

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
March 4, 1997

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

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

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member De Forrest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of February 18, 1997; study session of February 25, 1997; and Town Hall meeting of February 20, 1997.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33638

Approving the final plat for FERN HILL PARK, located on the northeast corner of South 92nd and K Streets, for a 12-lot subdivision. (John Dunham; File No. PLT96-00026)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's agenda for March 4, 1997.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee, February 24, 1997.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Human Rights Commission, January 16, 1997.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 12, 1997.
- e. Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission, February 19, 1997.
- f. Minutes of the meeting and study session of the Public Utility Board, January 22, 1997.
- g. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, January 23, 1997.

- h. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, January 15, 1997.
- i. Minutes of the meeting of the Urban Policy Committee, January 9, 1997.

Council Member Miller moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 33638, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 33638, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the week of March 8 through March 14, 1997, to be "Women's Awareness Week" and the month of March as "National Women's History Month" and presented the proclamation to Judith Fortier.

Mayor Ebersole appointed Roger Johnson to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, representing the North Slope Historic Special Review District.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26037

Amending Chapters 1.19 and 1.30 of the Municipal Code to permit future Council Members to elect membership in the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System upon completion of 90 days in office.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 26038

Providing for the formation of L.I.D. No. 3956 for the construction of a sanitary sewer on 63rd Avenue NE from 21st to 24th Streets NE and on the proposed 23rd Street NE from 63rd Avenue NE west 250 feet then north from the dead end of 23rd Street NE 150 feet and on 24th Street NE from 63rd Avenue NE 130 feet.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26039

Providing for the formation of L.I.D. No. 5724 for the construction of water mains and fire hydrants for a proposed plat located at approximately 23rd Street NE and 63rd Avenue NE.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26040

Providing for the formation of L.I.D. No. 6973 for the installation of street lighting on 63rd Avenue NE from 24th Street NE to the proposed 23rd Street NE and on the proposed 23rd Street NE from 63rd Avenue NE to the dead end.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26041

Providing for the formation of L.I.D. No. 7721 for the construction of an underground electrical primary system along 63rd Avenue NE from 24th Street NE south approximately 300 feet and in the proposed 23rd Street NE from 63rd Avenue west approximately 250 feet to the dead end.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26042

Providing for the formation of L.I.D. No. 8591 for the construction of permanent pavement with storm drainage in 63rd Avenue NE from 24th Street NE to 64th Avenue NE south 300 feet and on the proposed 23rd Street NE from 63rd Avenue NE west 250 feet to the dead end and 24th Street NE from 63rd Avenue NE to 64th Avenue NE.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26043

Providing for the levy of \$408,613, the tenth year assessment for the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA); approving the BIA annual budget and work program; and appropriating \$473,225 for project activities.

Council Member Miller stated that he would recuse himself from the discussion of Ordinance No. 26043.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 26044

Amending Chapter 8.72 relative to drug-related loitering by clarifying the penalty provision, intent required, and relevant evidence.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26045

Appropriating \$94,008.42 from the Miscellaneous Trust Summary Fund; and authorizing the execution of a two-year agreement with the National Development Council to assist in economic development financing programs.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 33639

Awarding a contract to:

North Coast Electric Co., in the amount of \$62,000, to increase contract for electrical supplies - Washington State Contract No. 03994.

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

Resolution No. 33640

Authorizing the execution of a two-year agreement with Bates Technical College, in the amount of \$32,300, to provide training for the Refuse Utility Division drivers possessing a Commercial Drivers License with Class A or B endorsements.

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

Resolution No. 33641

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with CH2M Hill, in the amount of \$150,000, for an independent evaluation of operation and finances of the Refuse Utility Division for the sale of new bonds.

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.

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CITIZENS' FORUM (BEGAN AT 5:47 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Topic
Nancy Davis	Relocation of the Running Wolf Smokeshop
Lloyd Maxwell	New aquarium on the Thea Foss Waterway
Will Baker	Televising the meetings of the Metropolitan Park Board, Port of Tacoma Commissioners and the Tacoma Public School Board
Mike Carolan	Mini-Market on 26th and North Alder Streets
Phyllis Barrett	Police Warrants, Financial Audit, Purchasing Procedures
Larry Norman	Police Guidelines, Traffic Stops on Hilltop Economic Development on the Hilltop
Suzy Olt	Swan Creek Library and Mary Lyon School Event
LeiLani Jackson	Swan Creek Library and Mary Lyon School Event
Debbie Freedman	Library Fund Raiser
Mozella Pooley	Supporting the Library
Alan Gorsuch	Public Market alternative to the proposed cineplex in downtown Tacoma
Rev. Ron Vignec	Supporting the Library

