

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
September 30, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Present on roll call: 6 - Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 3 - Baarsma, McGavick, and Miller. (Baarsma arrived at 5:08 p.m.) (McGavick and Miller arrived at 5:09 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Kirby.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of August 26, 1997.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33837

Setting Tuesday, November 4, 1997, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the west one-half of North First Street between E Street and Stadium Way. (Tacoma School District No. 10; File No. 124.1057)

Resolution No. 33838

Setting Tuesday, November 4, 1997, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of Mildred Street south of Parkside Lane, near North 50th Street. (Jerry Reidburn; File No. 124.1059)

Resolution No. 33839

Setting Tuesday, November 18, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate portions of South 90th and South M Streets. (Leon Sorensen; File No. 124.1058)

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, September 30, 1997.
- b. Agenda of the Foss Waterway Development Authority, September 24, 1997.
- c. Minutes of the Foss Waterway Development Authority, August 27, 1997.
- d. Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, July 17, 1997.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, August 14, 1997.
- f. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, August 20, 1997.
- g. Minutes of the Urban Policy Committee, August 14, 1997.
- h. Tacoma Police Department Facilities Recommendations Report, September 1997.

(Deputy Mayor Baarsma arrived at 5:08 p.m.)
 (Council Members McGavick and Miller arrived at 5:09 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33837, 33838 and 33839, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33837, 33838 and 33839, was declared approved.

Mayor Ebersole welcomed the delegation from Keelung City, Taiwan.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the day of October 1, 1997, to be "Work to End Domestic Violence Day" and presented a proclamation to Mr. Keith Galbraith, Chair of the Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

Hearing Examiner recommending approval of the request to modify a previously approved reclassification of the property located at 4602 North Pearl Street by removing Condition 'c' which stated that the two driveways on the site closest to the intersection of North 46th and Pearl Streets shall be removed and replaced with concrete curb and gutter. (Bill Sullivan and Gunvald Rusdal; File No. REZ97-00013)

Council Member Miller moved to continue the Communication Item to the meeting of November 12, 1997, per the request of the applicant. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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The Communication Item will be considered at the City Council meeting of Wednesday, November 12, 1997.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26070 (Continued from the meeting of June 3, 1997.)

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code by adding a new section to be known as Section 1.12.229 VEBA Account for retirees and amending Sections 1.12.230, 1.12.231, and 1.12.232 allowing qualified employees to deposit untaxed severance pay in the Voluntary Employee Benefit Association (VEBA) account for post retirement medical expenses.

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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26122

Providing for the issuance and sale of water system revenue bonds, in the amount of \$20,000,000, for capital improvements and extensions of the existing water system, and repayment of the Water Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, 1996.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26132

Approving and adopting the rates recommended in the Findings submitted by the Rainier Communications Commission for equipment and installation charges associated with basic cable service.

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26132. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33699 (Continued from the meeting of June 3, 1997.)

Approving and adopting the Voluntary Employee Benefit Association (VEBA) Medical Savings Account Plan for Public Service Employees in the State of Washington, and the Master Employer Benefit Plan, as amended, to administer medical savings accounts to eligible employees in lieu of certain incentive payments.

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

Purchase Resolution No. 33840

Awarding contracts to:

1. Thomas Construction Company, Inc., on its bid of \$131,816.75, for the 45th Avenue NE storm sewer relief line - Specification No. G-233-97;
2. AA Asphaltting, Inc., on its bid of \$52,975.80, for the 1996-1997 construction of various speed hump projects throughout the City - Specification No. G-230-97;
3. W.S. Darley & Co., on its bid of \$1,155,782.48, for three triple combination pumpers for the Fire Department - Specification No. G-028-97; and
4. Motorola Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$150,101.36, for the purchase of 80 portable radios and accessories for the Fire Department - Washington State Contract No. 205-88.

Council Member Miller moved to adopt the Purchase Resolution, including the removal of Item No. 4 per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Crowley.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
John Woodworth	Chairman, Board of Woodworth & Company Inc.
Bob Berry	Ceccanti Inc.
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

Council Member De Forrest moved to consider Item No. 1 separate from the Purchase Resolution. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken on Item No. 1 of the Purchase Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 2 – Baarsma and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 7 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller and Silas

The motion to adopt Item No. 1 of the Purchase Resolution was declared failed.

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Council Member De Forrest moved to award Item No. 1 to the second lowest bidder, Ceccanti Inc. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 2 – Baarsma and Silas

Abstaining 1 – Miller

The motion to award Item No. 1 to Ceccanti Inc., was declared passed.

