and Commissions.

Mayor Ebersole stated that he would like to thank Council Member Baarsma for the good work he has been doing on the citizen appointments.

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Council Member McGavick stated she also appreciated Council Member Baarsma's hard work in heading the Appointments Committee. She then thanked the many citizens who come forward to volunteer their time and energy for the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Ebersole stated that he planned to have a name ready for appointment to the Tacoma Housing Authority next week to fill that vacancy which was created by the death of Bob Harvey.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager, stated that the preliminary 1997-1998 Biennial Budget will be delivered to the City Council on Friday, November 1, 1996. He then stated that the public hearings regarding the biennial budget have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 1996, and Wednesday, November 13, 1996. Mr. Corpuz stated that on Tuesday, November 12, 1996, the public hearing would address the budgets for General Government and Public Utilities. He then stated that on Wednesday, November 13, 1996 the public hearing would address the budgets for the various agencies, including the Humane Society, the Health Department, the Metropolitan Park District, the Tacoma Public Library and the Law Enforcement Support Agency. He stated that there would also be time devoted in study sessions for questions on the budget.

Mr. Corpuz stated that at the study session on Tuesday, November 5, 1996, the Public Works Department and the Rate Group Committee will be giving a presentation regarding the Sanitary and Storm Sewer Utilities.

Mr. Corpuz then gave an overview of the Preliminary Biennial Budget for 1997-1998.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member De Forrest stated he had attended the Eastside Neighborhood Council meeting and that the main discussion was the Tacoma Housing Authority and the demolition of Salishan and the Hillside Terrace. He stated that the issues were very controversial and that he was glad to hear that another member was being appointed to the Tacoma Housing Authority next week. He then read a letter from Mr. Robert Datish. Council Member De Forrest requested a joint study session with the Tacoma Housing Authority to address some of their concerns.

Mayor Ebersole asked City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., to schedule a joint study session with the Tacoma Housing Authority.

Council Member Kirby requested information regarding the traffic circles on Park Avenue. He then requested information regarding a newspaper advertisement by a law firm regarding traffic circles.

Council Member Evans stated that the tenants of the apartments located at 219 Stadium Way were being evicted or moved out because of the disrepair of the building. He stated that he hoped the building owners were made more aware of their responsibilities and that the tenants should have been given more than six days notice to move to vacate.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK