



City Council Minutes

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

April 23, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Phelps.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 2, 2002, and study session of April 9, 2002.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, April 9, 2002.
- b. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, March 27, 2002.
- c. Minutes of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, February 28, 2002.
- d. Minutes of the Urban Policy Committee, February 7, 20, 21, and 27, 2002.
- e. Citizens' petitions supporting the Anti-discrimination Ordinance to extend protected class status based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- f. Monthly Financial Reports for the Conservation Project Fund, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Geographic Information System Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Tacoma Rail, Tacoma Power, and Tacoma Water, January 2002.

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed 2002 to be the "Year of the Rose" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Jo Martin, Pacific Northwest Chair of the American Rose Society/Year of the Rose Committee.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Baarsma called on Mr. Dale Jensen, Manager of Ecology's Spill Prevention and Response Program, who presented Mr. John Lewis with the Environmental Excellence Award.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26945

Accepting \$103,990.08 from the Washington State Department of Transportation through Pierce County, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund; authorizing the execution of a Commute Trip Reduction Act Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for the disbursement of said funds and to implement the state-mandated Commute Trip Reduction Program for 2001-2003.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert,
 and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26946

Authorizing the execution of an interfund loan, in the amount of \$130,000, from the Open Space Fund to the 1997 Bond Issue Construction/Development Fund, to be repaid with interest when City-owned parcels located between Tacoma Avenue South and Jefferson Street and South 21st and South 23rd Streets are sold; and appropriating \$130,000 from the 1997 Bond Issue Construction Development Fund for asbestos removal, demolition, and site cleanup of said parcels.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26947

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code regarding zoning, to amend text relative to the processing of rezone applications and specific development standards regulating development along South Pine Street, to correct legal descriptions of rezoned property, and to add and delete certain described properties from zoning classifications to fully implement the recently approved zoning code.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26948

Amending Chapter 1.29 of the Municipal Code relating to the City of Tacoma’s Law Against Discrimination by extending protected class status based on a person’s sexual orientation and gender identity; creating an exemption for nonprofit religious or sectarian organizations and single-family dwellings.

Council Member Ladenburg moved to amend Ordinance No. 26948 by amending the definitions of “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” in Section 4, at page 18, so that those terms include perceived, not just actual, sexual orientation and gender identity, and are defined without reference to “including a person’s attitudes, preferences, beliefs, and practices thereto.”

Council Member Ladenburg moved to amend the definition of “sexual orientation” by adding the words “actual or perceived” before the word homosexuality at line 15 on page 18, and by adding the word “or” between the words bisexuality and heterosexuality at lines 15 and 16 on page 18, and by deleting the text, “including a person’s attitudes, preferences, beliefs, and practices thereto” at lines 16 and 17 on page 18.

Council Member Ladenburg moved to amend the definition of “gender identity” by adding the words “or perception” after the word status at line 18 on page 18, and by adding an “ed” at the end of the word transgender at line 19 on page 18, and by deleting the text, “and including a person’s attitudes, preferences, beliefs, and practices pertaining thereto” at lines 19 and 20 on page 18.

Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 26948, as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Evans, Ladenburg, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 1 – Lonergan

The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26949

Amending and combining several Chapters of Titles 5, 6, and 8 of the Municipal Code relative to animals and creating Title 17 to be known and designated as “Animal Control” to update and centralize the animal control regulations.

Deputy Mayor McGavick moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26949. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Michael Nelson	Citizen
Alton McDonald	Resident
Allen Douglas	612 South 18 th Street, Apt. 5

Council Member Phelps moved to continue Ordinance No. 26949 to a date to be determined and to schedule a public hearing before the City Council with proper public notice at a date to be determined. Seconded by Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Substitute Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

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Ordinance No. 26950

Accepting \$111,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of National Drug Control Policy, through Pierce County; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund to reduce the impact of methamphetamine and heroin trafficking, manufacturing, use and violent crime associated with such activity.

Speaking before Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Alton McDonald	Resident
Michael Nelson	Citizen

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26951

Amending Title 6 of the Municipal Code relating to boilers and pressure vessel operators and certificate requirements.

Speaking before Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Sally Cofchin	Executive Vice President for Instruction, Bates Technical College
Jan Pelroe	General Vice President, Business Manager, & Financial Secretary, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 286
Allen Douglas	612 South 18 th Street, Apt. 5
Robin Culpepper	Co-Chair of the Steam License Advisory Board
Beverly Holland	Public Affairs Manager, Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company
John Thompson	Secretary-Treasurer, Pierce County Labor Council
Dick Chamblin	Associate Director of Continuing Education and Apprenticeship, Bates Technical College; Member of the Steam Licensing Advisory Board

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS**Purchase Resolution No. 35491**

Awarding contracts to:

1. General Chemical Corporation, on its bid of \$98,700.00, for Pac Coagulants for wastewater treatment at the North End Treatment Plant – Specification No. G-003-02;
2. Powerscreen of Washington, Inc., in the amount of \$119,500.00, for a Royer Model 466 soil shredder-mixer – Sole Source;

3. Cummins Northwest, Inc., in the amount of \$118,893.00, for emergency generators at Fire Communications – Washington State Contract No. 04899;
4. Grumman Northrup/PRC Public Sector, Inc., in the amount of \$375,650.00, for computer hardware and programming upgrade for the Fire Computer Aided Dispatch System – Sole Source;
5. Schaefer Systems International, Inc., in the amount of \$1,855,794.85, to extend and increase its contract for 30-, 60-, and 90-gallon plastic containers and 20-gallon plastic inserts for the collection of solid waste – Specification No. G-006-01; and
6. Insituform Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$310,225.00, to increase its contract for sanitary sewer rehabilitation – Specification No. G-213-01.

Deputy Mayor McGavick moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 2 and 4, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 2 and 4, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35492

Adopting the Internal Revenue Code, Section 132, Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefit Plan, which permits the payment for specified transportation expenses on a pre-tax basis.

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

Resolution No. 35493

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Matthew Graham and Julie Graham to construct eight units of multi-family residential housing at 4311 South Union Avenue in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.

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

Resolution No. 35494

Acknowledging a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations.

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (Began at 7:28 p.m.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the 2002-2003 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan.

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Stella Jones	3708 North 8 th Street; Shared Housing
Kevin Hastings	3318 North 9 th Street; Shared Housing
Brenda K. Saxton	2702 North Bristol Street; Shared Housing
Margaret Archer	1201 Pacific Avenue; Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Shared Housing
Anita Kent	Good Samaritan Community Services
Allen Douglas	612 South 18 th Street, Apt. 5
Lua Pritchard	125 East 96 th Street, Domestic Violence Program; Director of Korean Women's Association
Eun Hwa	125 East 96 th Street, Domestic Violence Program
Joan Lorenz	Executive Director of New Options for Women
Mee Hyun	125 East 96 th Street, Domestic Violence Program
Jeannie Darneille	Executive Director of Pierce County AIDS Foundation Housing Options Program
Margaret Smith	3407 McKinley Avenue, Director of the McKinley Hill Distribution and Resource Center
Michael Nelson	Resident
Paul Robson	Chair of the Urban Policy Committee

The public hearing was declared closed at 8:24 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. stated the City's General Obligation Bond rating had improved from a single A- to a double AA-.

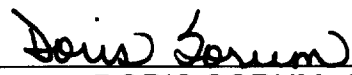
COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Lonergan stated the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, gave the Howard O. Scott Citizen-Soldier Award to a military reservist with the 446th Airlift Wing at McChord Air Force Base, Mr. Ted Stanley, who is also an employee of Tacoma Water.

Mayor Baarsma stated he attended the Mayor’s Design Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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