



City Council Minutes

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

July 19, 2005

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

Council Members Present: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Ladenburg.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Planning Commission, special meeting and public hearing, June 15, 2005.
- b. Minutes of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, June 1, 2005; and special meeting and study session, June 15, 2005.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session, June 21, 2005.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 36579-A

Setting Tuesday, August 16, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of East 50th Street, a portion of the alleyway, and a portion of East 51st Street, to create a preliminary plat for the construction of single family homes. (Unique Construction, Inc.; File No. 124.1249)

Resolution No. 36580

Approving the final plat of "Duncan Manor," an 8-lot, multi-family residential subdivision located at 2050 East 56th Street. (Baseline Engineering, Inc.; File No. 40000049157)

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 36579 and 36580, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 36579 and 36580, was declared approved.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed July 2005 as “Recreation and Parks Month” and presented the proclamation to Mr. Aaron Pointer, Metro Parks Board President.

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed July 19 through July 25, 2005, as “Train to the Mountain Day’s” and presented the proclamation to Mr. Russell Holter, Compliance Reviewer for the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and Mr. J. Clark McAbee, Executive Director, Lewis County Historical Society.

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 5:21 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Subject
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman Avenue	Resolution No. 36584
Charles Creso	5501 Broadview Avenue NE	Resolution No. 36584; Various Ordinances
Tess Colby	Affordable Housing Consortium, Tacoma	Ordinance No. 27385
Rick Cvitanich	2808 North 8th Street	Ordinance No. 27385
Allen Douglass	University Place resident	Ordinance Nos. 27385 and 27386
Doug Schafer	950 Pacific Avenue	Ordinance No. 27386
Jerry Guthrey	Street Ministry	Homeless and the poor
Ian Forraker	3113 – 44 th Avenue NE	Ordinance No. 27385

Public Comment closed at 5:49 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 36581

Appointing the Mayor and Council Members to various committees, boards, and commissions.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Talbert.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved to consider Substitute Resolution No. 36581. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Address</u>
Ian Forraker	3113 – 44 th Avenue NE
Allen Douglass	University Place resident

Voice vote on the Substitute Resolution was taken and carried.
The Substitute Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 36582

Appointing individuals to the Board of Building Appeals, Human Rights Commission, Tacoma Arts Commission, and Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority.

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.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27383

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation negotiated with the Tacoma Fire Fighters Union, Local 31, for 388 employees, effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27384

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and provisions of a letter of understanding negotiated with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 160, on behalf of Local Lodge 297, General Unit; changing titles for three classified classifications; changing the classification of Transmission & Distribution Supervisor; creating a new classified title of Crime Scene Technician; and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 0

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The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27385

Providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the City at the November 8, 2005, general election, for their rejection or approval, to authorize a six-year increase in the regular property tax levy and to impose an additional regular property tax levy to finance affordable housing for low- and very low-income households; and declaring the existence of an emergency to read as follows:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
Low-Income Housing Levy**

The City of Tacoma’s Proposition 1 concerns property tax levies for affordable housing purposes proposed by Ordinance No. 27385.

This proposition would allow the City to fund affordable housing by (a) imposing an additional regular property tax levy of \$1,950,000 annually (\$0.14/\$1,000 of assessed value) for six years; and (b) increasing its regular property tax levy by \$2,500,000 to \$3.60/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2006, and increasing the levy amount by 4% in each of the five succeeding years. The maximum dollar amount in year six shall be used to compute the RCW 84.55.010 limitations thereafter.

Yes
No

Those in favor shall mark their ballots “Yes”; those opposed shall mark their ballots “No.”

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 27385. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Stenger moved to consider Substitute No. 2 of Ordinance No. 27385. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ladenburg.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Address</u>
Ian Forraker	3113 – 44 th Avenue NE
Charles Creso	5501 Broadview Avenue NE
Jerry Guthrey	Street Ministry
Allen Douglass	University Place resident
Rick Cvitanich	2808 North 8 th Street

Roll call vote was requested and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 3 – Evans, Lonergan, and Stenger.

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Nays: 5 – Anderson, Ladenburg, Manthou, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The motion was declared failed.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 0

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27386

Amending Chapter 2.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to the placement of signs, including political signs, on public property.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27387

Amending Chapter 1.70 of the Municipal Code to provide clarification regarding the right to appeal the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner to the City Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27388

Accepting \$103,123 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of National Drug Control Policy through Pierce County, for personnel, equipment, and other expenses related to the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Methamphetamine Task Force.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27389

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, to provide clarification relative to membership requirements for retirees who return to work under a special project.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27390

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the United Transportation Union, Switch Crews Unit, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, effective July 1, 2005.

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The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27391

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit, for 171 employees, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27392

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit, for 130 employees, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 36583

Awarding contracts to:

1. Ness Cranes Inc., in the amount of \$80,000, plus sales tax; Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc., in the amount of \$80,000, plus sales tax; and Snell Crane Service, in the amount \$40,000, plus sales tax, for crane rental service on an as-needed basis – Specification No. F105-0286F; and
2. Verizon Wireless, in the amount of \$35,000, plus sales tax, for a cumulative total of \$170,000, to increase its contract for cell phone services through November 13, 2005, - Washington DIS Contract No. T98-MST-006.

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. 36584

Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated with the United Transportation Union, which covers 37 employees, effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2010.

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.

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Resolution No. 36585

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Barghausen Consulting Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000, for a cumulative total of \$199,000, to provide a variety of professional services associated with the processing and evaluation of wetland and stream permit applications, informal review of prospective site developments, and a review of amendments to Chapter 13.11 of the Municipal Code, relating to critical areas.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public meeting by the City Council regarding the annexation of property located at 5006 Varco Road NE in unincorporated Pierce County.

The Public Meeting began at 5:50 p.m.

There were no speakers that wished to address the Public Meeting.

The Public Meeting ended at 5:56 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Erin Anderson stated he was delighted to be at the Council Meeting.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Anderson thanked and recognized members of the Tacoma Fire Department for allowing her to engage in a ride-a-long with the Paramedic Unit, Company No. 4 and highly recommended and encouraged the Council to ride-a-long.

Council Member Lonergan mentioned a recent party hosted by Pierce County Auditor Pat McCarthy, who honored over 400 voters into the "Voters Hall of Fame," who had been voting for 60 years. He also noted the passing of Mr. Gary Milgard and the memorial service given today.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg stated Mr. John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive, is currently in Honolulu, Hawaii to receive an award from the National Association of Counties for his innovative program "The Dirty Dozen," which identifies properties within the County with historically problem properties such as dumping and abandoned cars.

Mayor Baarsma mentioned his invitation from the International Council for Local Environment Initiatives to attend the "Sundance Summit" a Mayors gathering on Global Warming. He stated other attendees included, Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson,


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Mr. Robert Redford, actor, former United States Vice-President Al Gore, and a total of 45 Mayors. He mentioned he was proud to give a report on Tacoma's recycling program, which included the City's commitment to increasing recycling by 75 percent by the year 2007 and that our program is recognized nationally. He concluded by echoing comments made by Council Member Lonergan regarding the passing of Mr. Gary Milgard. He stated the Milgard family donated 15 million dollars to the University of Washington, Tacoma for the Milgard School of Business, one of the largest private donations in the University's history among other donations to various organizations.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.


WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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