

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
November 10, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Mykland, Nielsen, Silas, and Mayor Vialle. Absent: 1 - Moss. (Council Member Moss arrived at 5:11 p.m.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of November 3, 1992.

PETITIONS:

Ted F. Schlatter and James C. Schlatter, requesting the reclassification of the property located near 52nd Street and Tacoma Mall Boulevard from a "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "R-2-T" Residential-Commercial Transitional District to renovate and landscape the property for an insurance office. (Ted F. Schlatter and James C. Schlatter; File Nos. 130.3565 and 120.11359)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearings Examiner Agenda for Tuesday, November 10, 1992.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Civil Service Board, October 5, 1992.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 28, 1992.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Public Utility Board, October 14, 1992.
- e. Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Tacoma Public Library, September 16 and October 12, 1992.
- f. Tacoma Public Utilities Preliminary Biennial Budget, 1993-1994.
- g. City of Tacoma Preliminary Detail Biennial Budget, 1993-1994.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

Hearings Examiner submitting Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit/Conditional Use Permit No. 141.530 to allow the development of additional moorage, expansion of an existing parking lot, construction of three buildings, installation of additional pilings, and expansion of an existing floating breakwater system for the property located at 5618 Marine View Drive. (Tye Associates, Inc., d.b.a. Tye Marina; File No. 141.530)

Mayor Vialle moved to continue the Communication Item to the meeting of November 17, 1992. Seconded Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Communication Item will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of November 17, 1992.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25198 (Continued from the meeting of November 3, 1992.)

Repealing Chapter 8.56 and amending Title 5 of the Official Code relative to the regulation of sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18.

Council Member Moss arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Council Member Nielsen moved to table Ordinance No. 25198. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion was failed.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 1 - Nielsen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25181

Vacating a triangular portion of surplus right-of-way on the easterly side of Tyler Street southerly of South 38th Street to combine the vacated area with the abutting property for additional landscaped yard space. (Paul George Babare; File No. 124.956)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 -- Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Nielsen, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25204

Authorizing the issuance and sale of Taxable GSA Lease Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$5,500,000 to Smith Barney Harris Upham & Co. Inc., for improvements to the Tacoma Union Station property.

Mayor Vialle moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 25181. Seconded by Council Member Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Evans, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Nielsen, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 0.

Abstaining: 1 - McElliott.

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 31965

Awarding contracts to:

1. Code Publishing Co., on their bid of \$30,999 for the Municipal Code reprint - Specification No. G-047-92;

2. McConkey Company, on their bid of \$79,204 for a soil shredder-mixer - Specification No. G-052-92;
3. Holroyd Co., Inc., in the amount of \$40,000 to increase their contract for concrete products - Specification No. G-003-91;
4. Streich Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$20,000 to increase their contract for refuse fleet parts and repairs - Open Purchase Order No. 1102; and
5. NCMachinery, Co., in the amount of \$16,500 to increase their contract for refuse fleet parts and repairs - Open Purchase Order No. 1107.

Deputy Mayor Mykland moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 31966

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with the Tacoma Rescue Mission in the amount of \$188,765 for the renovation and repair of the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

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

Resolution No. 31967

Adopting the policy in the event of personnel reductions that preference be given to the classified service for continued employment and that unclassified employees not receive wage adjustments as a result of limited funds in the 1993-1994 biennial budget.

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

Deputy Mayor Mykland moved to continue Resolution No. 31967 to the meeting of November 24, 1992. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Baarsma requested that the City Manager provide a draft resolution, for City Council consideration, covering the following items:

A review of the administrative costs of all agencies benefiting from the General Fund so the taxpayers are not paying for needless duplication of services.

A review of supervisory positions in order to reduce the number of levels within the organization.

A review of appointive and classified positions in order to consolidate classes where appropriate.

A review of compensation practices for appointive classes and their market comparability and a recommendation on the reduction of cost-of-living increases for upper management for 1993-94.

He asked that this Resolution be provided to the City Council in their Weekly Report of Friday, November 13, 1992, if possible.

Council Members Miller and Evans requested the Department of Public Utilities also be reviewed and that a timetable be in that response.

Mayor Vialle asked the Manager if the review would look at compensation practices relative to longevity pay.

