



City Council Minutes

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

July 12, 2005

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

Council Members Present: 7 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, and Talbert.

Council Member Absent: 1 – Mayor Baarsma.

Council Member Resigned: 1 – Phelps.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Evans.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Environment and Public Works Committee, June 8, 2005.
- b. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, May 25, 2005.
- c. Minutes of the Tacoma Housing Authority, May 25, 2005.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Joint City Council/Public Utility Board study session, June 14, 2005.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 36574

Setting Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public meeting by the City Council regarding the annexation of property located at 5006 Varco Road NE in unincorporated Pierce County.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27380

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located at 614 South Adams from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "T" Transitional District for the development of a small park and a 12-stall, off-street parking area. (Snodgrass Freeman Associates for Gray Lumber, Sixth Avenue; File No. 40000043058)

Ordinance No. 27381

Vacating the alleyway between East C and East D Streets abutting Puyallup Avenue and East 25th Street to relocate the loading facilities to the rear of the building. (Joanita Enterprises, LLC; File No. 124.1236)

Ordinance No. 27382

Vacating a 30-foot strip of East N Street between the south line of East 46th Street and the north line of East 48th Street, to combine the vacated right-of-way with the abutting property and develop a subdivision on the property for affordable home ownership housing. (Habitat for Humanity; File No. 124.1239)

Council Member Lonergan moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 36574 and Ordinance Nos. 27380 through 27382, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Talbert.

Council Member Lonergan moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 27380 through 27382. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 36574 and setting Ordinance Nos. 27380 and 27382 over for final reading to a date to be determined, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg proclaimed July 12, 2005, as "Joe Kosai Day" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Joseph Kosai, Board of Trustee, Clover Park Technical College/Member of Kitakyushu, Japan Sister City committee.

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 5:26 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Subject
Charles Creso	5501 Broadview Avenue NE	Tacoma Dome and other agenda items
Rick Cvitanich	2808 North 8 th Street	Tacoma Dome
Scott Winship	Resident	Affordable Housing Levy
Sandy Burgess	Resident	Affordable Housing Levy
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman Avenue	Tacoma Dome Levy

Public Comment closed at 5:39 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27376

Providing for the submission to the voters of the City at a special election to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, a proposition authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total principal amount not to exceed \$45,000,000, for the purpose of providing improvements to the Tacoma Dome, to read as follows:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
TACOMA DOME RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT**

The Tacoma City Council passed Ordinance No. 27376 concerning a proposition relating to the Tacoma Dome.

If approved, this ballot proposition would allow the City to renovate and improve the Tacoma Dome, issue up to \$45,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 years to finance such renovations and improvements, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 27376. Should this proposition be:

- APPROVED
- REJECTED

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Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, and Talbert.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Mayor Baarsma.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27377

Amending the Video Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules and Regulations for the primary, general, and special elections.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, and Talbert.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Anderson and Mayor Baarsma.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27378

Amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, by repealing Chapter 13.14 in its entirety, to sunset the Environmental Commission.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, and Talbert.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Anderson and Mayor Baarsma.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27383

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation negotiated with the Tacoma Fire Fighters Union, Local 31, for 388 employees, effective January 1, 2004 through December 31 2005.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 27384

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and provisions of a letter of understanding negotiated with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 160, on behalf of Local Lodge 297, General Unit; changing titles for three classified classifications; changing the classification of Transmission & Distribution Supervisor; creating a new classified title of Crime Scene Technician; and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27385

Providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the City at the November 8, 2005, general election, for their rejection or approval, to authorize a six-year increase in the regular property tax levy and to impose an additional regular property tax levy to finance affordable housing for low- and very low-income households; and declaring the existence of an emergency to read as follows:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
Low-Income Housing Levy**

The City of Tacoma’s Proposition 1 concerns property tax levies for affordable housing purposes proposed by Ordinance No. 27385.

This proposition would allow the City to fund affordable housing by (a) imposing an additional regular property tax levy of \$1,950,000 annually (\$0.14/\$1,000 of assessed value) for six years; and (b) increasing its regular property tax levy by \$2,500,000 to \$3.60/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2006, and increasing the levy amount by 4% in each of the five succeeding years. The maximum dollar amount in year six shall be used to compute the RCW 84.55.010 limitations thereafter.

Yes.....
No.....

Those in favor shall mark their ballots “Yes”; those opposed shall mark their ballots “No.”

