



City Council Minutes

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

Amended - January 5, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 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 Deputy Mayor Crowley.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, January 5, 1999.
- b. Minutes of the Arts Commission, November 9, 1998.
- c. Amended minutes of the Planning Commission, November 4, 1998.
- d. Minutes of the Planning Commission, December 2, 1998.
- e. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, November 18, 1998.
- f. Minutes of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, November 19, 1998.
- g. Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, November 19, 1998.
- h. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, November 18, 1998.
- i. Minutes of the Urban Policy Committee, September 30, 1998; October 1, 8, 15, 1998; and November 4, 1998.
- j. Law Enforcement Support Agency, General Purpose Financial Statements, for the year ended December 31, 1997.
- k. Report of the Director of Finance, October 1998.

- I. 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, October 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider additional Resolution No. 34272. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34272

Electing Steve Kirby as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term through December 31, 1999.

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

Resolution No. 34262

Appointing and reappointing individuals to the Board of Building Appeals, Landmarks Preservation Committee, Tacoma Arts Commission, Human Rights Commission, Planning Commission, Urban Policy Committee, Thea Foss Waterway Development Authority, Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, and Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority.

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.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26341 (Continued from the meeting of December 15, 1998)

Accepting \$45,135.87 from the Puyallup Tribe; depositing in and appropriating \$29,504.87 from the General Fund; and depositing in and appropriating \$15,631 from the EMS Special Revenue Fund for fire service-related expenses incurred by the Fire Department to the Emerald Queen Casino in 1996-1997.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26347

Authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$142,261.52, for surface water management charges for the Tacoma Narrows Airport property through 1996; appropriating \$117,659 from the Airport Summary Fund; approving a final payment of \$24,602.52; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26349

Accepting \$77,662 from the Puyallup Tribe; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund for Police Department services provided to the Emerald Queen Casino in 1996-1997.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26348 (Continued from the meeting of December 15, 1998)

Amending Chapter 11.50 of the Municipal Code to amend the parking rates at the Union Station, Tacoma Municipal Building, I-705 and Broadway parking lots.

Council Member Crowley moved to remove Ordinance No. 26348 from the Agenda, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26350

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code relating to retirement and pensions to provide for an increase in the joint and survivor options, effective January 1, 1999.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26351

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$100,000; accepting and depositing said sum into the Post 1994 Arterial Street Fund and appropriating \$125,000 from said fund to conduct a structural inspection of the North Proctor Street Bridge to determine rehabilitation costs.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34263

Awarding contracts to:

1. Safelite Auto Glass, in the amount of \$15,000, to increase its contract for automotive glass and glass repair through January 31, 1999 – Informal Bid No. 8153; and
2. Kesselring Gun Shop, Inc., in the amount of \$33,152.82, and Law Enforcement Equipment Dist., in the amount of \$997.91, for ammunition – Specification No. G-044-98.

Council Member Miller moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 1, be adopted. Seconded by Mayor Ebersole. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34264

Authorizing the execution of a Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, in the amount of \$897,800, to purchase approximately 10.3 acres of land located south of Tacoma Public Utilities for future space planning needs for Tacoma Power and Click! Network operations.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

Resolution No. 34265

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with PricewaterhouseCoopers, in the amount of \$42,000, to conduct a performance audit of the Risk Management Division of the Human Resources Department.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

Resolution No. 34266

Authorizing the negotiation of Designated Access Provider agreements with TVW, Washington State’s Public Affairs Network, and the Rainier Communications Commission for the joint use of one government access channel on the Click! Network Cable system.

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

Resolution No. 34267

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, United States Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$700,000, for a distance learning project in partnership with area community and technical colleges.

Council Member Crowley moved to remove Resolution No. 34267 from the Agenda, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34268

Authorizing the execution of a temporary, interest bearing loan from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Summary Fund, in the amount of \$1,000,000, to be repaid from cable television franchise and agreement fees by December 31, 2001.

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

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.

Resolution No. 34269

Authorizing the execution of an amended lease agreement with Horizon Partners for the balance of the parking stalls located at the I-705 parking facility.

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 34269 to the meeting of January 19, 1999, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34269 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of January 19, 1999.

Resolution No. 34270

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Chapter of the American Red Cross, in the amount of \$83,000, to provide hot meals to senior citizens at designated meal sites and to those who are homebound and for the operation of the Hispanic Senior Meal site at the Lighthouse Senior Center.

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

CITIZENS' FORUM (BEGAN AT 6:02 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Doug Delin	Resident East Tacoma	Business Community
JoLin Lowry	Widow of Police Officer William Lowry	Death Notification Policy
Sheldon Douglass	Rental property owner	City Manager raises

Citizens' Forum continued:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Topic
Richard Dolph	Member, United Steel Workers of America Local 7945	Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation - strike issues
Gina Coleman	1024 East 63 rd Street	Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation - strike issues
Annie Copeland	Resident	Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation - strike issues
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Police Department's Budget
John Walston	Vice President, United Steel Workers of America Local 7945	Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation - strike issues
Gloria Caldera	Resident	Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation - strike issues
Joseph Ernest	Resident	Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation - strike issues
Mozella Pooley	8041 East Sherwood	Roof over the bus stop at 10 th and Commerce Street
Charles Sterling	Eastside Tacoma	Streetlights

Citizens' Forum was declared closed at 7:06 p.m.

Resolution No. 34271

Allocating \$2,159,398 from the 1999-2000 Biennial Budget to community agencies for certain human service projects.

Council Member Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 34271. Seconded by Council Member Miller. 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 Baarsma.

Amended

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
David Boyd	Executive Director, King Center
Mike Lonergan	Director, Tacoma Rescue Mission

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

CITIZENS' FORUM (BEGAN AT 6:02 P.M.)

Citizens' Forum was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member De Forrest moved to reconsider the vote on Substitute Ordinance No. 26345 relating to the compensation plan. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 2 – De Forrest and Baarsma

Nays: 7 – Crowley, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

The motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 26345 was declared failed.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. introduced Lieutenant Catherine Woodard, Police Department, as the new Special Assistant in the City Manager's Office for the next three months.

Mr. Corpuz then stated that Mr. Len Simon, the City of Tacoma's congressional liaison from Washington D. C., would be in Tacoma next Monday and Tuesday, January 11-12, 1999. He stated that if any member of the City Council would like to discuss specific matters with Mr. Simon to let him know.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Baarsma stated that he, Elton Gatewood, Marion Weed, and Barbara Grout recently represented the City of Tacoma in Washington D.C. He stated that they also had the All America City Award with them.

Council Member Baarsma stated that he had the opportunity to meet with John Horsley, Deputy Assistant Director of the Bureau of Competition, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, to discuss City and Pierce Transit

issues. He stated that he also met with Len Simon's staff and some leaders of the National Civic League, the Mayors of New Haven, CT; Toledo, OH; and some Council Members from Rochester, NY and Riverside, CA. Council Member Baarsma then stated that he met Congresswoman Lois Capps from California along with a Council Member from Santa Maria, California, who graduated from Pacific Lutheran University. He stated that she extended her best wishes to the people of Tacoma. He stated that he met Vice President Gore on Tuesday and extended Mayor Ebersole's regards. He stated that after meeting with the Vice President, the elected officials met with Mickey Ibarra, Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Lynn Cutler, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, who extended her regards to Mayor Ebersole. He then met with Congressmen Norm Dicks' and Adam Smith's staff to discuss the empowerment zone funding. Council Member Baarsma pointed out that the City of Tacoma had taken a leap in faith with its economic development package with the job credits and the reduction in the tax to encourage economic development. He stated that it is his hope that Congressmen Dicks and Smith would convey that commitment.

Council Member Phelps stated that last year the Marymac Apartment fire in the Stadium District displaced over 40 families and the American Red Cross spent close to their entire year's budget helping those families relocate. He stated that the American Red Cross has asked him to chair a fund-raiser on January 19, 1999, called "Dine Out for Disaster." He stated that the fund-raiser is designed to replenish those funds which go to support families that are burned out and need relocation help. Council Member Phelps stated that there would be about 12 restaurants in the Tacoma area and one in Fife which have agreed to donate 15 percent of the day's total food and beverage sales to the American Red Cross. He stated that the *Tacoma Reporter* and *The News Tribune* would be running articles indicating which restaurants are participating. He then encouraged the City Council to buy a meal on Tuesday, January 19, for a great cause and a good organization.

Council Member McGavick stated that she has been receiving letters about the issue of housing rental registration that is in the discussion phase. She stated that she has some concerns about this issue and that she agrees with the citizens she has heard from that this may be another bureaucratic process of registration like the home-based business. She then inquired as to whether or not the City of Tacoma will be able to monitor it, police it, or control it. Council Member McGavick stated that she understands the intent of the Ordinance is to try to make it easier to get in contact with the people, who are owners of property within the City of Tacoma, who live outside the City of Tacoma. Council Member McGavick then asked that this issue be reviewed.

Council Member McGavick stated that the City Council received a letter from Len Simon, the City of Tacoma's lobbyist in Washington D.C., stating there may be some money for police officers and schools. She stated that this is an opportunity to write and submit grants which have deadlines of February 5, April 2, and June 4. She stated that it looks like a good concept the federal government is putting in place and maybe it would help the D.A.R.E. program.

Council Member Silas stated that she was saddened last week to hear the news of the shooting that happened in the Hilltop area. She asked Police Chief Hairston to give an update of the incident.

Police Chief Hairston responded it was too soon to discuss the incident and indicated that he would give an update as soon as possible.

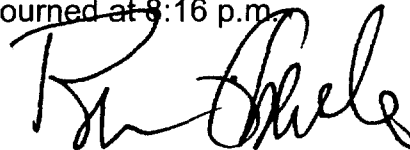
Council Member Silas inquired about having sign language interpreters at the City Council meetings at least once a month.

City Manager Corpuz stated that he would could check on that.

Council Member Miller echoed Council Member McGavick's concern over the housing rental registration. He stated that he thinks trying to enlist all properties is the wrong way to deal with this problem. He stated that the City of Tacoma needs to look at how we can significantly and severely punish those that are not keeping up their end of the bargain in providing housing which is a contributory to the City, rather than trying to punish all housing. He stated that the City Council received a letter that references a study which the City of Tacoma conducted in 1993 that showed 96 percent of property owners lived within King or Pierce Counties and that 93 percent of properties were maintained well and had performed continued repairs. He stated that he would like to have a copy of that study. He stated that he would like staff to be creative in how we go after offenders and not the populace.

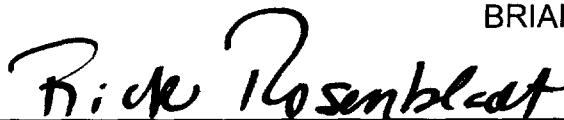
Council Member Crowley complimented Tennessee in becoming national champions.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK