



City Council Minutes

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

February 24, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m.

Council Members Present: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Council Members Absent: 1 – Ladenburg.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Stenger.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, January 14, 2004.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session, December 2, 2003, and City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings of February 3, 2004.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed March 2, 2004, to be "Read Across America Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Sandra Carter, Chair of Read Across America.

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 5:21 p.m.

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address/Affiliation | Subject |
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| Kathleen McMonigal | 10936 NE 49 th Street; University of Washington | Resolution No. 36106; UW access provider |
| Charles Creso | 5501 Broadview | Resolution No. 36106; UW access provider |
| Sally Perkins | 1419 So. Sheridan; Central Neighborhood Council | Resolution No. 36112; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Howard Anderson | 1757 So. Proctor | Resolution No. 36112; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Rick Cvitanich | 2808 No. 8 th Street | Resolution No. 36112; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Jon Abels | 3723 So. 8 th Street | Resolution No. 36112; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Will Baker | www.piercecountyinsider.com | Ordinance No. 27204; rates of pay and compensation |
| Eric Steinmeyer | 805 No. Steele; Metro Parks President | Resolution No. 36112; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Allen Douglass | University Place | Resolution Nos. 36100, 36112; committees; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Jon Ernest Berry III | Puyallup | Resolution No. 36112 Wildlife salvation |
| Scott Hansen | Puget Creek Restoration Society | Resolution No. 36112; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Lois Stark | Chief Planner, Metro Parks | Resolution No. 36112; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Bryan Flint | 1301 So. Fife; Conservation Coordinator of Tahoma Audubon Society | Resolution No. 36112; Snake Lake property purchase |
| Phyllis Barrett | 912 So. Cushman | Ordinance No. 27204; rates of pay and compensation |

Public Comment closed at 5:54 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 36100

Appointing Council Members to various state, regional, and local Committees, Boards and Commissions.

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

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to amend Exhibit A on page 3, line 8, of Resolution No. 36100, to change the title from "Public Works and Environment Committee" to "Environment and Public Works Committee." Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, including Amended Exhibit A, was declared adopted.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27182

Vacating the west ten feet of the alley south of South 21st Street between Tacoma Avenue and South G Street for future residential development. (O'Connor and Associates, LLC; File No. 124.1195)

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 27182. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 – Ladenburg, Phelps, and Talbert

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27203

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the properties located at 1623 and 1627 East 72nd Street, east of Portland Avenue, from a "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "CCX" Community-Commercial Mixed-Use District for the development of a shopping center. (Johnsborough Station LLC; File No. REZ2003-00005)

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Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Ladenburg

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27204

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation negotiated with Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., which covers approximately 329 employees; amending Section 1.12.115 of the Municipal Code relating to deferred compensation; and making changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 36105

Awarding a contract to:

Univar USA Inc., in the amount of \$90,000.00, plus sales tax, for a cumulative total of \$180,166.21, to renew its contract for continued treatment, processing and disposal of household hazardous waste services through February 9, 2005 – Specification No. G-037-02.

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

Resolution No. 36106

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the University of Washington to classify the University as a Designated Access Provider and to allow the University to provide educational programming on one of the City's access channels.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mayor Baarsma.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 36106. Seconded by Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Resolution No. 36107

Accepting \$30,000 from the Washington State Grade Crossing Protection Fund for the upgrade of three highway grade crossing signal systems along the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division line, located at 120th Street East, 208th Street East, and 22nd Avenue East.

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

Resolution No. 36108

Authorizing the execution of 17 grant agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$1,237,225, to upgrade signal crossings at 17 intersections along the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division line through Lewis and Thurston Counties.

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

Resolution No. 36109

Supporting the issuance of tax-exempt nonrecourse economic development revenue bonds from the Washington Economic Development Finance Authority; and approving the acquisition, equipping, and renovation of the manufacturing facilities located at 3611 South Warner Street for Probo Investments, Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000.

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

Resolution No. 36110

Supporting the issuance of tax-exempt nonrecourse economic development revenue bonds from the Washington Economic Development Finance Authority; and approving the purchase of land and the construction of a solid waste disposal facility located at 2000 Taylor Way for Cedar Grove Composting, in an amount not to exceed \$37,270,000.

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

Resolution No. 36111

Authorizing the execution of a Letter of Intent with Catapult Development Partners, LLC, setting the general terms and conditions for negotiation of an agreement for the acquisition and development of the Municipal Parking Lot.

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

Resolution No. 36112

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Metro Parks Tacoma, in the amount of \$170,000, to assist Metro Parks Tacoma in the acquisition of a 2.3-acre parcel, located at 1956 South Madison Street, adjacent to the Tacoma Nature Center at Snake Lake; and to assign to Metro Parks Tacoma all management and financial responsibility for managing and maintaining said property.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jim Walton stated the Environmental Education Association of Washington named EnviroChallenger Coordinator Bruno Bowles as the Outstanding Environmental Educator of the Year for a non-formal teaching role. He stated Mr. Bowles has been coordinating the unique K-5 Environmental Education Program for the past three years and is doing an outstanding job. He stated the American Metropolitan Sewage Association, headquartered in Washington D.C., bestowed its National Research and Technology Award on Tacoma's new TAGRO Mulch and Potting Soil product. He congratulated Tacoma for being the only municipality in the country that is making mulch and potting soil from biosolids.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Talbert stated that he and Council Member Evans attended the South End Neighborhood Council meeting where the City and the Neighborhood Council signed an agreement on Gas Station Park at South 48th Street and Park Avenue. This process had been ongoing for nearly four years. He stated this four year project is a great example of cooperation between the City, community, and neighborhood councils.

Council Member Lonergan congratulated the managers of the new Albertson's store on 38th Street and Pacific Avenue. He stated he has been hearing good reports from the community about the store. He noted the Public Safety committee meeting will be held

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this Thursday, at 4:30 p.m., in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Municipal Building. The committee will review the Human Rights Commission's Police Policy Oversight Proposal. He stated the City of Tacoma web site has all the committee information.

Deputy Mayor Evans also mentioned Gas Station Park and thanked the community for its efforts. He stated he attended another meeting where 16 farmers began preparations for the 11th Annual Farmers Market. He stated the Proctor Farmers Market will open a month earlier this year because of its past success.


Council Member Phelps reported that the Washington State Appellate Court would hear the appeal on the injunction against the indoor smoking ban in tomorrow's session. He stated the Health Department reported several restaurants voluntarily continued the smoking ban: Applebee's, CI Shenanigan's, Altezzo, Clover Leaf Tavern, Cucina Cucina, Harbor Lights, Katie Downs, Mazatalan, Outback Steakhouse, the RAM, Spar, Stanley & Seafort's, TGI Fridays, Tony Roma's, and others.

Mayor Baarsma stated he, Deputy Mayor Evans, and Council Member Stenger attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Albers Mill project. He noted the Albers brothers opened the mill for business 100 years ago and Tacoma soon became the fifth largest wheat exporting port on the North American continent. Now 100 years later, the Albers Mill reopens for a different purpose and the Port of Tacoma is the fifth largest container port in the world. He stated the Albers Mill project is an extraordinarily successful \$10 million private investment project and invited everyone to visit the area. He stated the ground floor has a gallery and a shop for glass art and exhibits and the upper floors have loft apartments that are currently under construction.

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

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


WILLIAM BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK