



City Council Minutes

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

April 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

Council Members Present: 6 – Anderson, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Council Members Absent: 3 – Evans, Ladenburg, and Phelps (Deputy Mayor Evans arrived at 5:12 p.m.; Council Member Ladenburg arrived at 5:13 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Stenger.

(Deputy Mayor Evans arrived here.)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Minutes of the Government Performance & Finance Committee, March 18, 2004.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session, January 27, 2004, and meeting, March 23, 2004.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were no proclamations.

(Council Member Ladenburg arrived here.)

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RECOGNITION

Mayor Baarsma recognized Ms. Sue Hudson, president of the Daffodil Festival. Ms. Hudson introduced Ms. Romelynn Eleno, Daffodil Festival Queen, Lakes High School, who asked the Daffodil Princesses to introduce themselves.

Mayor Baarsma called a recess at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor Baarsma moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 36147 at this time. Seconded by Council Member Ladenburg. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 36147

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Weidner Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$299,800, to assist City departments in developing business plans and performance measure programs.

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

Council Member Lonergan moved to remove Resolution No. 36147 from the agenda per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Stenger. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 36147 was removed from the agenda.

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 5:20 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Allen Douglass	2012 – 70 th Avenue West, Apt. A-4, University Place	Ordinance No. 27223
Charles Creso	5501 Broadview Avenue NE	Ordinance No. 27223

Public Comment closed at 5:30 p.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27222

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation negotiated with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Custodial and Building Maintenance Unit, which covers approximately 30 employees; and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure, creating a new classification entitled "Latent Fingerprint Examiner"; and declaring the effective dates thereof.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27223

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation; accepting and depositing \$1,386,333 into the Arterial Street Fund; and appropriating \$600,000 from said fund for Downtown Redevelopment Streetscape Improvements and \$786,333 for LINK Light Rail Pedestrian Improvements in downtown Tacoma.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 36146

Accepting up to \$516,708 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with said agency for sprinkler system improvements in 15 Fire Department facilities.

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

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Resolution No. 36147 was considered earlier in the meeting.

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Resolution No. 36148

Authorizing the execution of Supplement No. 1 to the agreement with Professional Services Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$253,000, for a cumulative total of \$378,000, for additional on-call special inspection services for various infrastructure/facility projects during 2004 and 2005, including sewer, storm water and road projects.

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

Resolution No. 36149

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 231 to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) Agreement to increase the maximum Emergency Major Home Repair loan amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Strategic Plan for 2005-2010.

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

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Allen Douglass	2012 – 70 th Avenue West, Apt. A-4, University Place
Chris Karnes	616 North I Street
Charles Creso	5501 Broadview Avenue NE

The Public Hearing ended at 6:19 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager James Walton requested an Executive Session to discuss pending labor negotiations not to exceed 30 minutes.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Anderson commented on the concerns of the citizens regarding billboard content on arterials and freeways. She mentioned her meeting with staff from the Legal Department who gave an update on related codes and case law applicable to billboard content. She encouraged citizens to contact the billboard owner, Clear Channel Outdoor, at 206.682.3833, or to visit its website at www.clearchannel.com, to express their concerns.

Council Member Talbert thanked Police Chief Ramsdell and his staff for issuing citations for misuse of Pipeline Road by off-road vehicles and property damage. He mentioned the recent study session on the Domestic Violence Policy for City employees and stated the goal is to have this policy in place by mid-May. He thanked Mr. John Briehl, Human Rights & Human Services Director, and his staff for their contributions to the policy. He stated that an article in *USA TODAY* highlighted Tacoma as one of the most livable places in the country.

Council Member Lonergan mentioned his visit with Cambodian and Laotian-American citizens during the Asian New Year celebration at the Tacoma Dome. He stated the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a briefing breakfast with Generals from the United States Air Force, Army, National Guard, and Madigan Medical Center at Pacific Lutheran University to give the community an update regarding military actions in the Middle East. He stated he was impressed with the quality of the facility and staff during his visit to the Northwest Detention Center on the Tideflats. He mentioned the grand opening of the 23rd Street Village Homes and the new Police substation. He announced the opening of the 2004 Tacoma Rainers baseball season.

Deputy Mayor Evans congratulated Ms. Debra King, Sister City Coordinator, and thanked the dozens of volunteers who organized a very successful 10-week International Film and Food Festival. He asked for volunteers to help with the clean-up efforts at Chinese Reconciliation Park in Old Town.

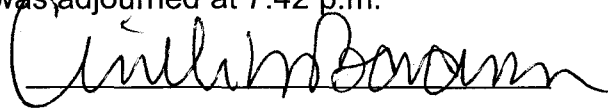
Mayor Baarsma mentioned the "You Can" award presented to the City by the Army National Guard for the hosting the ceremony honoring the departure of the 81st Armored Brigade. Mayor Baarsma read a portion of the *USA TODAY* article naming Tacoma as one of the most livable cities.

Mayor Baarsma moved to convene to Executive Session to discuss pending labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 30 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council convened to Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. Mayor Baarsma extended the session for 15 minutes at 7:07 p.m. The Council reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

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

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK