



City Council Minutes

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

February 1, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member McGavick.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings of November 30 and December 7, 1999, and the study session minutes of January 25, 2000.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, February 8, 2000.
- b. Minutes of the Citizens Recognition Committee, November 18, 1999.
- c. Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, November 18, 1999.
- d. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 12, 2000.
- e. Minutes of the LESA Executive Board, December 15, 1999.
- f. Minutes of the Rainier Communications Commission, November 17, 1999.

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the day of February 1, 2000, as "Groundhog Shadow Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Joan Sikonia, Director of Alternative Education and School to Work.

Mayor Ebersole introduced Mr. James Larkins, Senior, Lincoln High School, who job shadowed the Mayor today. Mr. Larkins gave his perspective on job shadowing.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Ebersole acknowledged Boy Scout Troop No. 414, who were attending tonight’s City Council meeting in an effort to earn their “Citizenship in the Community Badge.”

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26566

Authorizing the execution of a cost reimbursement agreement with the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team, in the amount of \$42,233; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Solid Waste Utility Fund, the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund, and the Storm Drainage Utility Fund for the “EnviroMobile” education program.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34651

Declaring surplus the structures located at 4917 South Alaska Street, 1674 South 49th Street, 1676 South 49th Street, and 1661 South 50th Street; authorizing the transfer of the structures located at 1674 and 1676 South Alaska Street to the Pierce County Housing Authority; and further authorizing the demolition, during fire training, of the remaining structures on the site of the new Fire State No. 8.

Council Member Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 34651. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

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Resolution No. 34657

Stating the intent of the City Council to levy the third annual assessment (of the second ten-year renewal period) upon property within the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA); and setting Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the budget program and assessment rates for the third year of the Downtown BIA.

Council Member 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. 34658

Designating the Business Systems Improvement Project as a Special Project of limited duration.

Council Member 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. 34659

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Tacoma Community College, in the amount of \$35,000, for general training classes for City employees during the year 2000.

Council Member 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. 34660

Authorizing the execution of Supplement No. 2 to the existing Consultant Services Agreement with Hart Crowser, Inc., in the amount of \$295,110, for consultant services to implement environmental cleanup and preparation of environmental work plans for the Thea Foss Waterway upland properties and along Dock Street.

Council Member 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. 34661

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Transportation Improvement Board, in the amount of \$5 million, for the construction of the Port of Tacoma Road overpass over SR-509; and amending the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program to identify this project with a \$100,000 local match.

Council Member 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. 34662

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Land Recovery, Inc. (LRI), in the amount of \$3.5 million, for disposal of a portion of the municipal solid waste at LRI's 304th Street Landfill.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council was:

Name	Affiliation/Address
Bob Schille	Waste Management

Roll call vote was requested and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 1 – De Forrest

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34663

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency, in the amount of \$500,000, for the City's Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund program.

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

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CITIZENS’ FORUM (BEGAN AT 5:48 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Topic
Larry Faulk	Vice Chair, Transportation Committee	Transportation Committee
Bob Myrick	Puget Sound Regional Council Enhancements Committee	Transportation Committee
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Equipment Rental Issues
Janis Gall-Martin	2309 South Wilkeson	Grades from Safe Homes
Alton McDonald	Resident	Community Issues
Rich Wood	Member, Transportation Committee	Transportation Committee

Citizens’ Forum was declared closed at 6:14 p.m.

Council Member De Forrest requested more information regarding the rates charged for certain services, like changing a tire.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. requested the City Council’s input regarding the proposed City of Gateway, which will be the consolidation of Spanaway and Parkland. He reminded the City Council that if this consolidation occurs, it would limit Tacoma’s ability to expand, except through parts of Northeast Tacoma. He stated the Boundary Review Board can make adjustments up to 10 percent to allow for expansion.

He then acknowledged Laura Newsham, who is leaving after 18 years of outstanding public service with the City. He stated that she has been his right-hand person for all of those years.

Mayor Ebersole stated that the City Council will miss Laura’s expertise.

Deputy Mayor De Forrest requested a timeline to submit suggestions on the boundary line changes and a map with our boundaries and the boundaries of the proposed city of Gateway.

Council Member Kirby stated that Highway 512 would make a good natural boundary between the two cities. He requested further information as to what the impact would be if Highway 512 was a boundary.

Mayor Ebersole requested additional information as to whether citizens in that area have indicated to which city they would like to belong – the City of Tacoma or the proposed city of Gateway.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

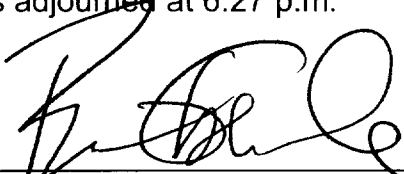
Council Member Miller stated that he feels Highway 512 would be a natural dividing line and would like to look at giving the citizens the option of belonging to either the City of Tacoma or the proposed City of Gateway. He asked for staff recommendations involving boundary, overlapping services, and any logical reason why we should consider the options of adjusting the boundaries.

Deputy Mayor De Forrest thanked the City Manager for providing information on the crosswalk study. He stated that the study indicated that the Police Department did not respond to the study and inquired as to why they had not. Deputy Mayor De Forrest then gave some statistics from the study and indicated that if our Police Department enforced crosswalk violations, it would not only bring in additional revenue, but would also provide additional public safety. He stated that the City of Seattle has gone as far as using police officer decoys at crosswalks, and that offenders have been arrested. He then indicated that he would be in favor of enforcing the City of Tacoma’s crosswalk laws.

Council Member Phelps agreed with Deputy Mayor De Forrest and added that the City of Seattle Police Department will ticket jaywalkers and cars that enter into intersections occupied by pedestrians. He stated that it goes both ways for pedestrian safety. Council Member Phelps stated that the City of Tacoma is very lax on both issues, which should be addressed.

Council Member Miller agreed with the comments made by Deputy Mayor De Forrest and Council Member Phelps. He indicated that he would add a third safety issue, which is an overall lack of respect for yielding to a siren. He stated a lot of drivers do not pull over for emergency vehicles and that this should also be looked at if policies and enforcement are to be changed.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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