The Citizens Forum was declared closed at 6:45 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager, stated that there will be a Joint City Council and Public Utility Board Study Session on Thursday, March 6, 1997, starting with dinner at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. He stated that the main topic of discussion will be the water rate review recommendation by the Department of Public Utilities. Mr. Corpuz then outlined the public process for the proposed Telecommunications Plan. He stated that public hearings will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 1997, by the Public Utility Board and on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, by the City Council. He stated that it is anticipated that a Resolution relative to the proposed Telecommunications Plan will be before the City Council on Tuesday, April 8, 1997. Mr. Corpuz then announced that the Economic Summit scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 1997, will be rescheduled.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member McGavick stated that she and Rev. Ron Vignec had taken a class together at Com University, which is a jointly sponsored event by Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound and the Associated Ministries. She stated that the class was called "Death, Dying, Union Psychology and Spirituality." Council Member McGavick stated that it was a "heavy" class and that Rev. Vignec was referring to some of the things they had discussed in that class when he was talking about the different kinds of time.

Council Member Miller stated that he was in Olympia today testifying on the Torte Reform and the Joint and Several Liability issue. He stated there was some question as to whether that bill would move forward because of the many other issues that are tied to it. He stated that Randy Lewis, Government Relations, indicated that the Tacoma Public Utility Bill would probably go to Executive Session tomorrow. Council Member Miller stated that he had asked Mr. Lewis to explore, with the sponsor, the potential of isolating the tax on logo merchandise so that the tax would go to the City in which the team plays or its home team. He stated, that way, the City of Tacoma would have the potential of garnering some of that taxation for the Tacoma Dome based on sales from our new hockey team. He then stated that he saw no reason why a tax on team logo wear for Tacoma's hockey team should be going to fund a stadium in Seattle.

Council Member Miller then requested a response from the Public Works Department as to whether or not a paved sidewalk would be constructed on Waterview Street.

Council Member Miller requested a response from Public Utilities regarding the wireless connection systems and whether or not this system would pose significant competition to a fiber optic cable system over the next five years.

Council Member Kirby stated that he has always known Larry Norman to be a pillar of the community, a person who does a lot of volunteer work and it would be a surprise to find out that in these days of community oriented policing that there is still a Police Officer out there that doesn't know Mr. Norman. Council Member Kirby requested a response from the Police Department as to the details of that situation. He stated that he thought there should be a number of ways to prevent something like that from happening in the future.

Council Member Evans stated that he wanted to reinforce Council Member Miller's comments about the Waterview Street sidewalk. He stated that it is essential that there be some kind of pedestrian access.

Council Member Evans expressed his enthusiasm regarding the wireless system but felt that the City of Tacoma should proceed with the fiber optic system.

Council Member Evans stated that, as the chair of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, he would like to announce that, as of March 1, 1997, the Pierce County Health Department had begun the removal of cigarette advertising from the outside portions of commercial areas.

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Council Member Evans stated that he felt that it was entirely inappropriate to see the beginning of a library campaign in advance of the Library Task Force getting started. He stated that the citizens speaking tonight were trying to address serious problems between the City of Tacoma and the Library. He stated that through the Library Task Force he would like to walk hand-in-hand, rather than on opposite sides of the fence through this difficult process.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma thanked Council Member Evans for his comments about the City Council's intentions regarding the Library Task Force. He stated that the key words he has tried to emphasize are collaboration and working together.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma announced that the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics is having its national swimming championships to be held in Federal Way. He stated that Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Puget Sound are the official hosts of the championship. He noted that there would be 350 student athletes from more than 30 universities and institutions of higher education from the United States and Canada. He stated that he would extend to them best wishes and greetings from the City Council.

Council Member Silas requested clarification on the DARE program.

Mayor Ebersole stated that the Tacoma Dome is currently out of the stadium package that is being discussed in Olympia. He stated that he hoped the Tacoma Dome would resurface as part of the package and that the Pierce County legislators will support the package. He stated that he thought that Council Member Miller's suggestion for distribution of the revenues is a fine way to proceed.

Mayor Ebersole then stated that he had testified in front of Senator Finkbeiner's committee. He stated that Senator Finkbeiner has a bill that would interfere with the City of Tacoma's proceeding with its telecommunications, cable and television plans and he hoped that the bill would be defeated. He stated it sounds like Senator Finkbeiner intends to kick it out of committee, but it still has a long way to go before it would become law.

Mayor Ebersole then stated that the "Catalan Masters Exhibition" is going great. He stated that over 35,000 people have attended the exhibit. He stated that he would be going to Barcelona at the invitation of Vice Counsel Luis Fernando Estaban to negotiate an even bigger and better show featuring one of the "Catalan Masters" for a later appearance in Tacoma. He stated that they would try to get a solo show of either Picaso, Dali or Miro. Mayor Ebersole noted that this trip would not be at the taxpayers expense.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK