

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
February 4, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 - De Forrest. (Council Member De Forrest arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Crowley.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council study session of January 28, 1997.

APPEALS

Allenmore Ridge Condominium Association appealing the reconsideration 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)

Setting Tuesday, February 18, 1997, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the City Council.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the meeting of the Human Rights Commission, November 21, 1996.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the LESA Executive Board, October 21, 1996.
- c. Minutes of the meeting and study session of the Public Utility Board, January 8, 1997.

(Council Member De Forrest arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

Council Member Miller moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Police Chief Philip Arreola gave an update on the recent homicides that occurred on the Eastside of Tacoma. He announced that an arrest has been made in the deaths of Ms. Mildred Pirie and Ms. Blanche Titus, of East Tacoma, which occurred on January 28, 1997. Chief Arreola stated that the Tacoma Police Department is researching additional information relative to Cecil Davis the suspect in the death of Ms. Yoshiko Couch.

Dennis Dean, Belt Line Superintendent, presented the Belt Line history book, "The Story of The Tacoma Municipal Belt Line Railway" and gave a brief description of the contents of the book.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26014

Authorizing the extension of the cable television franchise agreement with TCI of Tacoma, Inc., through June 30, 1997.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Baarsma, Crowley, Kirby, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 4 – De Forrest, Evans, McGavick, and Miller

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26015

Authorizing the extension of the cable franchise agreement with Cable TV Puget Sound, Inc., through June 30, 1997.

Council Member Miller moved for a Call of the Council. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Council Member Miller withdrew his motion.

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Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, and Silas

Nays: 3 – McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26025

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement 1997 rates of pay and compensation for represented and unrepresented employees, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Crowley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26026

Repealing regulatory licenses for the retail sale of medication, tattoo parlors, golf courses, trailer courts and mobile home parks, photography solicitors, and barbershops and changing the "Junk Dealers" license to a no fee "Recyclable Materials Dealer" license relative to Title 6 of the Municipal Code.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26027

Amending various sections of Title 6 of the Municipal Code to clarify and ease reporting requirements for businesses in the City of Tacoma.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

CITIZENS' FORUM (BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Topic
Dave Goughnour	Thea Foss Waterway
Will Baker	Elections
David Artis	The "off" button on the dais. Criminal Activity on the East Side.
Mike Reynolds	Thea Foss Waterway
Phyllis Barrett	Executive Session Performance Audit
Jeanna Crona	DARE Program

The Citizens Forum was declared closed at 6:21 p.m.

Ordinance No. 26028

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement a new Suggestion Program as recommended by members of the General Government and Tacoma Public Utilities Quality Action Team.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26029

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement 1997 rates of pay and compensation for represented and unrepresented employees and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 33613

Awarding contracts to:

1. Western Power and Equipment, on its bid of \$29,646.80, for one vibratory three-ton articulated roller - Specification No. G-069-96;
2. Star Construction, on its bid of \$84,493.00, for improvements at Fire Station No. 17 - Specification No. G-258-96; and

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3. Railroad Emergency Services, Inc., in the amount of \$171,000.00, to increase the contract for Tacoma Eastern Railroad storm damage repair - Specification No. G-217-96.

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

Resolution No. 33614

Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge 160, on behalf of Local Lodge 297 and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Belt Line Unit, effective January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2001.

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

Resolution No. 33615

Approving the issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, in the amount of \$2,000,000, for business expansion by Coast Engine & Equipment Corporation.

Council Member Evans moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Susan Suess	Economic Development Corporation
Chuck Winnett	President, Coast Engine & Equipment Corporation
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood

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

Resolution No. 33616

Accepting and approving the conceptual plans for the Thea Foss Waterway Public Esplanade and Dock Street from South 4th to South 23rd Streets.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Jack Harris	4130 North 7th Street
Hank Hibbard	1012 North Villard
Dave Goughnour	PO Box 7504

Council Member De Forrest moved to refer Resolution No. 33616 to the Foss Waterway Development Authority. Seconded by Council Member Kirby. Council Member De Forrest withdrew his motion.

Mayor Ebersole moved to continue Resolution No. 33616 pending consideration by the Foss Waterway Development Authority. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33616 will be considered at a date to be determined pending consideration by the Foss Waterway Development Authority.

Resolution No. 33617

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Fircrest to provide fleet maintenance and repair services for designated vehicles.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted, with Council Members De Forrest and Silas voting in opposition.

Council Member Miller reminded everyone to vote tonight.

Resolution No. 33618

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with MuniCom, in the amount of \$60,000, for expert services with cable television franchise negotiations.

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

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Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Barbara Wyatt	TCI Cablevision

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

Resolution No. 33619

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Miller & Van Eaton, P.L.L.C., in the amount of \$55,000, for expert legal services and assistance with cable franchise and telecommunications negotiations.

