



City Council Minutes

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

January 12, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 – Phelps.

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Kirby.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings of December 8 and 15, 1998, and study session minutes of December 1, 8 and 15, 1998.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34273

Approving the final plat for CASAS POR EL REY, a five-lot subdivision located on the northeast corner of South 94th and South Alaska Streets.

(File No. PLT98-00012)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, January 12, 1999.
- b. Minutes of the Planning Commission, December 16, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, December 10, 1998.
- d. Washington State Auditor's Report No. 59594, City of Tacoma, 1997.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 34273, be approved. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 34273, was declared approved.

Mayor Ebersole called on Mr. Len Simon, congressional liaison for the City of Tacoma, who announced that the City of Tacoma has been selected to receive funding for the implementation of aspects of the empowerment zone application.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATION

Hearing Examiner recommending denial of the request to vacate South 31st Street between Gunnison and Madison Streets. (MetroParks Tacoma; File No. 124.1078)

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances No. 26320

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located east and west of Union Avenue immediately north of South 19th Street from a "C-1" Commercial District to an "R-2-T" Residential-Commercial Transitional District to improve an existing unpaved parking area and develop an 8,000-square-foot professional office building. (19th & Union Associates; File No. REZ98-00001)

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26320. 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: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, McGavick, Miller, and Silas, and Deputy Mayor Kirby

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Phelps and Mayor Ebersole

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26350

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code relating to retirement and pensions to provide for an increase in the joint and survivor options, effective January 1, 1999.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Phelps and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 26351

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$100,000; accepting and depositing said sum into the Post 1994 Arterial Street Fund and appropriating \$125,000 from said fund to conduct a structural inspection of the North Proctor Street Bridge to determine rehabilitation costs.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Phelps and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26352

Vacating a portion of South 37th Street at Oregon Street. (Grover Pettibon; File No. 124.1080)

Council Member Miller 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. 26353

Vacating the easterly 25 feet of Union Avenue north of North 36th Street. (Judy Ann Morgan; File No. 124.1081)

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. 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. 26354

Authorizing the execution of agreements with Ceridian Performance Partners and members of the Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network, in the amount of \$16,000 for 1999; authorizing the execution of agreements with various Pierce County employers, in the amount of \$35,000 for 1999; depositing in and appropriating \$51,000 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund to provide child care resource referral and training services.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34274

Awarding a contract to:

Approve an interlocal agreement with Pierce County Fire District No. 23 for cooperative purchasing.

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

Resolution No. 34275

Approving the revised Water Rate Policy amendments.

Council Member Silas moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

Council Member Crowley moved to continue Resolution No. 34275 to the meeting of January 19, 1999. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34275 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of January 19, 1999.

Resolution No. 34276

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Safe Streets Campaign, Inc., in the amount of \$75,000, for community mobilization and block organizing efforts through December 31, 1999.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

Council Member Silas moved to continue Resolution No. 34276 to the meeting of January 19, 1999. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34276 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of January 19, 1999.

Resolution No. 34277

Amending the 1998 Consolidated Plan by reducing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated to the Emergency Shelter/Special Needs Housing Fund from \$260,000 to \$246,274; and the New Construction and Rehabilitation for Homeownership Fund from \$146,900 to \$123,450; reducing the HOME funds allocated to the New Construction and Rehabilitation for Homeownership Fund from \$465,450 to \$396,725; and allocating to the Permanent Rental Fund the sums of \$37,176 in CDBG funds and \$68,725 in HOME funds.

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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. 34278

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 168 to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Agreement approving the biennial Administrative and Operational budget of \$256,200 for the year 1999 and \$264,700 for the year 2000.

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. 34279

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Washington State Arts Commission, in the amount of \$35,000, to provide arts education for elementary school children.

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.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, the session not to exceed 25 minutes.

Council Member Baarsma stated that the Friday packet contained a copy of a certificate from the Washington State Department of Health. He stated that the issue has been raised, and the question asked, as to what authority does the Kaiser Aluminum plant have that allows residential housing on site in an industrialized area. He stated that City Manager Corpuz had stated that this was an area that fell directly under the authority of the State of Washington. Council Member Baarsma then clarified that it was not the City Council nor the City of Tacoma that allowed the temporary housing to occur, but that it was authorized under a Washington State permit.

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz stated that the permit regarding temporary worker housing, that was issued to Kaiser Aluminum, is valid through May 30, 1999. He stated that the issuance of this permit is Washington State's prerogative which preempts local government. He stated that, once the permit expires, the Public Works Department, Building and Land Use Division, will have those structures taken down in compliance with the Washington State permit. Mr. Corpuz stated that the City of Tacoma will then be seeking a change in the state law. He stated that the original intent of this law was for labor camps and that this circumstance goes beyond the intent and the spirit of that legislation.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ebersole complimented City Manager Corpuz on the reorganization of the Planning and Development Services Department. He commended Mr. Corpuz on his leadership and the restructuring of staff in a way that will provide for a greater emphasis on economic development within the City of Tacoma.

