



City Council Minutes

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

February 16, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 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 Phelps.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 19, 1999.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34307

Setting Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the west half of East N Street, north of East 38th Street, a distance of 146 feet. (Hong Trust; File No. 124.1091)

Resolution No. 34308

Setting Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate Washington Street between South 58th and South 60th Streets. (Gary J. Gilchrist; File No. 124.1090)

Resolution No. 34309

Setting Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the 10-foot-wide pedestrian walkway south of South 35th Street west of Sprague Avenue. (Titus-Will Enterprises; File No. 124.1089)

Resolution No. 34310

Setting Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the east half of Puget Sound Avenue, north of North 36th Street, a distance of 78 feet. (Carl and Vicki Bouffiou; File No. 124.1092)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner’s Agenda, February 23, 1999.
- b. Minutes of the Arts Commission, January 11, 1999.
- c. Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, November 19, 1998.
- d. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 27, 1999.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, December 10, 1998.
- f. Minutes of the Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health, January 6, 1999.
- g. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, January 7, 1999.
- h. Disclosure of remote interests pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.46.030(O) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
John M. Branham	CADRE Inc.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 34307 through 34310, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 34307 through 34310, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the week of February 15-21, 1999, as “Chamber of Commerce Week” and presented the proclamation to Mr. David Graybill.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26300

Vacating the north 20 feet of South 12th Street east of Mildred Street for expanded parking and future expansion or redevelopment of the existing convenience store. (Kyung “Ken” Yang; File No. 124.1074)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 1 – De Forrest

Absent: 1 – Crowley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26364

Authorizing the execution of a grant award with the Washington State Military Department, in the amount of \$11,473; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund to support Emergency Management activities through September 30, 1999.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26365

Reappropriating \$25,000 from unexpended 1997-1998 human service contract funds and allocating the funds to and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County to continue community mobilization services provided by the Hilltop Action Coalition; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this Ordinance.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Lee Wickham	Director, Hilltop Action Coalition

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34311

Awarding contracts to:

1. Western Peterbilt, on its bid of \$297,778.59, to purchase two low cab forward chassis with hoists for collection of solid waste – Specification No. FLT-209-98;
2. Intersection Development Corporation, on its bid of \$385,511.59, for traffic signal controller equipment in the Central Business District – Specification No. G-002-99; and
3. Petersen Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$8,000, to increase its contract for guardrail installation in the alley between Trafton and Steele Streets from Sixth Avenue to North 8th Street and on Crystal Springs Road – Specification No. G-225-98.

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

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Resolution No. 34312

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 172 to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Agreement, to increase the Community Development Block Grant Funds loan amount by \$10,000, for a total of up to \$50,000, for the rehabilitation of single-family homes for persons with disabilities.

Council Member 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. 34313

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 173 to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Agreement to transfer property located at 1702 South L Street for the construction of a single-family home for a low-income homebuyer.

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. 34314

Endorsing and expanding on the recommendations of the Tri-County environmental caucus relating to the protection of the Puget Sound Chinook salmon; and creating an Endangered Species Act Task Force to make recommendations on resources necessary to accomplish early actions and ongoing Endangered Species Act Recovery Plan activities.

Council Member Baarsma moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

Council Member Baarsma moved to amend Resolution No. 34314 to add a paragraph at line 22 on Page 4 as follows:

“Be it further resolved that the task force will utilize the expertise of the City of Tacoma’s Environmental Commission for review and comment on a final ESA Regional Salmon Recovery Plan.”

Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried on Resolution No. 34314, as amended. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 34315

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of \$25,000, to study the causes of damage, make recommendations for repair, and propose new design standards for the shoreline along Ruston Way.

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

Resolution No. 34316

Recommending to the Sound Transit Board that the route for LINK Light Rail not be changed to include the Southcenter Mall, and that the Board make no commitments regarding Sound Move Phase II until such time that all alternatives can be fairly evaluated.

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 34316. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. requested a residency waiver to fill the vacant position of Design Engineer in the Generation Section, Production Engineer, Instrumentation and Controls Group. He stated that this position would be filled by Mr. Richard Bachman.

Council Member Baarsma moved to authorize the City Manager to grant a residency waiver for Mr. Richard Bachman to fill the position of Design Engineer in the Generation Section, Production Engineer, Instrumentation and Controls Group at Tacoma Power. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest.

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

Ayes: 5 – Baarsma, Crowley, Kirby, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 4 – De Forrest, McGavick, Miller, Silas

The motion was declared passed.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member De Forrest stated that he had attended a meeting regarding Totem Marina last Thursday night. He stated that Mr. Mathew Schwartz, Executive Director, Foss Waterway Development Authority, did an excellent job facilitating the meeting. He stated that Mr. Bob Backstein, former City Attorney, was in attendance representing the California owners of Totem Marina and Mr. Ted Johnson, representing the proposed development of Totem Marina. Council Member De Forrest stated that a task force has been established to work with the Foss Waterway Development Authority on the future of that property. Council Member De Forrest then inquired about whether or not the City of Tacoma has any legal responsibility to help with the relocation of these citizens.

Council Member Crowley requested a brief written report regarding the issues the City of Tacoma is facing and what is being done relative to the Y2K issue.

Council Member Baarsma stated that he went to Seattle with Council Member Miller and Mayor Ebersole to meet with the staff from the offices of Senators Murray and Gordon to advocate for Pierce Transit, pending appropriation of funding for two projects that related directly to Sound Transit. He stated that the two projects being discussed were Phase II of the Tacoma Dome Station and the maintenance facility. He stated that Mayor Ebersole, as chair of the Pierce Transit Board, did an excellent job of advocating the interests of Pierce Transit.

Deputy Mayor Kirby stated his concerns regarding the vote that was taken tonight on the residency waiver. He stated that the residency situation needs some additional work and that he would be willing to work on a solution to this issue that would be agreeable to at least a majority of Council Members. Deputy Mayor Kirby then requested staff support to help him address this issue.

City Manager Corpuz stated that he has asked the Human Resources Department and the City Attorney's office to develop more information on the five alternatives that were presented to the City Council at the last study session.

Mayor Ebersole stated that he represented the City of Tacoma Saturday at the Asian Pacific Lunar New Year Celebration, sponsored by the Asian Pacific Cultural Center Board. He stated that it was a fabulous affair which was attended by 2,000 to 5,000 people over the course of the day. He stated that the events included dance troops, singing, ceremonies and more. Mayor Ebersole stated that Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Philippino, Laotian, Cambodian, Pacific Island, and American Samoan communities were all represented.

Council Member McGavick reported that the Tacoma Water has been installing water lines on Tacoma Avenue which is the reason for the potholes. She stated that repairs will be made and the potholes will be fixed.

Council Member McGavick stated her concern regarding the residency waivers is that many City of Tacoma employees have made personal sacrifices by moving into the City limits to get positions. She stated that she felt the City Council should be consistent in order to be fair. She also stated that she appreciates Deputy Mayor Kirby taking on and trying to resolve this very complex issue.

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Council Member Phelps stated that he joined the City lobbyists Randy Lewis and Bob Mack today to testify at the State House Committee hearing which is hearing the bill regarding the sales tax which the City of Tacoma can use for the convention center. He stated that he met with city officials from Spokane, Tri-Cities, Yakima and Vancouver. Council Member Phelps stated that they would be testifying to the State Senate Committee on Thursday. He stated that he is hopeful that a favorable response will be forthcoming.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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