



City Council Minutes

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

February 2, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Kirby.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34297

Approving the final plat for WILLOWAY, a six-lot subdivision located south of South 80th Street at 1220 South 80th Street. (Dodge Construction and Development; File No. PLT98-00013)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 13, 1999.
- b. Minutes of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, December 17, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, December 16, 1998.
- d. Disclosure of remote interests pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.46.030(O) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Brian Ebersole	Board Member of Safe Streets Campaign
Charles R. Meinema	Board Member of St. Joseph's Community Health Council

- e. Report of the Director of Finance, November 1998.

Council Member Baarsma moved to amend the City Council minutes of January 5, 1999, on page 8, to correct Mr. John Horsley's title from Deputy Assistant Director of the Bureau of Competition, to Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Miller moved that the Consent Agenda, as amended, including Resolution No. 34297, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The amended Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 34297, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the week of February 7-13, 1999, as "Burn Awareness Week" and presented the proclamation to Dr. Brandt Bede.

Mayor Ebersole then proclaimed the day of February 2, 1999, as "Youth Building Tacoma Day" and presented the proclamation to Mr. James Walton, Deputy City Manager.

REGULAR AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26360

Appropriating \$55,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Summary Fund and \$44,600 from the Miscellaneous Trust Summary Fund; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the National Development Council to provide assistance with economic development projects.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26361

Adopting an immediate moratorium on the acceptance of applications for special property use permits and building permits for Group Care Home Class II facilities, except for those facilities located in the "M-1" zoning district, or as otherwise prohibited, to be effective for a period of six months; setting Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Council Member Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26361. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Tom Stenger	Chair, New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Carol Sloman	Chair, Northend Neighborhood Council
Cathy Anderson	Chair, Central Neighborhood Council
Herman Diers	Hilltop Action Coalition
Christina Merez	Neighborhood Council Hilltop Resident
Judy Quackenbush	8 th and I Streets Neighborhood
Val Darmiento	Tacoma Hilltop Resident
Larry Else	Chair, Wright Park Neighborhood Association

The Substitute Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

CITIZENS' FORUM (BEGAN AT 6:18 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Topic
Mary Haggerty	Tacoma	Legal and ambulance issues
Dave Franklin	807 South Cushman	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Kathy Swenson	912 South Sheridan	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Tom Stenger	718 South J Street	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Judy Quackenbush	910 South 8 th Street	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Sally Perkins	1419 South Sheridan	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Barbara Fritchey	717 South Grant	Minimum Standard and Housing Standard

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Citizens' Forum continued

Name	Address/Affiliation	Topic
Larry Else	423 South G Street	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Marion Weed	4735 – 42 nd Street NE	Running Wolf Smoke Shop
Rhonda Steinman	Resident, Northeast Tacoma	Running Wolf Smoke Shop
Wendi Bonds	917 South Ainsworth	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Lynn Longfield	1419 South Sheridan	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Russ Winter	821 South Yakima	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Bill Orrange	702 South Cushman	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Cathy Anderson	1304 Sixth Avenue	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
Anne Marie Miller	15108 – 74 th Street East, Sumner	Thea Foss Waterway/Totem Marina Boaters
Glen Less	Northend Resident	City or Port operated Marina - Totem Marina
Dana Morrison	939 South Ainsworth	Minimum Standard and Housing Code
John Walston	7627 South Yakima Avenue	Kaiser Aluminum Strike
Lawrence F. Norman	P.O. Box 5584	Public Safety Issues
Ric Gordon	121 – 165 th Street, Spanaway	Enforcement of the current Public and Land Use Code
Robert Evans	1020 South 118 th Street	Public Business
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Police Department Issues
Richard Goral	817 South Cushman	Minimum Building and Structures Code
Gina Coleman	1024 East 63 rd Street	Kaiser Aluminum Strike
Annie Copeland	Resident	Kaiser Aluminum Strike
Marty Jackson	821 Dock Street	Totem Marina Issue
Laura Ryan	3535 – 55 th Avenue NE	Running Wolf Smoke Shop
Joe Ernest	Resident	Kaiser Aluminum Strike
Christina Merez	Neighborhood Council Hilltop Resident	Minimum Building and Structures Code

Citizens' Forum was declared closed at 7:54 p.m.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34298

Awarding contracts to:

1. General Electric Supply, in the amount of \$63,684, to extend and increase its contract for Cobrahead Luminaires to upgrade the streetlighting for the South End Neighborhood, Eastside Neighborhood, and Stadium Business District – Specification No. G-021-97; and
2. Approving an interlocal agreement with the Federal Way Fire Department for cooperative purchasing.

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

Resolution No. 34299

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, in the amount of \$30,000, for the development of a Business Attraction Program and the implementation of a Regional Awareness Program to promote the advantages of downtown Tacoma as a business center.

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. 34300

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Betty Perry, in the amount of \$13,000 for a total of \$37,621, for the completion of the family violence demonstration project to support the City of Tacoma's Deming Project on family violence in 1999.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

CITIZENS' FORUM (BEGAN AT 6:18 P.M.)

Citizens' Forum was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. reminded the City Council of the workshop that will be held on Saturday, February 6, 1999, at 8:45 a.m. He asked the City Council for their categorized list of capital projects, so they can be compiled and ready for discussion on Saturday.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Phelps asked for clarification as to what level or role the City Council can play regarding the Kaiser Aluminum strike.

Council Member Phelps stated that he has been working with the community regarding the siting of the Department of Assigned Council in the Stadium District. He announced that Pierce County has agreed to sell the building on Tacoma Avenue and seek another site. He thanked Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland and the County Council Members for continuing to work with the community on this issue. He stated that over 300 people had attended a public meeting to discuss this issue. He commended Jim Merritt, Bob Campbell, Don Arsenal, and the First Presbyterian Preschool who all put a tremendous amount of hours into this and worked very hard to find a solution. He then stated that there is a major new tenant moving into that building on Tacoma Avenue.

Council Member McGavick asked for an update in the Friday packets regarding the Running Wolf Smoke Shop.

City Manager Corpuz reported there has been an environmental complaint filed by one of the property owners adjacent to the City Light property that is part of the deal. He stated that the person is a member of the Puyallup Tribe, so the Bureau of Indian Affairs, who has the authority, and the only agency who has the authority to put land in trust, will not go forward with the deal because of this complaint, so the City cannot move forward. Mr. Corpuz stated that the City has asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs to expedite this, to review it, and to move forward because we understand the frustration of all the parties involved in terms of getting this resolved. He stated that Congressman Dicks has also been asked to help resolve this issue.

Council Member McGavick then asked that the City communicate with the Northeast Neighborhood Council, so the citizens are kept informed.

Council Member Phelps stated that in January he had made a report to the Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council regarding the smoke shop and on Thursday, March, 18, 1999, a community forum will be held to discuss this issue. He stated that Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, has contacted the congressional and state delegations for that district, as well as city staff, who have all promised to have representation at the community forum. He stated that it is his hope to have a large community meeting on the issue.

Council Member McGavick stated that another concern which was expressed at the City Council meeting was the issue of the smoke shop moving to the Eastside. She stated that it is very important to keep both neighborhoods updated on the status of this issue.

Council Member Silas stated that she will also be tracking the movement of the Department of Assigned Council.

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Council Member Silas then stated that she is very encouraged to see so many residents from the Hilltop area at the City Council meeting this evening. She stated that the Citizens' Forum is one way to communicate to the City Council, whether you are expressing your likes or dislikes on various issues. She then requested that they continue attending the City Council meetings.

Council Member Silas then stated that she is hoping and praying that Teekah Lewis is found safely and returned to her parents.

Deputy Mayor Kirby stated that he had been contacted by a citizen who had purchased a dilapidated building, tore the building down, built another building, and put a business in place that is in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. He stated that when this citizen tried to put a sign on his business, he ran into an obstacle. Deputy Mayor Kirby stated that the billboard ordinance that was passed by the City Council over a year ago does affect this person's ability to place a sign on his business. He stated that this is an unintended consequence of the ordinance. Deputy Mayor Kirby stated that, after doing some research, he found that to make this minor change to the ordinance it will need to go to the Planning Commission and public hearings will need to be held. He stated that the process will take about four months. Deputy Mayor Kirby requested a Resolution be brought forward next week referring this issue back to the Planning Commission. He then urged Council Members to support the resolution and support the amendment to the ordinance.

Council Member Baarsma mentioned that a player from the Tacoma Loggers, Frank "Buster" Brouillet, made an appearance in the office today. He stated that Mr. Brouillet appreciated his institutional memory of that "big game" many years ago.

Council Member Baarsma stated that he had participated in a workshop hosted by the Rainier Communications Commission regarding telecommunications in 1999. He stated that it was a fruitful meeting and unfortunate that more members from other municipalities did not attend. He stated Chris Bacha, Assistant City Attorney, updated the members on the current lawsuit involving Tacoma and U.S. West. Council Member Baarsma invited the City Council to look at this issue because it could have a profound affect on taxpayers. He stated that U.S. West is making the claim that all relocation costs should be paid for by the taxpayer and not the corporation. He stated that U.S. West tried this concept with Pierce County and was defeated in Superior Court and now the City of Tacoma is involved in litigation with a number of other cities. He stated that this could be a landmark lawsuit and one that the City Council needs to pay attention to. He stated that a representative from Seattle made a presentation on open access, open architecture, and providing access to a number of internet service providers. Council Member Baarsma stated that the representative from Seattle indicated the technology was not there to make that happen for at least two years. Council Member Baarsma stated that Deborah Stewart, CLICK! Network, stated that they are prepared to offer that service to the citizens of Tacoma within six to nine months, which could be a tremendous technological breakthrough in which the citizens of this community could take advantage of this option. He stated that they were also briefed on issues regarding the incumbent cable provider in Seattle. He stated that at one time they had four franchises, three of which TCI purchased and tried to consolidate. He stated that TCI has not met their franchise obligations. He stated that in Seattle there is another private company that provides services in the Central area and that there is a neighborhood or two in which there is true competition. He then

requested a study session be scheduled to provide the City Council with an update on that lawsuit.

Council Member Crowley requested information regarding what the City of Tacoma can do or what the possibilities are, concerning the owners of vicious dogs that commit attacks on citizens. He also requested information on what other cities do about limiting types of dogs that people can have.

Mayor Ebersole stated that he feels doing something about these blighted houses is a very important step for the City of Tacoma to take in terms of image. He suggested that the City Council may want to revisit that issue and review whether or not we need to toughen it up and incorporate some of the citizens' suggestions. He stated that it was an impressive group that came from the Hilltop tonight and gave very articulate testimony.

Mayor Ebersole reminded everyone that the City Council will be having a workshop this Saturday, February 6, 1999, at 8:45 a.m. to review capital projects that are before the City Council and to continue prioritization of those projects.

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

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: Doug Serunian
for: RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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