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

Resolution No. 33620

Approving the Sheraton Transfer Documents and authorizing the execution of said documents for the transfer of the Sheraton Hotel from the present owner to Alexis Hospitality J.V. and then to KS Tacoma Hotel L.P.

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

CITIZENS' FORUM

Held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. stated that the City of Destiny Awards nomination forms are available and encouraged citizens to send in their entries. He stated that there are nine categories and that the awards are sponsored by the City Council to recognize volunteerism in the community. He then stated that the deadline for the nominations is March 23, 1997. Mr. Corpuz stated that citizens needing more information should contact the Community Relations Division at 591-5066.

Mr. Corpuz announced that the Civil Service Board rescinded the residency waiver to Pierce County for classified employees and that city residency will be required for those

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hired after February 3, 1997. He stated there will be a study session regarding residency in February 1997.

Mr. Corpuz stated that Mr. Len Simon will be available on Monday, February 10, and Tuesday, February 11, 1997, to answer questions and update the City Council on federal legislation in Washington DC.

Mr. Corpuz then stated that a copy of the year-end review video has been distributed to the City Council for their viewing pleasure. He thanked the staff from TV Tacoma for their excellent work on the video. He stated that the video will be used for promotional efforts highlighting the City of Tacoma's accomplishments for last year.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ebersole congratulated the Police Department for the arrest of the suspected killer of Ms. Blanche Titus and Ms. Mildred Pirie. He stated that he had the pleasure of representing the City of Tacoma at the memorial service for Ms. Titus at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He then stated that the people throughout the city will be relieved that a suspect has been arrested in conjunction with those slayings.

Council Member Miller complimented TV Tacoma on their improvements to the camera and equipment.

Council Member Silas wished a belated "Happy Birthday" to Deputy City Manager James Walton.

Council Member Evans stated he had received a card from the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation asking him to wish all of the City Council Members and staff a Happy Asian New Year, which is Saturday, February 8, 1997. Mr. Evans then stated that an Asian New Year celebration will be held this Saturday on 38th Street, and will include a dragon, food, and firecrackers. He then encouraged everyone to participate.

Council Member Kirby requested the lighting at the podium be changed so that he can see people's faces when they are addressing the City Council. He then requested a Resolution to clear up any confusion that may exist relative to the direction of the DARE program.

Mr. Corpuz stated that it was his intent to keep the classes for the DARE program, and try and accomplish its basic mission, but also to redesign the program to put more officer time on the street. He stated that we can look at a proposed Resolution and possibly come up with some changes. Mr. Corpuz then stated that he would be glad to work with Council Member Kirby on this issue.

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Council Member De Forrest echoed Council Member Kirby's issues with the DARE Program. He stated that he had also suggested a name to be on the committee or group that will be looking at redesigning the DARE program and stated that he is surprised to hear that we are not going to have a committee.

Mr. Corpuz replied stating that Ms. Crona will be consulted when the redesigning of the DARE program begins.

Council Member De Forrest thanked Deputy Mayor Baarsma and Council Member Kirby for attending last Wednesday night's meeting at McIlvaigh Middle School. Council Member De Forrest then shared some of the comments and concerns of the Eastside residents made at that meeting.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma thanked Council Member De Forrest for his comments. He then stated that Jim Walton, Deputy City Manager, and Elton Gatewood, Neighborhood Coordinator, live with pride on the Eastside. He stated that he did not look at this issue as an Eastside problem, but a City of Tacoma problem and that all of us share in his concerns and will be working with him to address any of those concerns and issues on the Eastside.

Police Chief Philip Arreola stated that he believes it is easy to fall into the negativism that the media finds itself when it talks about issues. He stated that there were a great many positive things said about the Eastside such as the organizational structure and the stabilization programs. Chief Arreola stated that he and the Police Department are committed to doing the very best job they can for the Eastside, as well as the entire City of Tacoma.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma thanked the Police Chief for being there and being forthright in responding to the concerns.

Council Member De Forrest stated that he objected to the statement regarding the negativism trap. He stated that he does agree with the fact that a lot of positive things were said about East Tacoma. He stated that the Eastside is a very positive area to live. Council Member De Forrest stated that the issues he listed were concerns the citizens of the Eastside want addressed. He stated that the Eastside has been deprived for many years and that they would like to change that; however, they do not want to see anybody die for that to happen.

Council Member Evans stated that the City of Tacoma can analyze the crime issue, try to address it and, at the same time, look at the positive side and the progress.

Council Member Kirby objected to the comments made by staff members under the Council Comments portion of the City Council meeting. He requested a meeting with the City Manager to discuss these issues.

Council Member Silas stated that the citizens of Tacoma, as well as the City Council Members, all want the same thing which is to feel safe in our City. Council Member Silas stated that the residents of Tacoma should work to improve their neighborhoods and their communities with the assistance of the Police Department and other groups. She stated that taking pride in the image of where we live, who we are and what we are will make a difference. Council Member Silas stated that the City Council is here to support those efforts.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma thanked Council Member Silas for her eloquent statements.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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