

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
September 17, 1996

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

Present on roll call: 9 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Evans.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Commission, August 26, 1996.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, August 28, 1996.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, August 7, 1996.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Transportation Committee, August 8, 1996.

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

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Ebersole presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Nancy Vignec recognizing the "Youth Works Gulch Restoration Project."

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Debbie Regala	Representative of the 27th Washington State Legislative District

Council Member Miller requested a point of personal privilege and encouraged citizens to vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 25953

Authorizing the establishment of a Line of Credit in the amount \$20,000,000 with SeaFirst Bank to provide interim financing for capital projects of the Water System.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25954

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to a grant agreement with the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation in the amount of \$1,000; approving an extension of the grant completion time to September 30, 1996; and appropriating \$1,000 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for covering costs of the Tacoma Historic Preservation Office and preparing additional training programs.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 25955

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code relative to the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System to define employees and public agencies; to exclude insurable interest, Pro-Tem positions and Library personnel who are temporary and/or substitutes; to include special project employees; to provide language for benefits of ex-spouses; and to establish procedures for election ties.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 25956

Appropriating \$56,000 from the Vehicle License Fee Fund for reimbursement of costs for a Transportation Circulation and Access Study and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Port of Tacoma for said purpose.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 25957

Amending the Biennial Budget for fiscal years 1995-1996 to increase the Graphic Services Operating Fund, Central Stores Fund, Equipment Rental Capital Outlay Fund, and Human Resources Management System Acquisition/Implementation Fund; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 33502

Awarding contracts to:

1. American Custodial, Inc., in the amount of \$218,813, to increase and extend the contract for janitorial services - Specification No. G-231-95;
2. Downey Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$20,000, to increase the contract for fire vehicle repairs - OPO 3838;
3. B & S Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$6,500, to increase the contract for fire equipment and supplies - OPO 3839;

4. St. Joseph's Hospital, in the amount of \$30,000, to increase the contract for medical supplies - OPO 3612; and
5. SeaFirst Bank, in the amount of \$149,991.23, and Retail Lockbox, Inc., in the amount of \$236,705.24, to increase and extend the contract for banking services and lockbox receipting of utility payments - Specification No. G-002-94.

Council Member Evans moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 2, 3, 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, 3, and 4, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33503

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Small Business Incubator, in the amount of \$108,000, for the continued operation of the East Tacoma Home and Industry Council Eastside Homeownership Program.

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

Resolution No. 33504

Authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Puyallup, in the amount of \$5,071, to provide advisory fire protection engineering services to the Puyallup Fire Department.

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

Resolution No. 33505

Supporting the passage of Regional Transit Authority Proposition No. 1 at the general election on November 5, 1996.

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA)
PROPOSITION NO. 1
REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

For implementing a regional rail and express bus system to respond to traffic congestion growth and linking Tacoma, Seattle, Bellevue, Everett, or other cities, Sea-Tac airport, and major education, employment, and retail centers, as described in "Sound Move, the Ten-Year Regional Transit Plan,"

shall the RTA impose a sales and use tax up to four-tenths of one percent and a motor vehicle excise tax of three-tenths of one percent, as provided in Resolution No. 75?

YES

NO

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

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood
Will Baker	809 South I Street

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole.

Nays: 1 – De Forrest.

Absent : 1 – Kirby.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33506

Paying tribute to the legacy of former Council Member Patrick M. Steele, recognizing his history of public service and contributions to the citizens of Tacoma, and expressing condolences to his family.

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

Council Member Miller moved for a five minute recess. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The City Council recessed at 6:14 p.m. and reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

Resolution No. 33507

Amending the term of Dick W. Judy to the Library Board of Trustees to include an interim term, expiring September 30, 1996, and commending his service to this Board.

Council Member Baarsma moved to continued Resolution No. 33507 for two weeks. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33507 will be considered at the City Council meeting of October 1, 1996.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 6:24 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the annexation of the Calvary Cemetery to the City of Tacoma and accepting a petition for annexation of said property. (Continued from the meeting of September 10, 1996.)

There were no speakers before the City Council. The public hearing was declared closed at 6:25 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Miller thanked the City Manager and staff for removing the political signs that were placed illegally. He indicated that there are many more intersections that need to be addressed regarding the placement of political signs. Council Member Miller proposed that the City of Tacoma have available a letter detailing the legal responsibilities for sign placement, including the \$25 fine for failure to observe the ordinance. He stated that he will continue to push for imposing the fine if the candidates do not police themselves. Council Member Miller then requested the locations of the parcels of land being proposed for purchase for open space.

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Council Member Evans stated that he would like the size of the political signs to be addressed as well as the placement of the signs. He then thanked the staff for placing the flags behind the dais in the proper order.

Council Member Crowley expanded on comments he made earlier in the meeting regarding traffic on Interstate 5. He stated that he would like to address the issue of large semi-trucks on the freeway. He stated that they seem to be getting bigger, traveling faster and in all lanes on the freeway. Council Member Crowley then stated that he was not sure how we can address this issue on a local level, but encouraged the City and citizens to contact their State Legislature to see if this issue could be addressed.

Council Member De Forrest requested a copy of the Supreme Court ruling regarding the City of Tacoma's sign ordinance. He then reminded everybody that the City Council meeting of September 24, 1996, will be held at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall followed by the Summer Library Reading Awards. He then stated he was looking forward to the award ceremony.

Council Member Kirby also requested a copy of the Supreme Court ruling and the ordinance that addresses political signs in the City. He then requested a response on how the City would enforce the ordinance equally and what would happen if it was not enforce equally.

Council Member Baarsma stated that he attended the memorial service for Richard Washington, a Tacoma Police Officer and Community Liaison. Council Member Baarsma stated that he was struck with the love and respect that emulated from the community during the service. Council Member Baarsma stated that Mr. Washington was a public servant in the finest sense of the word and that the public truly loved and respected him and the good works that he did.

Mayor Ebersole stated that Council Member Baarsma was referring to Richard Washington, a well-respected Tacoma Police Officer who, at the age of 44, unexpectedly passed away. He stated that Mr. Washington was an asset to our community and then stated that the thoughts of the City Council are with his family.

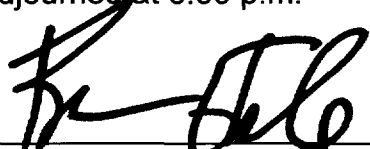
Council Member De Forrest requested a study session to review the placement of all signs that use the right-of-ways for advertising.

Council Member McGavick stated the City of Tacoma was the recipient of the Deming Award. She indicated that the City will be a test sight for the Deming Institute and that the City will be getting all kinds of technical assistance. Council Member McGavick congratulated Diane Brogden, Grants Coordinator, who wrote the grant, and Genelle Birk, Assistaant City Manager, who was instrumental in bringing the group to the City, as well as Council Members Baarsma, Evans and Crowley.

Council Member Evans moved to convene to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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