



City Council Workshop Minutes

University of Washington, 1900 Commerce Street, Tacoma Room
Tacoma, Washington

Friday, April 27, 2001

Mayor Crowley called the Workshop to order at 5:15 p.m.

Council Members Present: 7 ~ Dahl, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Scarbrough, and Mayor Crowley.

Council Members Absent: 2 ~ De Forrest and Evans.

Public Utility Board

Members Attending: 3 ~ Barker, Lane and Chair Vaughn.

Public Utility Board

Members Absent: 2 ~ Hilyard and Strege. (Hilyard arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

Mayor Crowley made introductory remarks and stated that the purpose of the workshop was to review the energy crisis. He then introduced Dr. Finney.

Dr. Finney encouraged everyone to read the February 1981 edition of *National Geographic*, regarding the energy crisis. He reviewed the historical power rates, consumption, and factors contributing to current energy crisis as described by the Northwest Power Planning Council; costs of power plants; and policy issues.

Dr. Finney discussed the unpredictability of weather and power consumption.

Discussion ensued regarding current projects under construction.

Dr. Finney presented information regarding caps on power prices; public vs. private; state involvement; and the role of conservation.

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Mayor Crowley called on Mark Crisson, Public Utilities Director, who discussed the average daily power load, and the past and current conservation measures.

Discussion ensued regarding investment in new generation.

Mayor Crowley called on Deputy Mayor Phelps.


Deputy Mayor Phelps initiated discussion regarding the pros and cons of stopping the expansion of the Tacoma Power service area.

(Utility Board Member Tom Hilyard arrived here.)

Council Member McGavick initiated discussion regarding charging citizens higher rates.

Discussion followed regarding power consumption of Seattle vs. Tacoma.

There being no further business, the Friday session of the Workshop was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



MIKE CROWLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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