



# City Council Minutes

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

November 8, 2005

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

Council Members Present: 9 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phillips, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Manthou.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, October 18, 2005.
- b. Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, September 14, 2005.
- c. Minutes of the LESA Executive Board, September 30 and October 14, 2005.
- d. Minutes of the Public Utility Board, August 24, September 14 and 28, 2005; special meetings, September 20 and 27, 2005; and study session, September 28, 2005.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, September 29, 2005.
- f. Monthly Financial Reports for Business Information Systems, Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, and Tacoma Water, September 2005.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting, October 18, 2005; and study session, October 25, 2005.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution No. 36690

Setting Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public meeting by the City Council on the annexation of properties owned by Ron and Sue Ayer and Chris Morrill and Marilyn Crawford, commonly referred to as Browns Point, and abuts Varco Road NE, in unincorporated Pierce County.

**Resolution No. 36691**

Setting Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public meeting by the City Council on the annexation of 25 properties, commonly referred to as Dash Point, and abuts Upland Terrace NE, in unincorporated Pierce County.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 36690 and 36691, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 36690 and 36691, was declared approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

There were no proclamations.

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**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Baarsma recognized Yalonda McKee, Tacoma Idol winner.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the time set aside for public comment on items on the agenda. Speakers are asked to identify the specific agenda items they wish to address and comments will be limited to up to five minutes per person.

Public Comment began at 5:14 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Address/Affiliation</b>                         | <b>Subject</b>                           |
|------------------|--|--|
| Jim Hoard        | 923 North K Street                                 | Ordinance No. 27432                      |
| Alice Phillips   | Business Manager, IBEW<br>Local 483                | Ordinance No. 27427                      |
| Maryanne Brennan | Business Agent for Teamsters<br>Local 117          | Ordinance No. 27427                      |
| William Lynn     | Attorney Representing the<br>Crosswater Project    | Ordinance Nos. 27430<br>and 27432        |
| Scott Hanson     | Vice President, Puget Creek<br>Restoration Society | Resolution 36693;<br>Ordinance No. 27431 |

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Address/Affiliation</b>         | <b>Subject</b>                 |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Leslie Rose     | Citizens for a Healthy Bay         | Ordinance No. 27431            |
| Steve Apling    | Central Neighborhood Council       | Ordinance No. 27431            |
| Darin Dressler  | 1853 North Skyline Drive           | Ordinance No. 27425            |
| Allen Douglass  | University Place resident          | Ordinance No. 27425            |
| David Thompson  | 315 East D Street                  | Ordinance No. 27430            |
| Jim Bozich      | Trouser, LLC                       | Ordinance Nos. 27430 and 27432 |
| Phyllis Barrett | 912 South Cushman Avenue           | Ordinance No. 27425            |
| Jerry Guthrie   | 3245 North 28 <sup>th</sup> Street | Ordinance No 27426             |

Public Comment closed at 5:59 p.m.

The public hearing was heard here.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Purchase Resolution No. 36692**

Awarding contracts to:

1. Pacific Coast Truck Company, in the amount of \$87,643.13, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Public Works Street Maintenance Operations Fund, for one 2006 International Cab and Chassis – Washington State Contract No. 07503; and
2. PNEC Corporation, in the amount of \$140,000, for a cumulative total of \$367,000, budgeted from individual department funds, to increase and extend its contract for tank wagon bulk fuel through March 31, 2006.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

#### **Resolution No. 36693**

Approving the transfer of a small portion of the former Puget Park Substation property, located on the easterly side of North Alder Way, to the Tacoma Economic Development Department for the Open Space Program.

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

**Resolution No. 36694**

Approving the exchange of a road access easement for a communications airspace easement across Green Diamond Resource Company timberlands.

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

**Resolution No. 36695**

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 238 to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) Agreement, allocating \$446,682 of 2005-2006 HOME funds, and \$15,701 of the American Dream Downpayment Initiative, to the TCRA, budgeted from the Special Revenue-Economic Development Fund, for Lakewood's housing programs.

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

**Resolution No. 36696**

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 239 to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) Agreement, allocating to the TCRA \$1,027,283 of the 31<sup>st</sup> Year Community Development Block Grant funds and \$1,391,870 of 2005-2006 HOME Investment Partnership funds, including \$78,270 for the Community Housing Development Organizations, and \$55,024 for the American Dream Downpayment Initiative, budgeted from the Special Revenue-Economic Development Fund, for Emergency Shelter/Special Needs, Permanent Rentals, and Homeownership.

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

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 27425**

Providing for the submission to the voters of the City at a special election to be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, a proposition authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total principal amount not to exceed \$45,000,000, for the purpose of providing improvements to the Tacoma Dome; and declaring that a public emergency exists, to read as follows:

**PROPOSITION  
TACOMA DOME RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT**

General obligation bonds --\$45,000,000

The Tacoma City Council passed Ordinance No. 27425 concerning a proposition relating to the Tacoma Dome.

If approved, this ballot proposition would allow the City to renovate and improve the Tacoma Dome, issue up to \$45,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 years to finance such renovations and improvements, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 27425. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED .....

REJECTED.....

