



# City Council Minutes

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

August 12, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m.

Council Members Present: 9 ~ Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member McGavick.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, July 9, 2003.
- b. Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, June 9, 2003.

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## PROCLAMATION

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed August 11-18, 2003, to be "Sister City Cultural Baseball Exchange Week" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Tony Anderson, Board Member of the Sister Cities International Board of Directors.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session, July 15, 2003.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

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# REGULAR AGENDA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

### Resolution No. 35921

Appointing individuals to the Tacoma Arts Commission, Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

- a. City Clerk advising that the petitions relating to the form of government with an effective date of January 1, 2004, submitted by the "TIME FOR A CHANGE" Committee did not contain the necessary signatures to be placed on the November 4, 2003, ballot.

Mayor Baarsma advised that this is informational only and no action is required.

- b. City Clerk forwarding copies of correspondence from the "TIME FOR A CHANGE" Committee formally requesting the City Council place the charter change proposal with the effective date of January 1, 2004, on the November 4, 2003, ballot.

Mayor Baarsma advised that this is informational only and no action is required.

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

### Ordinance No. 26941

Vacating South L Street between Division Avenue and a point 50 feet south of South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and the alley between South L and South M Streets, from Division Avenue to South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, to expand facilities for specialized pediatric outpatient care. (Multicare Health System; File No. 124.1157)

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26941. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert,  
and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 27068**

Vacating a portion of South 41<sup>st</sup> Street east of South Prospect Street and west of East Houghton Way for the construction of an apartment complex.  
(T. M. Apex Enterprises Joint Venture; File No. 124.1181)

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 27068. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert,  
and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 27091**

Vacating a portion of the alley right-of-way lying between East J Street and Upper Park Road for landscaping purposes. (Louis Svals; File No. 124.1184)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert,  
and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 27130**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located at 8637 Pacific Avenue from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "C-2" Commercial District for the construction of a 400-unit mini-storage facility. (H.C. Harned; File No. REZ99-00003)

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Deputy Mayor Moss moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. 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. 27131**

Amending Chapter 10.27 of the Municipal Code relating to small public works contracts to increase the threshold for the Small Works Roster (SWR) from \$25,000 to \$50,000; and to authorize the Finance Director to modify the types of work for inclusion in the SWR based on recommendations from City Departments.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Michele Reich	1205 Ernest S. Brazill Street, Ste. 18

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 27132**

Accepting \$111,000 from the United States Department of Justice, through Pierce County, for the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Methamphetamine Task Force to reduce the impact of methamphetamine and heroin trafficking, manufacturing, use, and related crime associated with drug trafficking.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Pat Hammond	2218 North Washington
Michele Reich	1205 Ernest S. Brazill Street, Ste. 18
Will Baker	iercecountyinsider.com
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A
Alton McDonald	Resident

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 35922**

Requesting the Washington State Transportation Commission name the State Route 16 pedestrian and bicycle trails located between Sprague Avenue and Stone Drive on the west side of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge “Scott Pierson Gentle Ways Bike Trail,” and the segment of trail located from Sprague Avenue to the bridge at Snake Lake be named “Scott’s Way.”

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

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Speaking before Council:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Karen Vialle	Former Mayor
Ben Pierson	Resident, son of Scott Pierson
Ralph Wessels	President, Tacoma Wheelman's Bicycle Club
Bob Myrick	Director of Community & Government Relations, Wheelman's Bicycle Club
Bob Barns	Landscape Architect, Olympic Region, Washington State Department of Transportation
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A

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

**Resolution No. 35923**

Authorizing the execution of Supplement No. 2 to the Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with Exeltech Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$493,751.45, for a total of \$3,270,902.45, for additional design services of the East D Street Grade Separation, including seismic design for the existing Dock Street Bridge, streetlight circuit redesign engineering study, drainage and environment analysis, and implementation of the "Rails to Sails" theme.

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

**Resolution No. 35924**

Creating a Charter Review Committee consisting of 13 citizens for the purpose of reviewing the existing Charter of the City of Tacoma and making such recommendations for change as the committee may deem necessary and proper; submitting its recommendations and findings to the City Council on or before May 18, 2004; and expressing the City Council's intent that members of said committee be appointed on or about November 18, 2003, and serve on the committee until final reports and recommendations are made.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Council Member Talbert moved to amend Resolution No. 35924 under the Be It Resolved paragraph, line 2, to read: "The chairperson of said committee shall be selected by the Mayor." Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before Council:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Pat Hammond	2218 North Washington, Time for a Change Committee
Will Baker	piercecountyinsider.com
Sherry Bockwinkel	Resident, small business owner
Rick Cvitanich	2808 North 8 <sup>th</sup> Street; thetruthabouttacoma.org
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Alton McDonald	Resident
Allen Douglas	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

Jim Walton, City Manager, stated the committee appointed to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Advisory Panel will have their first meeting tomorrow evening. He stated the members are eager to discuss expectations and set goals for the work they have committed to perform.

Mr. Walton requested an Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 45 minutes.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Lonergan attended the annual Utilities people and IBEW Local 483 picnic on Saturday, and stated it was a great event. He stated there was an article in the *News Tribune*, by Jerome Kulinski, stating that Tacoma city employees do a splendid job. He stated yesterday he and the Mayor attended the retirement for Police Lt. Barbara Justice. He stated she was retiring because of an injury while on duty, but that she would continue giving service as the director of the Tacoma Police Activities League.

Council Member Talbert stated the Police Activities League will hold a fundraising spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m., on September 27, 2003, at the Portland Avenue Community Center. He invited everyone and stated the tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$5 from Edwina Magrum at 474-7083.

Mayor Baarsma stated he and City Manager Walton had attended the Pierce County Central Labor Council meeting. He stated he would never embarrass the City Manager by endorsing an initiative or any effort to change the form of government and had circulated his meeting comments to other Council Members.

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Deputy Mayor Moss moved to convene to Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 45 minutes. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council convened to Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. Mayor Baarsma returned to the Chambers at 8:34 p.m. and extended the session an additional 30 minutes. The Council reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

  
BILL BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK