



# City Council Minutes

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

October 6, 1998

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

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 – Miller.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Kirby.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 8, 1998.

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

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, October 13, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the R/UDAT Implementation Task Force, August 12, 1998.
- c. Monthly Financial Reports for the Belt Line Division, Conservation Project Fund, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Geographic Information System Fund, Light Division, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, and Water Division, August 1998.

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

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### PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the week of October 4-10, 1998, as "Fire Prevention Week" and presented the proclamation to Deputy Fire Chief Ralph Johns.

**RECOGNITION**

Council Member Silas recognized Evan Jaber for saving the life of his friend, Willie Matthews, by performing the Heimlich maneuver during lunch at Whittier Elementary School.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26301**

Amending Title I of the Municipal Code by adding a new chapter to be known as Chapter 1.90 "Local Employment and Apprenticeship Training Program," and establishing a permanent apprenticeship training program for City-funded public works.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Miller

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26303**

Accepting \$15,000 from the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to continue a family child care training and mentoring program effective July 24, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Purchase Resolution No. 34193**

Awarding contracts to:

1. Mid-Mountain Contractors, Inc., on its bid of \$476,268.91, for storm and sanitary sewer replacement from the north end of Stadium Bowl to Schuster Parkway, and

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- North 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets from Lawrence to Pine Streets, and on East B Street from Puyallup Avenue to East 25<sup>th</sup> Street – Specification No. G-233-98;
- 2. Western Peterbilt, Inc., in the amount of \$153,160.53, to extend its contract for one front loader refuse truck – Specification No. G-058-95; and
- 3. Macro Com Corporation, in the amount of \$360,000, to renew its contract for parts, installation and maintenance of inside communications wiring of the City's telephone and data systems – Specification No. G-039-97.

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

**Resolution No. 34194**

Adopting the policy to vigorously promote the value and desirability of annexation of certain unincorporated areas of Pierce County to the City of Tacoma.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 34194. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Speaking before Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The Substitute Resolution was declared adopted.

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**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Ebersole recognized Boy Scout Troop No. 309, along with Scout Leader Chuck Morrison, who were attending tonight's meeting to earn their Communications badge.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. reported that on Saturday, October 3, 1998, the Regional Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) met to define some implementation strategies. He stated that R/UDAT has identified 11 different areas to review. He stated that they should be right on task and that he is hopeful that by the end of the

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year the R/UDAT Committee will be able to give a preliminary report to the City Council. He stated that their task is to be finished with the final recommendation and report by May 1999.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member De Forrest thanked Nancy Forster, Assistant to the City Manager, the Tacoma CARES Program, and employees of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for helping a resident by cleaning up the property located on East Harrison Street as part of the National Day of Caring.

Council Member De Forrest stated that the City Council received a copy of a letter in which Officer Lowry's widow was responding to a letter sent by Police Chief Arreola. Council Member De Forrest requested a copy of the letter sent by Police Chief Arreola.

Council Member De Forrest requested information regarding the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation strike. He asked whether or not Chapter 8.98 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, which relates to professional strikebreakers, is being violated, and what permits were issued for the mobile homes that are being used to house replacement employees.

Council Member Baarsma expressed concerns regarding a letter that was sent to homeowners along Jackson Avenue, offering the opportunity to underground utility wires. He stated that very few homeowners replied and those that did were overwhelmingly opposed to the idea. Council Member Baarsma stated that the letter indicated that "the project is prohibitively expensive" and that there was a need for an immediate response. He stated that the letter did not discuss the possibility of financing or the fact that the City offers low interest rates. He stated that the letter also did not discuss financial assistance for those who may need it. He stated that the end result is blight in that area. He stated that he thought it should be our policy as a municipal corporation to do everything we can to make it possible to underground our utilities.

Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that, as a follow-up to Council Member Baarsma's statements, he would be interested in receiving information or justification on how U.S. West arrives at their cost to underground utilities.

Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that a celebration was held on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Avenue last Friday celebrating the Cooperative Memorandum of Understanding between Pierce County and the City of Tacoma. He thanked the City Manager and staff for negotiating the Memorandum of Understanding, cleaning up the property and painting the plywood around the Luzon Building. Deputy Mayor Crowley then thanked Gwen Kopetzky, Dan Voepel, Michelle Stucker, and Chris Gleason from the General Services Department, Community Relations Division; Al Tebaldi, Mike Dalin, Mark Jones, Andrew Torres, Todd Simpson, Gary Kato, Tom Stucker, Hardy Hanson, Ernie Reda, Jacob Green and Shannon Johnson from the Public Works Department; Deb Hall and Angie McGeachy from the General Services Department, Graphic Services Division; and Martha Anderson, Merten Johnson, Donna Stenger, and Elizabeth

Anderson from Planning and Development Services Department, for their help in putting together this event.

Mayor Ebersole congratulated Deputy Mayor Crowley for his notion of approaching Pierce County to market the property on Pacific Avenue between 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Council Member Silas stated that Bernice Canada, a friend and long-time resident of the City of Tacoma, passed away. Council Member Silas expressed her condolences to the family.

Council Member McGavick stated that she and Council Member De Forrest met with Debbie Greenwood and Nancy Davis from the Tacoma Arts Commission to discuss the possibility of having a joint study session or making a presentation at a study session. She stated that the Tacoma Arts Commission would be happy to have a joint study session with the City Council. She stated that the Tacoma Arts Commission would like to communicate all the good things that have happened as a result of the City's work and their contribution to the arts as a whole. Council Member McGavick then requested that a study session be scheduled to allow the City Council the opportunity to view how the arts have improved, expanded and grown.

Mayor Ebersole stated that the City of Tacoma has a lot going on in the arts and should showcase some of it.

Council Member Phelps invited residents and members of the Council to attend a special fundraiser on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Temple Theatre. He stated that this fundraiser is sponsored by Comedy Central and TCI, Inc. to support the YWCA Women's Support Shelter. He stated that every dollar raised goes to support the shelter.

Council Member Phelps stated that many citizens have asked about the Alber Mills project. He stated that the City of Tacoma recently allocated money to help secure the building for the winter. He stated that formal plans for the redevelopment will be forthcoming.

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Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to excuse Council Members Kirby and Silas from the meeting of September 29, 1998. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to cancel the City Council meetings of December 22 and 29, 1998. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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**CITIZENS' FORUM** (BEGAN AT 5:53 P.M.)

Speaking before Council were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Public speaking
Robert A. Evans	1020 South 118 <sup>th</sup> Street	City Council salaries, use of Tacoma Dome, noise abatement, and the condition of Portland Avenue bridge
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood	Speaking before the City Council

Citizens' Forum was declared closed at 6:04 p.m.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Held earlier in the meeting.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

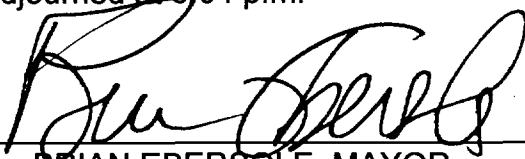
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**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Held earlier in the meeting.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

  
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 BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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 RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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