Council Member Miller asked for a brief report on the significance of the new art work in the City Council Chambers.

Ms. Josie Emmons, Cultural Resources Division Manager, stated that the new piece of art work in the City Council Chambers is by Mr. Kenneth Callahan, a Washington State artist.

Council Member Crowley echoed Mayor Ebersole’s compliments to City Manager Corpuz regarding the reorganization of the Planning and Development Services Department.

Mayor Ebersole clarified the reorganization stating that it had replaced the Planning and Development Services Department with the new Economic Development Department, which will place a greater emphasis on what the City of Tacoma can do to market Tacoma to retain, expand and recruit businesses to Tacoma. He stated that the Human Services Division will become part of the Human Rights Department. He stated that he feels the reorganization will serve the citizens of Tacoma very well.

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

Council Member McGavick acknowledged the good work of the Tacoma Arts Commission. She reported that the Arts Commission awarded projects to community artists and groups from the Neighborhood Arts and Heritage Fund (Access in Education), in the amount of \$30,000; the Neighborhood Arts Heritage Fund (Festivals and Public Arts), in the amount of \$18,750; and from the Cultural Tourism Fund, in the amount of \$15,000. She stated that they awarded this money to local groups, such as the Wintergrass Festival, Diaz Art for Youth Group, Lincoln International Business Association, Korean Artists’ Association, Tacoma Musical Playhouse, MasterChoral, and many other organizations.

Council Member McGavick reported that a citizen had stopped her in a store to tell her how much he appreciates the City Council and what they are doing for the City of Tacoma.

Council Member Baarsma recalled the survey that was done by TCI Cable concerning TV Tacoma viewership of Channel 12, and found that 45 percent of the viewers could identify Channel 12 as the municipal television station. He stated that this is a high recognition rate.

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Council Member Baarsma then reported and encouraged the City Council and members of the staff to read the article on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* about the City of Spokane concerning their downtown revival plan and relying on Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He stated that the headlines read "Spoken in Spokane Downtown Revival Plan Relying on HUD Aid Poses Hard Questions." He said the article discusses the difficulties and challenges that the City of Spokane has gone through.

Council Member Baarsma stated that the University of Washington recently hired a football coach, from the University of Colorado, at a salary of \$1 million per year. He stated that this occurred at a time when the president of the University of Washington has taken a pay cut and the faculty of that institution receives salaries below the national average. Council Member Baarsma stated that he remembers a time when the coaches and staff of Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) and the University of Puget Sound (UPS) attended a City Council meeting in recognition of the coaches and staff of those institutions. He stated that it was that year that PLU won the national championship in football and UPS won two national championships. He stated that all of these people exemplify good things and what should occur. Council Member Baarsma stated that he just wanted to again recognize the coaches and staff of those institutions, who focus on student athletes.

Mayor Ebersole asked that a Resolution be prepared that would designate that a board member of the Foss Waterway Development Authority shall be a Port Commissioner. He stated that given our partnership with the Port of Tacoma, to develop the Thea Foss Waterway, it is appropriate to have a Port Commissioner on that body.

City Attorney Robin Jenkinson stated that the Foss Waterway Development authority is considering an amendment to their charter and will be forwarding it to the City Council later this month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 6:05 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the route alignment and station locations of the LINK light rail segment in downtown Tacoma.

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Bill Elford	Chair, Planning Commission
Larry Faulk	1101 North 26 th Street
Steve Bowman	Transportation Committee
Michael Curran	Puget Sound Specialties, Inc.
Rachael Linden	Puget Sound Specialties, Inc.
Lori Curran	Puget Sound Specialties, Inc.
Hal Cooper	Puget Sound Specialties, Inc.
Peter Townsend	1648 South 310 th , Federal Way

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Public Hearings and Appeals continued:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Sig Larson	PO Box 44124, Tacoma
Robert Roblee	PO Box 271, Southworth
George Wright	624 East Harrison
Phyllis Hairson	Downtown Merchants Group
Steph Farber	LeRoy Jewelers
Herbert Burk	Resident
Linda Rowling	Resident
Keith Stone	430 East 23 ^d Street
Charles Sterling	Resident

The public hearing was declared closed at 7:45 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

Held earlier in the meeting.

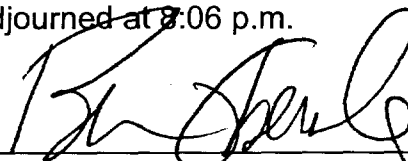
COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Held earlier in the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Kirby moved to convene to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, the session not to exceed 25 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council convened to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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