



City Council Minutes

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

September 22, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Present on roll call: 6 - Baarsma, De Forrest, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley. Absent: 3 - Kirby, Miller, and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member McGavick.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting, September 1, 1998, and study session of September 8, 1998.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34174

Setting Tuesday, October 27, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of North E Street between North 10th and North 11th Streets. (Dale F. Stirn; File No. 124.1079)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, September 29, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Arts Commission, August 10, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, August 26, 1998.
- d. Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, July 23 and 30, August 6 and 13, 1998.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, August 5, 1998.

Council Member Baarsma moved to suspend the rules to consider an additional Resolution No. 34181. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34181

Setting Tuesday, September 29, 1998, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a public meeting by the City Council regarding the annexation of property known as the UPLAND TERRACE located in unincorporated Pierce County.

Council Member Baarsma moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 34174 and 34181, be approved. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 34174 and 34181, was declared approved.

RECOGNITION

Deputy Mayor Crowley presented a plaque for Groundskeeper of the Year to Mr. Bob Christofferson, Stadium Manager, Cheney Stadium.

PROCLAMATION

Deputy Mayor Crowley, proclaimed the week of September 22, 1998, as the Fifth "Maritime Heritage Week" featuring "The Annual Commencement Bay Maritime Fest" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Clare Petrich.

RECOGNITION

Deputy Mayor Crowley called on Ms. Leslie Rowen, General Services Director, to recognize TV Tacoma for receiving four first-place trophies from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.

Deputy Mayor Crowley recognized Boy Scout Troop No. 238 who were in the audience to earn their "Communications Merit" Badge.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 34175

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

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

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Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution Nos. 34177 and 34180 at this time. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34177

Supporting the nomination for the second round Empowerment Zone designation of the area designated in the Tacoma Empowerment Zone Strategic Plan; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium to prepare the application and certifications and manage the implementation of the Tacoma Empowerment Zone Strategic Plan.

Council Member Silas moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Dr. Shiril Gilbert	Tacoma Empowerment Consortium
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

Resolution No. 34180

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Art Museum, in the amount of \$85,000, to establish a process for the joint development of the project at the Union Station Site consisting of a museum, public parking and a commercial mixed-use structure.

Council Member Phelps moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 34180. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Joanne Bamford	President, Tacoma Art Museum Board of Trustees
Chase Rynd	Executive Director, Tacoma Art Museum
David Allen	Director, International Glass Museum and Executive Council
Luis Esteban	Spanish Council, State of Washington
Dr. Shiril Gilbert	Tacoma Empowerment Consortium
Richard Moe	Resident

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

Ayes: 6 – Baarsma, De Forrest, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 – Kirby, Miller, and Mayor Ebersole

The Substitute Resolution was declared adopted.

Council Member De Forrest moved for a short recess. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Council recessed at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 6:38 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the proposed sale of a portion of the Water Division's strip of abandoned flume line right-of-way.

There were no speakers for the public hearing.

The public hearing was declared closed at 6:44 p.m.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26294 (Continued from the meeting of September 15, 1998.)

Amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code by adding a new section prohibiting persons from stopping, standing or parking a vehicle within ten feet of a mailbox during the

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hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on scheduled delivery days, by the United States Postal Service.

Council Member McGavick moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26294. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Baarsma, De Forrest, McGavick, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 – Kirby, Miller, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26156

Vacating portions of East I and East 40th Streets to clear title to the building encroachments on the property. (Ron Topliff; File No. 124.1056)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Baarsma, De Forrest, McGavick, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 – Kirby, Miller, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26271

Vacating G Street between South 7th and 8th Streets to combine the vacated right-of-way with the abutting property for additional off-street parking. (Tacoma School District No. 10; File No. 124.1068)

Council Member Baarsma moved to continue Ordinance No. 26271 to the meeting of September 29, 1998. Seconded Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26271 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of September 29, 1998.

