

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tacoma Dome
September 24, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 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 Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meetings of July 23, and 30, 1996.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the meeting of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families, July 11, 1996.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Administration of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, July 12, 1996.
- c. Amended minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission, August 19, 1996.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission, September 4, 1996.
- e. Minutes of the study session and meeting of the Public Utility Board, August 28, 1996.

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed September 28 and 29, 1996, as "Maritime Fest Weekend" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Clare Petrich.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL 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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0.

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The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 25958

Transferring \$306,777 from the Capital Improvement Summary Fund to the Tacoma Eastern Railroad Acquisition and Operating Fund; appropriating said sum from the Tacoma Eastern Railroad Acquisition and Operating Fund for continuation of railroad operations for the remainder of 1996; 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. 33508

Awarding contracts to:

1. RT&T Construction, Inc., on its bid of \$81,957.36, for emergency replacement of an 8-inch sanitary sewer line in the alley between Fife and Oakes Streets from South 54th to South 56th Streets - Work Order No. DC 1024 - Emergency PO No. E52614;
2. R&D Industries, on its bid of \$123,147.90, for Hewlett Packard servers and printers - Specification No. G-053-96;
3. Standard Parts Corporation, in the amount of \$40,000, to increase the contract for auto parts and supplies - OPO No. 3508; and
4. Rejecting all bids for coverall, uniform and linen service - Specification No. G-021-96.

Council Member Miller moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 1 and 3 and rejecting all bids on Item No. 4, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution.

The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 1 and 3 and rejecting all bids on Item No. 4, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33509

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with GeoEngineers, Inc., in the amount of \$31,000, for inspection services for the construction of the soil retainage system for Waterview Street from Ferdinand Street to North 49th Street.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33510

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Renewal amending the interlocal agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$93,158, to provide emergency management services for 1996.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz announced that October is National Domestic Violence Month and the Domestic Violence Commission of Pierce County is sponsoring a number of special events. He stated that one of the events is a contemporary theater production about the effects that domestic violence has on the work place. Mr. Corpuz stated that the theater production is called "Lily Loves Charlie OK" and will be at Lakes High School on September 30, 1996, and the Rialto Theater on October 9, 1996. He stated that the City of Tacoma is a co-sponsor of this very informative play and encouraged the community to attend.

Mr. Corpuz announced that the City of Tacoma's Human Rights Department is sponsoring a workshop against hate crimes. He stated that the theme of the workshop is "Tacoma Says No." He stated that speakers will be of a national prominence from the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment as well as speakers from the United States Department of Justice.

Mr. Corpuz reported that the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors honored our Municipal Television Division with two awards at its annual conference. He stated that the first award was for the production of the City of Destiny Awards which earned top honors in the Community Event Category and the second award was for second place honors for overall Excellence in Government Programming. He then congratulated TV Tacoma, the "one to watch."

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member De Forrest stated that he had requested information regarding the definition of "strictly enforced" relative to sidewalks and information on how the Public Works Department will be enforcing the abatement of sidewalks.

City Attorney Robin Jenkinson stated that a policy has not yet been developed regarding sidewalks. She stated that the Legal Department has met with the Public Works Department and that the Public Works Department is not currently enforcing the provisions on the abatement of sidewalks and will not begin enforcement until new policies are in place. She then stated that she would work on a response regarding the definition of "strictly enforced."

Council Member McGavick stated that she attended the Annual Benefit Luncheon for the Washington Women's Employment and Education organization. She stated that the luncheon was held at the Sheraton-Tacoma Hotel. She then stated that the program is designed to assist women and men in getting off welfare, to get help and assistance for education and training, and to teach job finding skills. She stated that it was a pleasure to attend the luncheon and to be associated with that organization.

Council Member Miller complimented the Police Department and Pierce Transit for their efforts regarding the visit from the President of the United States. He stated that he thought the event was handled in a very professional manner.

Council Member Miller expressed concerns regarding the re-franchising with TCI Cable. He noted a commercial on TCI Cable indicating the availability of the History Channel and the Sci-Fi Channel if you paid extra for them. He then stated that the City Council has repeatedly stressed the need for additional channels and services for the Citizens of Tacoma. Mr. Miller stated that among those channels would be the History Channel and the Sci-Fi Channel. He then stated that it was not his intent for the Citizens of Tacoma to pay extra for these channels and services. Mr. Miller stated that, if that was the case, it would cloud his willingness to go forward with the franchise.

Council Member Baarsma replied to Council Member Miller that his comments are duly noted and that he shares his frustration.

Mayor Ebersole congratulated the Summer Library Reading Award Recipients and announced that the program would begin at 6:00 p.m.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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