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 36575

Awarding contracts to:

1. Advanced Equipment Corporation, in the amount of \$432,720.00, plus sales tax, for the removal and replacement of operable walls at the Bicentennial Pavilion – Specification No. PW05-0174F;
2. Site Development, Inc., on its bid of \$450,539.84, including sales tax, for the construction of a soil preload embankment at the Tacoma Landfill – Specification No. PW05-0339F; and
3. Midmountain Contractors, Inc., on its bid of \$2,825,030.00, sales tax not applicable, for the construction of the Downtown Redevelopment Streetscape Improvement Project – Specification No. PW05-0100F.

Council Member Lonergan moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 36576

Authorizing the execution of a two-year agreement with Motorola, Inc., in the amount of \$190,000, to provide system support and maintenance services for the 800 Megahertz Public Safety Radio System Project.

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

Resolution No. 36577

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, in the amount of \$60,176, to conduct an increased level of emergency management planning and training activities in 2005.

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

Resolution No. 36578

Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit, for 171 employees, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

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

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Resolution No. 36579

Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit, for 130 employees, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the immediate moratorium on the establishment of and/or the acceptance of applications for land use permits for Group Homes, Group Residential facilities and Emergency and Transitional Housing, to be effective for a period of 365 days.

The Public Hearing began at 5:39 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Charles Creso	5501 Broadview Avenue NE
John Spencer	1326 Tacoma Avenue
Florence Dohleacy	1143 Tacoma Avenue
Duane Britsely	30214 Wilkeson Street South
Rick Cvitanich	2808 North 8 th Street
Jeanie Peterson	124 South I Street
Rose Stidham	7308 North Skyview Lane
Gisella Langevin	4306 North Pearl Street
Steve Apling	1401 South 14 th Street
Neal Rogers	311 South 9 th Street, Apt 306
James Bell	Lakewood resident
James Meyers	2126 South Alaska Street
Jim Price	714 South L Street
Dan Weich	715 South J Street
Jerry Guthrie	3245 North 36 th Street
Herman Diers	1224 South I Street
Lauren Walker	907 South Sheridan
Mario Lorenz	816 South L Street
Denny Hunthausen	Resident
John Hickey	1500 North Warner Street
Michele Reich	1205 Earnest S. Brazill Street
Ralph Tomberg	510 South Sheridan Avenue
Ken Fernandes	Share-n-Care House

The Public Hearing ended at 6:39 p.m.

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Council Member Stenger moved to concur in the Findings of Fact, adopted in Substitute Ordinance No. 27360, justifying the continued imposition of the moratorium. Seconded by Council Member Talbert.

Council Member Lonergan moved to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 27360 to limit the moratorium to the Hilltop area as bounded by 6th Avenue on the north, Tacoma Avenue on the east, Center Street on the south, and Sprague Avenue on the west. Seconded by Talbert.

Roll call vote was requested to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 27360 to limit the moratorium to the Hilltop area with boundaries and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 2 – Anderson, Lonergan.

Nays: 5 – Evans, Ladenburg, Manthou, Stenger, and Talbert.

Absent: 1 – Baarsma.

The motion was declared failed.

Roll call vote was requested to concur in the Findings of Fact adopted in Substitute Ordinance No. 27360 and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Evans, Ladenburg, Manthou, Stenger, and Talbert.

Nays: 2 – Anderson, Lonergan.

Absent: 1 – Baarsma.

The motion was declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Rod Kerslake thanked Council for appointing him Acting City Manager.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

Council Member Anderson acknowledged the Tacoma Police Department for the outstanding job in putting together the 2004 Annual Report.

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Council Member Lonergan asked Mr. Kerslake the anticipated arrival of the new City Manager Eric Anderson.

Council Member Talbert stated he received a telephone call from a City employee concerning traffic and pedestrian safety. He stated it would be a good topic for the Public Safety and Human Services Committee and asked Mr. Kerslake to add this concern to the list for discussion with the new City Manager.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 8:14 p.m.

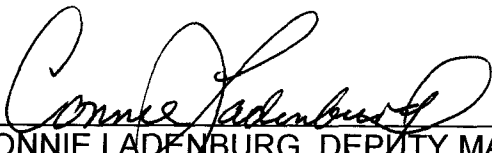
Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Topic
Charles Creso	5501 Broadview Avenue NE	Finance
Dale Halvorson	Milton Tower Card Room	Card rooms
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman Avenue	Police
Rick Cvitanich	2808 North 8 th Street	City Manager
Michelle Reich	1205 Earnest S. Brazill Street	War on terror
Darryl Scroggin	East Side	Fees; McKinley Park

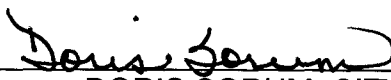
Citizens' Forum closed at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



 CONNIE LADENBURG, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 

 DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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