Substitute Ordinance No. 26298

Accepting a donation of a memorial to Fallen Firefighters, from the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Association of Tacoma, to be erected adjacent to and fronting Fire Station No. 5,

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located at 3301 Ruston Way; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Association of Tacoma to implement said project.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Tom Trunk	Member, Association of the Fallen Fighters' Memorial

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Baarsma, De Forrest, McGavick, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 – Kirby, Miller, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26299

Providing for the formation of LID No. 5725 for the construction of water mains in South Oakes Street from South 76th to South 78th Streets and in South 78th Street from South Oakes to South Fife Streets.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Baarsma, De Forrest, McGavick, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Crowley

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 – Kirby, Miller, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34176

Awarding contracts to:

1. King Construction Company, Inc., on its bid of \$182,683.52, for the extension of sanitary sewer pipe in North Karl Johan Avenue - Specification No. G-221-98;
2. Graybar Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$63,294.98, to increase its contract for Ornamental Streetlight Standards - Specification No. G-055-97;
3. Kemwater North America, in the amount of \$150,000, to renew its contract for PAC Coagulants at the North End and Central Treatment Plants - Specification No. G-047-97;
4. General Microsystems, Inc., in the amount of \$38,872.77, for a Sun computer server - State Contract T95-PUR-108; and
5. UOP, on its bid of \$100,208.40, for Zeolite P.S.A. skid media at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant - Sole Source.

Council Member Baarsma moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 4 and 5, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34177

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Resolution No. 34177 was considered earlier in the meeting.

Resolution No. 34178

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 165 to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Agreement to authorize the use of Neighborhood Preservation Program income on an interim basis to fund down payment assistance loans provided with Washington State Housing Trust Funds.

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

Resolution No. 34179

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with McClaren, Wilson & Laurie, Inc., in the amount of \$245,000, to assist with the next phases of the Central Police Facility Project.

Council Member Silas moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 34179. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Baarsma moved that the Substitute Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. announced that vehicles not properly parked in the garage entrance on Market Street will be ticketed by Republic Parking. He stated that warning tickets will be given through the end of September and that \$25 citations will be issued beginning October 1, 1998.

Mr. Corpuz congratulated Mr. James Walton, Deputy City Manager, for being the recipient of the Tacoma Urban League's "Distinguished Service Award." He stated that he is personally and professionally proud of Mr. Walton's achievements.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member McGavick stated that there are many wonderful things going on in the art community. She stated that the Arts Commission is very interested in spreading the word and meeting with the City Council to discuss strategies on how the City of Tacoma can promote the arts. Council Member McGavick suggested having a study session with the Arts Commission to discuss some of these strategies.

Council Member De Forrest announced that the Ruth McElliott Medical Clinic is now open on McKinley Hill. He stated that this project has been in the works for almost two years. He thanked City Manager Corpuz and Mayor Ebersole for all their hard work on this project. He stated that this clinic was one of the goals of the Health Department. He stated that the hours of the clinic are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Council Member DeForrest stated that the clinic will provide 15 different types of services. He stated that the fee for services is on a sliding scale.

Council Member De Forrest announced that next Monday, September 28, 1998, at 10:30 a.m., on East 30th and Portland Avenue, there will be a groundbreaking for the new employment security building. He stated that Governor Locke will be the guest speaker. He stated that there will be three employment security buildings built throughout the state and that the City of Tacoma is fortunate enough to have received one of those bids. Council Member De Forrest stated that he believes this project will be the first step of economic development for the Portland Avenue area.

Council Member De Forrest thanked Public Works Director Bill Pugh for taking care of the concerns from two of his constituents regarding problems on East 46th Street from K Street to the Pipeline Road and on East E Street between 43rd and 44th Streets.

Council Member De Forrest stated that he had received a copy of a letter from Brian Sonntag, State Auditor, stating that the State Auditor's office is capable of preparing component unit financial reports of the Electric, Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste utilities for \$59,590 compared to the contract that the City Council awarded to Deloitte and Touche for \$194,700. He then requested a further explanation of the differences between the proposals of the State Auditor and Deloitte and Touche.

City Manager Corpuz stated that there were other issues besides cost involved in the decision to award this contract to Deloitte and Touche. He stated that there were concerns about both capacity and ability, as well as expertise. He stated that more information regarding the award of this contract will be forthcoming. Mr. Corpuz stated that this decision was not taken lightly and that the State Auditor's Office was considered.

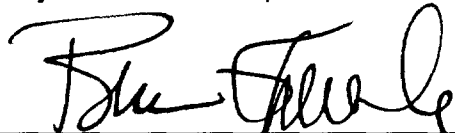
Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that he will be unable to attend the groundbreaking for the new employment security building on lower Portland Avenue on Monday, September 28, 1998. He stated that this announcement was big news for the Eastside of Tacoma.

Council Member Silas commended Council Member De Forrest and the Eastside in their revitalization. She stated that all of us must work together for the revitalization of Tacoma.

Council Member Silas then commended Deputy City Manager Walton for receiving the "Distinguished Service Award," at the Tacoma Urban League's Banquet.

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

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



MIKE CROWLEY, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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