Ray E. Corpuz, Jr, City Manager, stated that all compensation issues would be reviewed.

Council Member Evans requested that the City Manager make a response regarding the recent Morning News Tribune editorial regarding compensation matters.

Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager, stated he had provided a memo regarding the Saturday article, pointing out the areas where the article was incorrect. He also reviewed and clarified unrepresented increases.

Council Member Moss expressed his concerns regarding the negative influence of the media.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

None.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Vialle moved to cancel the City Council meeting of December 1, 1992. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Mayor Vialle stated that the Council had received a letter that the Municipal Channel was nominated for one of three awards given by the National League of Cities and Arts and Entertainment network for production of "Smart." Also at the same meeting Tacoma would receive the City and State Magazine Environmental Achievement Award of 1992.

Council Member McElliott stated that with the recent influx of population into the east side, she felt that the elementary schools in the McKinley Hill corridor needed to stay open.

Council Member Miller moved to take a short recess. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Council recessed at 5:37 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS: (Began at 6:11 p.m.)

This is the date set for a public hearing to consider the biennial budget for the City of Tacoma for 1993-1994.

Mayor Vialle called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Nielsen, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Mayor Vialle announced that there was overflow seating available in the 7th-floor conference room. She stated that the Fire Marshal had expressed concerns regarding the capacity of the Council Chambers and the number of persons present. Mayor Vialle asked that those not speaking go up to the 7th floor, or those signed up late for speaking go to the 7th floor first and then come down closer to their appointed time for presentation.

Mayor Vialle announced that the purpose of the hearing was to review the 1993-1994 Preliminary Biennial Budget for the General Government and Public Utilities Departments.

Mayor Vialle announced that copies of the 1993-94 Preliminary Detail Budget were available in the back of the Council Chambers.

Mayor Vialle announced that this was a regular advertised public hearing was duly published and should be incorporated by reference into the record.

Mayor Vialle then called on Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager. Mr. Corpuz then gave an overview of the Budget and stated that the first reading of the Budget Ordinance was scheduled for November 7, with final reading scheduled for December 8. He stated that on Thursday night there would be a review of the budgets of the Tacoma Public Library, the Metropolitan Park District, the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, L.E.S.A., and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. He stated that time was set aside to meet with Council prior to the December 8 final reading.

Mr. Corpuz stated that the staff would be going out to the community groups to do presentations on the preliminary budget.

Deputy Mayor Mykland stated that if the staff were going to the community groups, the Council could be asked to attend and should be provided with a schedule of when those meetings were to take place.

Mr. Corpuz stated that the staff would provide the schedule to the Council. He then turned the meeting over to Judith Sheridan, Budget Officer.

Ms. Sheridan summarized the information in the Detail Budget for the Council. She reviewed the 1993-1994 Biennial Budget and proposed amendments and reductions. Ms. Sheridan then reviewed, at the request of Council Member Baarsma, an explanation of how the Consumer Price Index figures relate to the cost-of-living allowance for staff. She also explained the difference on the original \$7.9 Million shortfall projection and the current \$10 Million short fall. She then provided a review of medical costs and compensation and benefit package for staff.

After that she reviewed the projected Tacoma Dome revenues and the disposition of those revenues.

She then reviewed the 36.43 position reductions that were proposed in the preliminary budget.

Mayor Vialle called on the public for testimony.

Speaking to the Council were:

Belmont Sorenson
Mark Livengood
Judith Wright
Kay Wylie
Barbara Comte
Adrian Johnson

1400 Market Street
Tacoma Resident
Tacoma Resident
Sexual Assault Crisis Center
Director, Big Brothers & Big Sisters
Child Abuse Support Resources

Carolyn Mayer	Child Abuse Prevention Resources
Sharon Farrell	Executive Director, Child Abuse Prevention Resources
Dolores Biblarz	Director, Lifeline Institute for Youth Suicide Prevention
Donna Copeland	Director, Point Defiance/Ruston Senior Center
Grahame Fenton	Property Owner, 1933 Commerce St.
H. Brownie Braunsteiner	3715 South Alaska
Vickie Huff	1502 South Mildred
Kent Hayden	Vice Chairman, Tacoma-Pierce County Crimestoppers Program
Dave Alger	Chair, Tacoma-Pierce County Human Resources Coalition
Dave Boyd	1424 Tacoma Avenue South
Betty Myers-Gloyne	Tacoma Volunteer
Bill Colby	3706 North Union
Frank Underwood	820 A Street
Bill Wood	Theatre District Foundation
Robert Sharp	Local Writer (arts community)
Jim Markoff	711 St. Helens
Joyce Hopson	AIDS Housing Association
Nancy Hall	AIDS Housing Association
Chris Quinn-Brintnell	Tacoma Youth Symphony
Dean Wilson	Pierce County Alliance
Priscilla Lisicich	Arts Task Force (Safe Streets) and BalletTacoma
Jeannie Darneille	Executive Director, Pierce County AIDS Foundation
Kallee Kirschenbaum	6842 South Huson
Father Tom Parks	718 South J Street
Sandy Burgess	Tacoma Rescue Mission
Edward Ketcham	Associated Editor of ARISTOS
Virginia Berlin	1113 South Lawrence
Bev Chamness	Volunteer, Beacon Senior Center
Judy Sacha	President, Union Station Development District Assoc.
Marsha Walker	United Way and USDDA
Elodie Vandevent	508 North E Street
David Ottey	Emergency Food Network
Maria Bradley	Human Rights Commission
John Carman	Tacoma Firefighter
Loretta Werner	Local Artist, 1608 So. Ainsworth
Steve Farber	President, Broadway Center for the Performing Arts

Phyllis Harrison	Broadway Center for Performing Arts
Bruce Lachney	Metropolitan Park District Advisory Board (NW Trek)
Margo Fleshman	Supporter of Human Services Coalition
Rosie McCorkle	Human Rights Commission
Jim Robbins	Artist in Residence
Susan Schadel	President, NE Tacoma Community Club
C.F. Straw	4130 North Verde
Bill Holt	President, Tacoma Actors Guild Board
Dick Sonntag	6262 South Cheyenne
Joseph Cordero	Centro Latino SER
Teresa Martinez	Centro Latino SER
Betsy Rodriquez	Centro Latino Family Outreach Department
A.C. "Tony" Passanante	422 North I Street
Kathleen Skrinar	424 North C Street
Russell Nance	3721 South Sheridan
Carmen Allum	5210 Enetai Avenue NE
Jerry McLaughlin	1714 South Prospect
Bill Nevins	P.O. Box 1951, Tacoma
Georgia Duff-Taylor	Tacoma Resident
Penelope Loucas	Tacoma Arts Commission Member
Jennifer Ricco	Freighthouse Square
Pat McElligott	Tacoma Firefighters Union
Jim Mathis	President, Tacoma Police Union
Louise Batchelor	5123 North 45th Street

There being no further testimony on the General Government portion of the hearing, Mayor Vialle declared the hearing closed at 10:40 p.m.

Mayor Vialle stated that the Council would now take a short recess.

Mayor Vialle called the hearing back to order at 10:40 p.m. Mayor Vialle stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Public Utilities 1993-94 Preliminary Budget.

Mayor Vialle then called on Ted Coates, Public Utilities Director, who gave a budget overview and made introductory remarks on the budget. He then reviewed the Budget-in-Brief for the Council.

Mayor Vialle then called on Ken Turner, Public Utilities Department Budget Officer, who gave further detailed information on the Public Utilities Preliminary Budget.

Mayor Vialle then called for public testimony on the Public Utilities Preliminary Budget.

Speaking before the Council were:

Jack Carlson
George Wright
Louise Batchelor

Former Public Utility Board Member
Employee, Tacoma City Light
5123 North 45th Street

Council Member Baarsma requested information on the \$1.1 Million Association Dues that the Utilities Department pays for various memberships.

Mayor Vialle also requested that they include information on any research that these associations had done for the City.

Deputy Mayor Mykland requested information on the implemented organizational change that had been done recently by the Department of Public Utilities.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Vialle declared the hearing closed at 11:55 p.m.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

ATTEST: 
GENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK


KAREN L. R. VIALLE, MAYOR

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