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phillips, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 27426**

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code by adding Section 1.12.246 entitled “Leave-Based Contribution Program” to provide eligible employees an opportunity to voluntarily convert accrued vacation, compensatory time, and/or personal time off to cash to benefit American Red Cross emergency relief efforts.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phillips, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 27427**

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to delete obsolete classifications and/or applications of additional rates not currently in use; and creating three new classifications as follows: Animal Control & Compliance Supervisor, Animal Control & Compliance Officer, and Railway Track Equipment Mechanic Welder.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that Ordinance No. 27427 be held over for first reading next week. Seconded by Council Member Anderson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Ordinance was continued to the meeting of November 15, 2005.

### **Ordinance No. 27428**

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Historical Society, in the amount of \$343,000; accepting, depositing in, and appropriating said sum from the Capital Projects Fund for the Chinese Reconciliation Park Project; and amending the Biennial Budget for 2005-2006.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

### **Ordinance No. 27429**

Amending various titles, chapters, and sections of the Municipal Code relating to Landmarks and Historic Special Review Districts, which will modify the appeals process, strengthen protection of historic properties with a new demolition section, create and clearly define procedures and standards, remove redundant language, and establish the existing Historic Preservation Officer position in the historic preservation ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

### **Ordinance No. 27430**

Adopting amendments to the Comprehensive Plan by revising the Growth Strategy and Development Concept element; modifying the land use intensity areas on the Generalized Land Use Plan Map; revising and adding policies to the Neighborhood element for the South End, West End, and South Tacoma sections; and modifying the Marine Guidelines chapter of the Thea Foss Waterway Design and Development Plan, an element of the Master Program for Shoreline Development.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 27431**

Amending several chapters of the Municipal Code, relating to Critical Areas Preservation, to modify provisions for wetlands, streams, and geological hazardous areas, and extend the Interim Regulations for Critical Areas adopted by Ordinance No. 27300 to June 30, 2006, or until the amendments to Chapter 13.11 of the Municipal Code become effective, whichever occurs first.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 27431. Seconded by Council Member Anderson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

There were no speakers wishing to address the Substitute Ordinance.

The Substitute Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 27432**

Amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, to increase the separation requirements for adult uses; correcting the legal description for an area-wide rezone along Tacoma Mall Boulevard adopted during the 2004 amendment cycle; modifying the boundary of the View Sensitive Overlay District in the vicinity of North Orchard Street and Ruston Way; modifying and renaming the Mixed Residential-Special Review District to Historic Mixed Residential-Special Review District (HMR-SRD), and an area-wide rezone of the North Slope Historic District to HMR-SRD.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the 2006 Ad Valorem levies for General Property taxes and the Emergency Medical Services.

The public hearing began at 5:59 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Address/Affiliation</b> |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Allen Douglass | University Place resident  |

The public hearing ended at 6:08 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

No report.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### ◆ Neighborhoods and Housing Committee update

The meeting was canceled. No report.

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Deputy Mayor Ladenburg announced an upcoming meeting at South Park Community Center where panhandling at freeway entrances and various intersections will be the topic of discussion and invited the community to attend. She stated she received a telephone call from Congressman Norm Dicks who shared that the City of Tacoma received a Federal allocation of \$1.3 million dollars for the Family Justice Center.

Council Member Anderson stated that the City Council has received several correspondences from the Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities concerning a change in the title of their group to better reflect their ongoing service to the City. She stated to the City Manager that she is interested in taking action.

Council Member Evans announced that the City has also received \$630,000 from the Puget Sound Regional Council to extend the esplanade from Albers Mill under the 509 Bridge to the south end of the Thea Foss Waterway.

Council Member Lonergan stated that last month during Citizens' Forum several citizens spoke concerning maintenance of the parks. He thanked the City Manager for a report that was provided in the weekly report from Mr. Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, which included a review of the parks that belong to the City but are maintained under contract by Metro Parks and how that is taking place. He indicated that the noon presentation by the City Manager of budget concepts both short and long term was momentous. He announced the first of three budget workshops will be on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> which will be televised. He stated that the noon presentation by the City Manager was refreshing and a giant step forward toward management of the City. He added that some of the principles that he laid out such as improving services while at the same time streamlining and eliminating duplication, redesigning for higher performance and increasing the span of control of supervisory levels made for what appears to be a balanced budget through 2008 with no service reductions noticeable to the public. He thanked the City Manger for his effort.

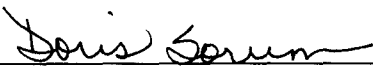
Mayor Baarsma recognized the difficult decisions made by the City Manager relative to layoffs of public servants. He praised him for the severance package and job relocation assistance for these employees. He also thanked the City Manager for joining him and the Deputy Mayor, and Council Member Phillips at the meeting with the Human Rights Commission, the Police Oversight Committee, and Washington State Representative Jeannie Darnielle, former vice-chair of the Human Rights Commission. He mentioned that the Human Rights Commission has been in existence for 39 years and that Tacoma was one of the first cities in the State of Washington and the United States to form the Commission two years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, which was originally named the Human Relations Commission. He added that the City Manager indicated the implementation side of the proposed Police Oversight Committee and indicated his intention to assign the audit function to one of the new Assistant City Managers.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK