



# City Council Minutes

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

February 3, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Baarsma, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley. Absent: 2 - Miller and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Baarsma.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Tacoma City Council minutes and study session minutes of January 27, 1998.

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

- a. Agenda of the Foss Waterway Development Authority, January 28, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Foss Waterway Development Authority, December 19, 1997.
- c. Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, November 20, 1997.
- d. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 14, 1998.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library, December 17, 1997.
- f. Minutes of the Urban Policy Committee, December 11, 1997.
- g. Washington State Auditor's Report No. 58876, City of Tacoma, 1996.

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

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Council Member De Forrest moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 33952 at this time. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 33952**

Paying tribute to former Council Member and Municipal Court Judge Hal D. Murtland, and recognizing his history of public service and contribution to the governance of the City of Tacoma.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Judge Ralph G. Turco	Municipal Court
Judge Gary Sullivan	Municipal Court

Deputy Mayor Crowley acknowledged Judge Elizabeth E. Verhey, Municipal Court, in the audience.

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

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**PROCLAMATIONS**

Deputy Mayor Crowley proclaimed the week of February 8-14, 1998, to be "Burn Awareness Week" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Dennis Devish, Potentate of the Afifi Shriners.

Deputy Mayor Crowley proclaimed the days of February 6-7, 1998, to be "Golden Gloves Days" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Joe Macaluso, President of the Tacoma Athletic Commission and Dr. Greg Plancich, Chairperson of the Golden Gloves Anniversary Event.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Resolution No. 33947**

Appointing Tacoma City Council Members to various committees, boards and commissions.

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

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## RESOLUTIONS

### **Purchase Resolution No. 33948**

Awarding a contract to:

Audio Visual Frontiers, in the amount of \$72,736.17, to purchase audio/video equipment for the Fire Training Center - Specification No. G-066-97.

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

### **Resolution No. 33949**

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for arterial street improvements to Tyler Street from South 66th to South 74th Streets and South 38th to South 56th Streets; 96th Street from A Street to McKinley Avenue; Narrows Drive from North 17th to North 26th Streets; East 64th Street from Portland Avenue to Pacific Avenue; Alaska Street from South 38th to South 56th Streets; and South Orchard Street from 6th Avenue to South 18th Street.

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

### **Resolution No. 33950**

Authorizing the execution of agreements with the Metropolitan Development Council, in the amount of \$50,000; Tacoma Boys and Girls Clubs, in the amount of \$92,000; Tacoma Center YMCA, in the amount of \$10,000; and Metropolitan Park District, in the amount of \$25,000; for the operation of programs that support the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.

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

### **Resolution No. 33951**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Private Industry Council, in the amount of \$56,000, and an interlocal agreement with Metropolitan Park District, in the amount of \$156,595, for implementation of youth and family crime and violence prevention programs.

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. 33952**

Paying tribute to former Council Member and Municipal Court Judge Hal D. Murtland, and recognizing his history of public service and contribution to the governance of the City of Tacoma.

Resolution No. 33952 was considered earlier in the meeting.

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**CITIZENS' FORUM** (BEGAN AT 5:40 P.M.)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Maria Schafer	5101 Harbor View Drive NE	Utility Bill
Katherine Ursich	2721 North Starr	Variance Denial
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Police Department Issues
Steve Wong	715 North 3rd Street, Apt. 3	Chihuly Bridge
David Boyd	Executive Director, Martin Luther King Ecumenical Center	The New Name "King Center" and their new building
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood	Recycling issues, traffic circles, proposed aquarium

The Citizens' Forum closed at 6:20 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. reminded the City Council to reserve their place at the table for the World Trade Center Tacoma's 1998 Globe Award and Marco Polo Award Dinner on Wednesday, February 18, 1998, to be held at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel. He stated that Mr. Caspar Weinberger will be the featured speaker.

Mr. Corpuz stated that the City of Tacoma and the University of Washington, Tacoma Campus, are sponsoring a reception for the new publisher of *The News Tribune*, Ms. Elizabeth Brenner, on Monday, February 23, 1998. He then thanked Mr. Kelso Gillenwater, former publisher of *The News Tribune*, for his contributions to the community and the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Corpuz then stated that Genelle Birk, Assistant City Manager, had an operation last week and is doing well. He then wished her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Corpuz stated that he wanted to share the good work of the Tacoma Police Department regarding the two suspects that were arrested in connection with the homicide at the 38th Street Tavern. Mr. Corpuz then called on Police Chief Arreola for more details.

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Police Chief Arreola discussed the energy and work that went into taking the two suspects into custody. He then gave a detailed report of the incident.

### **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

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

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Council Member Baarsma reminded everyone that tonight is an election night and then encouraged citizens to get out and vote.

Council Member Baarsma stated that at last week's City Council meeting, as the Chair of the Appointments Committee, he had offered the nomination of a number of good citizens to serve on various committees, boards and commissions. He stated that, at this time, he would like to correct the introduction he made regarding Ms. Maggie Kelly. He corrected his statement of last week by stating that she is not the president of the North End Council but had been nominated by the president of the North End Council to serve on the Tacoma Arts Commission. He then stated that she does serve on the Board of the North End Council.

Council Member McGavick stated that she had talked to Genelle Birk, Assistant City Manager, and that Ms. Birk's spirits were really high. Council Member McGavick then reported on the recovery of her own mother who had recently been ill.

Council Member De Forrest stated that he had received several inquiries from citizens regarding traffic circles and speed humps. He then requested signage be installed on Park Avenue to warn motorists that there are speed humps ahead.

Council Member De Forrest then stated that people at the East Side Improvement Club had expressed their concerns regarding school children crossing the street at 34th Street and Portland Avenue. He stated that there is a flashing light at that location but no crosswalk. Council Member De Forrest then requested information regarding the number of traffic tickets the Police Department has written, in the last year, for failure to stop for people in crosswalks. He stated that if the number of traffic tickets written for that offense is small, he would urge the Police Chief to start enforcing that law.

Council Member De Forrest stated that Portland Avenue continues to have a water problem on the west side. He stated that water continues to come down the hill, whether it is raining or dry. Council Member De Forrest stated that it presents a serious problem when it freezes. He stated that at times the east side of Portland Avenue will be dry and the west side will have ice. Council Member De Forrest stated that he has been told by the Water Department that it is not coming from the Portland Avenue Reservoir. He stated that the City of Tacoma should be able to control the flow of the water down Portland Avenue.

Council Member De Forrest then thanked staff for responding to Council Member Kirby's inquiry regarding the Top of the Ocean site. He then requested further information regarding the prevailing wage issue. Council Member De Forrest

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requested, if the City of Tacoma makes adjustments to the agreement regarding the Top of the Ocean property, that the City of Tacoma require the contractor, Mr. Mitchell, make up the difference to the prevailing wage. He then asked if it would be possible for the City of Tacoma to have a public bid on the project, although a public bid is not required.

Council Member De Forrest stated that he attended the Vietnamese New Year celebration in the Lincoln Business District over the weekend. He then congratulated Mariza Craig, Planning and Development Services Department, for her help on behalf of the City. He stated that he did not receive any complaints or concerns regarding the fireworks this year. Council Member De Forrest then thanked the Lincoln Business District and all the people there for making it a great Saturday.

Council Member Phelps congratulated Deputy Mayor Crowley for a well run meeting tonight.

Council Member Phelps encouraged citizens to call their Legislative Representative regarding the legislation that will take away the City of Tacoma's ability to zone-out sitings of mobile homes within our City limits under certain conditions. He stated that, he believes that the City of Tacoma had good reasons for its mobile homes zoning.

Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that he had attended the recognition celebration for Mr. Kelso Gillenwater, former publisher of *The News Tribune*. He stated that it was a great event, not only for Mr. Gillenwater, but for the Boy Scouts as well. He stated that, while the City of Tacoma may not have always agreed with what was written in the newspaper, under Mr. Gillenwater's leadership the newspaper was fair. Deputy Mayor Crowley also stated that Mr. Gillenwater is an outstanding member of this community. Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that Mayor Ebersole was one of the presenters at Mr. Gillenwater's recognition and may be currently on the road with his stand-up comedy routine.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Mike Crowley  
MIKE CROWLEY, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: Rick Rosenblatt  
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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