



# City Council Minutes

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

June 2, 1998

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

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

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Phelps.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting and study session of May 26, 1998.

### ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Appointments Committee, April 27, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 13, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the R/UDAT Implementation Task Force, April 8 and 27, 1998.
- d. Minutes of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, April 23, 1998.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library and Pierce County Library Boards of Trustees special joint meeting, April 9, 1998.
- f. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, April 15, 1998.

Deputy Mayor Crowley 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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### PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the week of June 6-13, 1998, to be "Home Ownership Week" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Elaine Hilton, Chair, Realtor/Community Public Relations Committee.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### COMMUNICATION

Hearing Examiner recommending modification to Condition A.2 of a previously approved Concomitant Zoning Agreement to allow a three-story, 129-unit motel, on the northerly portion of the property, located at 8805-8819 South Hosmer, in place of a two-story, 130-unit motel. (Freiheit and Ho Architects; File No. REZ98-00002)

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to continue the Communication to the meeting of June 9, 1998. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Communication will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of June 9, 1998.

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Mayor Ebersole called on Susan Hardie, Library Director, who gave an update on how the Summer Reading Club will be conducted this year. Ms. Hardie stated that students who read for a total of 25 hours beginning June 13 through August 15, will have the opportunity to win weekly prizes. Ms. Hardie then stated that the students will also receive tickets to the Mayor's Award Summer Celebration, which will be held on Saturday, August 29, 1998, 1:00 p.m. at Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium. Ms. Hardie then called on Mr. Able Corpus, President, Library Board of Trustees, to address the City Council. Mr. Corpus commented on the Mayor's Award Summer Celebration and invited the City Council to attend.

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### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

#### **Ordinance No. 26242**

Accepting a gift of a storage building at the Tacoma Narrows Airport from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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**Ordinance No. 26244**

Amending Title 6 of the Municipal Code to reduce the Cable Television Business and Occupation Tax from 8.32 percent to 8 percent on gross revenues; establishing the Gross Earnings Tax at 8 percent as it relates to cable television services by the Department of Public Utilities; and amending certain deductions making the Business and Occupation and Gross Earnings taxes comparable.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 26245**

Amending Title 6 of the Municipal Code to establish the franchise fee percentage at 5 percent of gross revenues on cable television franchises and to provide for the administration and collection of said fees.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 26246**

Appropriating \$100,000 from the Employee Benefits Trust Fund for an enhanced Employee Wellness program.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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**Ordinance No. 26247**

Amending Chapters 1.23 and 13.08 of the Municipal Code, regarding Open Space Current Use Assessment, to comply with State law.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26249**

Accepting \$76,846 from the Washington State Department of Transportation, Public Transportation and Rail Division; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Tacoma Eastern Railroad Acquisition and Operating Fund for construction improvements to various sections of the Tacoma Eastern Railroad.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Purchase Resolution No. 34068**

Awarding a contract to:

Pacific Utility Equipment Co., Inc., on its bid of \$68,876.29, for one cab and chassis with body for the Public Works, Sewer Utility Maintenance Division - Specification No. FLT-203-98.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

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**Resolution No. 34069**

Authorizing the execution of a contract with Potelco, Inc., in the amount of \$4,890,152, to perform outside plant construction work for the Telecommunications Project.

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

**Resolution No. 34070**

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the Fourth of July Commission, in the amount of \$15,000, for services associated with the 1998 Fourth of July celebration.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Doug Miller	Doug Miller & Associates "Impression Productions"
Stan Naccarato	Resident
Doug Delin	Resident

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

**Resolution No. 34071**

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 159 to the Neighborhood Preservation Program Agreement with Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA), authorizing TCRA to enter into a loan agreement with the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, for the continuation of the Down Payment Assistance program in the Hilltop and Eastside neighborhoods.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Lawrence Norman	Resident

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

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**Resolution No. 34072**

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Operating Agreement with the Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA) to add additional properties to the FWDA responsibilities and to clarify the roles of the City and the FWDA in the redevelopment of those properties.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Silas.

Speaking before the Council were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Jim McDonald	Foss Waterway Development Authority
Mathew Schwartz	Executive Director, Foss Waterway Development Authority

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

**CITIZENS' FORUM** (BEGAN AT 6:19 P.M.)

Speaking before Council were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Doug Delin	Resident	Freeholders' petitions
Felila Leatiota	Resident	DARE
Lawrence Norman	Resident	Community Policing and Empowerment
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Cost overruns
Greg Mykland	Resident	DARE
Percival Lagdan	Resident	DARE
Jay Peterson	8224 East D Street	Transportation
Steve Mauer	103 Stanford Street	DARE
Mark Lisi	Teacher, Jason Lee Middle School	DARE
Steve Schain	Teacher, Lincoln High School	DARE
Sue Keene	Teacher, Sheridan Elementary School	DARE
Nancy Watkins	Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau	The Great Race
Dan Sutherland	Resident	DARE
Yvonee Gregory	Student, Lincoln High School	DARE
Crystal Roberts	Student, Lincoln High School	DARE
Britni Zuber	Student, Lincoln High School	DARE
Nancy Cook	3515 North Warner	DARE

**CITIZENS' FORUM** (CONTINUED)

Coley Veitenhans	Student, Fawcett Elementary School	DARE
Aubry	Student, Whittier Elementary School	DARE
Kerstin	Student, Whittier Elementary School	DARE
Beth Baugh	Student, Lincoln High School	DARE
Yvonne Rhoades	Student, Lincoln High School	DARE
Leah Wickstrom	Student, Visitation Catholic School	DARE
Maureen Lee	Resident	DARE
Mirah Ravet	Student, Stewart Middle School	DARE
Terry Burlingume	123 East 70th Street	DARE
Cheryl Eklund	Resident	DARE
Delia Vidrio	Resident	DARE
Linda Smith	Teacher, Whittier Elementary School	DARE
Amanda Timson	Student, Roosevelt Elementary School	DARE
Rachel Bennatt	Student, Roosevelt Elementary School	DARE
Zachary Rush	Student, Roosevelt Elementary School	DARE
Brenda Alton	Lakewood Resident	DARE
Frank Pribbenow	Resident	Jaywalking, crosswalks
Susan Monroe	Resident	DARE

Citizens' Forum was declared closed at 8:11 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

None.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member De Forrest stated that he has indicated to DARE participants and at DARE graduations that the Resolution this City Council adopted stated that without financial support from the School District and the City Council the DARE program would not have future funding. He stated that since the Tacoma School District has indicated

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that they are not interested in funding the DARE program, a person would anticipate a conclusion to the DARE program. Council Member De Forrest stated that the fact that City Manager, Ray E. Corpuz, Superintendent of Public Schools, Jim Shoemake and Council Member Baarsma are in the process of looking at other programs indicates to him that they are trying to find an alternative program. Council Member De Forrest stated that he appreciated the testimony from the students tonight.

Council Member Baarsma stated that the Spring Cleanup Program has begun throughout the City. He stated that he noticed people driving pickup trucks picking through his refuse. He stated that he investigated whether or not these people had authorization to do so and was told that they did not. Council Member Baarsma then requested the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division, to pay attention to this matter. He then remarked that part of this process is to allow our Solid Waste Division to sort through the recyclable material to help provide revenue.

Council Member Baarsma mentioned that on Saturday he and Council Member Phelps met with a group of citizens to discuss options concerning the Albers Mill. He stated that the discussion centered around whether the City could join in partnership with someone from the private sector and decide if that historic structure could be preserved. He stated that the citizens in attendance were enthusiastic and would be willing to work with the City. He stated that the meeting was a very positive meeting.

Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that he also had citizens in the North End that had expressed concerns regarding the people picking through the refuse set out along the parking strips.

Deputy Mayor Crowley requested a definitive response as to whether or not a policy is in place that addresses City employees encouraging and recruiting students, friends, neighbors or family to come before the City Council to testify on a particular program or project that may be in question. He stated that he would like to have this issue addressed before the next budget cycle.

Deputy Mayor Crowley then requested a response to which agency controls the speed limit and who enforces the speed limit on Interstate 509, East-West Road and North-South Frontage Road.

Council Member Miller expressed caution when investigating the people picking through the refuse items that have been set out on the curbside. He stated that the City of Tacoma is constantly encouraging recycling, reducing and reusing.

Council Member Miller expressed an interest in addressing the progression of traffic signals. He requested the Public Works Department to review this issue so that it may be discussed during the preparation of the 1999-2000 budget cycle.

Council Member Miller stated that he, Council Members Baarsma and Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole attended the start of The Great Race last weekend. He stated that he could not remember the last time there was this much excitement in downtown Tacoma. He stated that he thought it would be an outstanding feature for *The News Tribune* to follow the race that had its start in Tacoma, not just for the first time, but for the second time in the history of the race.

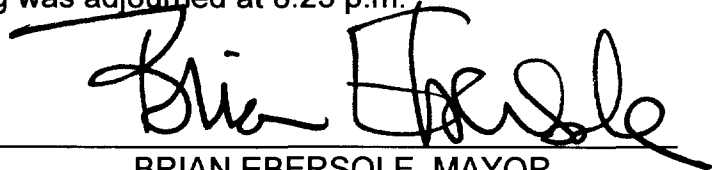


Mayor Ebersole stated that he has received several postcards from Mr. Robert Finger, the winner of the recycling lottery trip to Maui, Hawaii, stating that he is enjoying his grand prize winning trip.

Council Member McGavick expressed the City Council's sympathy to the Stortini family, on the passing of Mama Stortini.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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