Mayor Ebersole stated that the Council is now considering the original motion which is to adopt the remainder of the Purchase Resolution, including the removal of Item No. 4. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Purchase Resolution including the removal of Item No. 4, was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 6:41 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding proposed amendments to Section 13.06.552 of the Municipal Code allowing certain schools, churches and parks to have larger signs.

There were no speakers at the public hearing. The public hearing was declared closed at 6:45 p.m.

Resolution No. 33841

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Software Solutions Unlimited, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000, for the continued implementation of a citywide fleet information system.

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

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Resolution No. 33842

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 151 to the Neighborhood Preservation Program agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, to allocate \$120,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, for annual payments on the 108 Demonstration Program Notes.

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

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved for a short recess. Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

The Council recessed at 6:48 p.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 6:41 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding proposed amendments to Section 13.06.552 of the Municipal Code allowing certain schools, churches and parks to have larger signs.

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Crowley moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Catholic Community Services of Western Washington, on file with the City Clerk, and to direct the City Manager to proceed to carry out its terms, and direct staff to present to Council such Resolution or Ordinance as may be necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under the memorandum. Seconded by Council Member Kirby. Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member Silas voting in opposition and Council Member Miller abstaining.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

Ray E. Corpuz Jr., City Manager, introduced and welcomed Lihuang Wung, Planning and Development Services, as the next Special Assistant to the City Manager for the next three months. Mr. Corpuz stated that Mr. Wung speaks excellent Taiwanese.

Mayor Ebersole thanked Mr. Wung for helping with the visitors from Keelung City, Taiwan.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member McGavick wished Genelle Birk, Assistant City Manager, good luck and health as she proceeds through her chemotherapy treatment for cancer. Council Member McGavick stated that she is doing very well.

Council Member Crowley thanked Ray Corpuz Jr., City Manager; Juli Wilkerson, Director of Planning and Development Services; and Don Hines, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services; for their leadership, help, guidance and technical skills relative to the Catholic Community Services Memorandum of Understanding.

Council Member Silas stated that Mr. Tom McCann, Sr., of Osborne-McCann Cadillac Inc., who was supportive of many of the City's policies, especially the D.A.R.E. program; and Mr. Johnson, Sr., of Johnson's Candy Company had recently died. She wished to send both families the City Council's deepest sympathies.

Council Member Miller stated that he was not at last Tuesday's study session when the City Council reviewed the Police Facilities Report. He stated that there were not only discussions regarding the main central facility, but also the potential for sector stations throughout the City. He stated that on several occasions his constituents had reminded him that this City Council voted, almost 2-1/2 years ago, that Sector 2 would be the next Sector to receive a police station. Council Member Miller stated that several community leaders in the Sector 2 area had also stated that they have been patiently waiting through this process. Council Member Miller stated that he wanted to make sure the City Council acknowledged that commitment.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma expressed his appreciation to the members of the Public Utility Board for engaging in their responsibilities of due diligence. He stated that he had briefly spoken with the Chair of the Public Utility Board, Dr. Ross Singleton, Department of Economics, University of Puget Sound, who indicated that the Public Utility Board asked tough questions concerning the telecommunications project. He stated that Public Utilities is requesting that the original consulting team get back together, along with a professor from the University of Washington to review the original business plan. He stated that Public Utilities will also be calling in an outside accounting firm to review and scrutinize the numbers to ensure that acceptable accounting procedures are used in reporting and tracking the process. Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that the Public Utility Board is doing the right thing in asking tough questions regarding the telecommunications project.


Deputy Mayor Baarsma then stated that the Library Task Force is moving towards closure of its responsibilities. He reported that the Task Force is working on ten recommendations. He stated that he expects these recommendations to be a topic of review and discussion at a future joint study session. He stated that the recommendations range from exploring the possibility of a development office in which the Library can secure additional funding and resources, particularly in the area of material and book acquisition, to a recommendation for a performance audit of the management practices of the Tacoma Public Library.

Council Member De Forrest requested additional information regarding the status of the hazardous sidewalk program. He stated that the Urban Policy Committee minutes of August 14, 1997 indicated that the Hazardous Sidewalk Repair Program had been discontinued.

Council Member De Forrest then requested information regarding the status of the homeless people that were removed from under the I-705 freeway. He asked whether or not citations were issued, what had triggered the response to remove the individuals and if removing the homeless from public right-of-ways is going to be an ongoing program.

Mayor Ebersole stated that last weekend was an exciting and busy weekend for the City of Tacoma. He congratulated those involved for the successful Thea Foss Maritime Fest which was held on Saturday and Sunday. He stated that the dedication of the new University of Washington Tacoma Campus was held on Saturday and the dedication of the News Tribune's new building, on Sunday.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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