



# City Council Minutes

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

March 31, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member De Forrest.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Tacoma City Council minutes of March 10 and 17, 1998.

### ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, March 31, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, February 26, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, February 18, 1998.

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

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### PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the day of April 4, 1998, to be "Arbor Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Sue Bernstein, Coordinator of Bridging Urban Gardeners.

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the month of April 1998 as "Washington State Disaster Preparedness Month" and presented the proclamation to Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Jensen.

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the week of April 5-11, 1998, as "International Building Safety Week" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Gary Pedersen, Manager, Building and Land Use Services Division.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

#### **Substitute Ordinance No. 26208**

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code relating to the Compensation Plan by adding a new section to be known as Section 1.12.090 which provides for a Personal Time Off plan in lieu of vacation and sick leave plans for unrepresented employees; implements rates of pay and compensation for certain represented employees; and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 26214**

Amending Ordinance No. 25838, which vacated a portion of the alley between East 34th and East 35th Streets west of Portland Avenue, to correct the legal description.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

#### **Ordinance No. 26215**

Amending Chapter 13.15 of the Municipal Code relative to the Commute Trip Reduction Plan to implement the requirements of Washington State's Commute Trip Reduction legislation, as amended in July 1997.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Purchase Resolution No. 34010**

Awarding contracts to:

1. Pacific Sod Company, in the amount of \$62,526.91, for soilless sod for Cheney Stadium - Emergency Purchase Order No. E25916;
2. Manpower, Inc., in the amount of \$80,000, for temporary personnel services - Specification No. G-008-96;
3. VWR Scientific Products, in the amount of \$92,000, to renew their contract for laboratory chemicals and supplies - Specification No. G-063-95; and
4. Bank & Office Interiors, in the amount of \$62,674.39, for office furniture at the Fire Training Center - Washington State Contract No. 111-87.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 1, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 1, was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 34011**

Approving the recommended new *Policy and Procedures for Payment of Employee Expenses* to comply with current rates of the Internal Revenue Service and to simplify the procedures for employee expense reimbursement.

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

**Resolution No. 34012**

Adopting the 1998 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction prepared by the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association; the 1998 City of Tacoma amendments to the Standard Specifications; and repealing the 1996 Standard Specifications and the City of Tacoma amendments to said Standard Specifications.

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

**Resolution No. 34013**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with CES Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$147,000, to prepare plans and specifications for the rehabilitation and seismic upgrade of the East 26th Street Bridge.

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

**Resolution No. 34014**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the City of University Place to adjust the common boundaries within rights-of-way at six locations.

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

**Resolution No. 34015**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the City of Lakewood to adjust the common boundaries within rights-of-way at two locations.

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

**Resolution No. 34016**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the City of Fircrest to adjust the common boundaries within a right-of-way at one location.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. thanked Ms. Genal Gavaldon, Planning and Development Services Department, for her services during the past three months as the Special Assistant in the City Manager's Office and announced that Ms. Carol Bellinger, Asset Management Division, will be the new Special Assistant for the period of April through June. He then congratulated the Sabercats on a winning season.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Ebersole reported that *The News Tribune* headlined that Picasso is coming to Tacoma in a big way and that the Tacoma Art Museum has landed a major exhibition

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from Spain of ceramics and paintings by Pablo Picasso, a leading artist of the century. He congratulated the Tacoma Art Museum for a great follow-up on the Catalan Masters.

Mayor Ebersole reported that he, Council Member Miller and the City Manager will be meeting with Weyerhaeuser officials Thursday morning regarding their willingness to remain in downtown Tacoma. He stated part of the discussion will include the City of Tacoma's willingness to work with them so that the Weyerhaeuser Company would remain as a major presence in downtown Tacoma.

Mayor Ebersole then announced Council Member Baarsma's engagement to be married.

Council Member Silas commended the residents of South 12th and J Streets for organizing their neighborhood and community.

Council Member Silas then announced that on April 1, 1998, at Bryant Elementary School, Deputy Mayor Crowley will be reading books to some of the students during their reading program. She then thanked and commended Deputy Mayor Crowley for those efforts.

Council Member Silas stated that she will be joining the Arbor Day youth on Saturday at the park on 8th and I Streets to celebrate the efforts of young people who are doing things to improve the community.

Council Member Silas then requested a report on the AIDS program.

Council Member McGavick announced that Ms. Penny Loucas is the City of Tacoma's new Arts Commission Manager. She stated that Ms. Loucas has had a gallery in Tacoma for many years. Council Member McGavick then announced that a reception in honor of Ms. Loucas will be held on Monday, April 6, 1998, at the Tacoma Public Library, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. She then extended an invitation for everyone to attend the reception.

Mayor Ebersole stated he would be out of town next week and that Deputy Mayor Crowley will be throwing out the opening pitch at the beginning of the Tacoma Rainier's season on Saturday, April 11, 1998.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

  
BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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