

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
August 1, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Silas, and Mayor Moss. Absent: 2 - Crowley and Miller (Council Member Miller arrived at 5:07 p.m.).

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member De Forrest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of July 18, 1995.

PETITION:

Werner Architects requesting a reclassification of the property located at 1929 South Washington Street from a "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "R-4L" Low Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District. (Werner Architects; File No. 120.1402)

For referral to the Hearing Examiner.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 33099

Setting Tuesday, September 5, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate that portion of Circle Way between the alley south of Sixth Avenue Extension and the previously-vacated portion of Circle Way. (Mr. & Mrs. Michael Medrzycki; File No. 124.1021)

Resolution No. 33100

Approving the final plat of THE ORCHARDS located on the north side of South 90th Street 300 feet east of Hosmer Street for six residential lots. (Harr Investments; File No. 125.343A)

ASSESSMENT ROLL:

L.I.D. No. 3951 for the construction of a sanitary sewer in the alley between Warner Street and Windom Street from South 30th Street north 320 feet, more or less.

Setting Monday, August 28, 1995, at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearing Examiner agenda for August 1, 1995.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, July 12, 1995.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33099 and 33100, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

Ms. Marion Weed, Northeast Neighborhood Council, presented a check in the amount of \$1,400 from the Northeast Tacoma Community Club for signage in Northeast Tacoma.

Council Member Miller arrived at 5:07 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution No. 33101

Appointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission, Planning Commission, Tacoma Arts Commission, Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, Transportation Committee, and Urban Policy Committee.

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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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25743

Accepting \$72,450 from the Department of Public Utilities energy rebates, depositing said sum in the General Fund and appropriating said sum in the Municipal Building Renovation and Construction Fund for lighting upgrades within the Tacoma Municipal Building.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Crowley.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25744

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the City of Fircrest in the amount of \$532,421 for fire and emergency medical services and appropriating said sum to the Fire Department.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 -- Baarsma, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 2 -- De Forrest and Silas.

Absent: 1 -- Crowley.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25745

Providing for the formation of L.I.D. No. 3954 for the construction of a sanitary sewer on East 64th Street from East S Street to Portland Avenue, and East Q Street from East 64th Street south 100 feet, more or less.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 -- Baarsma, De Forrest , Evans, Kirby, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 3 -- Crowley, McGavick, and Silas.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Mayor Moss welcomed two members from Boy Scouts Troop 454.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25746

Vacating portions of East 11th Street on either side of the Blair Waterway for the purpose of unifying the abutting properties following removal of the Blair Bridge. (Port of Tacoma; File No. 124.1012)

Mayor Moss moved to continue Ordinance No. 25746 to the meeting of August 15, 1995. Seconded Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Ordinance will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of August 15, 1995.

Ordinance No. 25747

Amending Chapter 13.07 of the Official Code relative to the designation of the North Slope Historic Special Review District generally located on North J Street from North Third to North Steele Streets.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 33102

Awarding contracts to:

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1. Smith Tractor and Equipment Co., in the amount of \$9,500 to increase their contract for rental of a front loader - P.O. No. 18377;
2. U.S. Oil Refining Co., on their bid of \$310,155.56 for asphalt, bulk products - Washington State Contract No. 90-93;
3. Washington State Central Stores, in the amount of \$25,000 to increase their contract for janitorial supplies, paper and plastic products - O.P.O. No. 3236; and
4. Rejecting all bids for fiber optic cable and accessories - Specification No. G-032-95.

Council Member Miller moved to remove Item No. 1 of Purchase Resolution No. 33102 from the agenda. Seconded by Mayor Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Miller moved that Item Nos. 2 and 3 of the Purchase Resolution, including rejecting all bids for Item No. 4, be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Evans.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the amended Purchase Resolution. The amended Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33103

Authorizing the execution of a Local Improvement Assessment Deed for the sale of L.I. Guaranty Fund property in the vicinity of East C Street northerly of East 50th Street for use as a roadway access.

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

Resolution No. 33104

Authorizing the execution of a Purchase Agreement with Northwest Housing Development for the sale of surplus properties.

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

Resolution No. 33105

Accepting title to the Walter property generally located between Swan Creek Park south of Pioneer Way and the Port of Tacoma habitat restoration property north of Pioneer Way for open space.

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

CITIZENS' FORUM: (Began at approximately 5:50 p.m.)

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
David King	3563 East J Street	Letter supporting Police Chief Fjetland; Tacoma CARES and cleanup of East side.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. provided an update of the efforts of the Community Connection group made up of employee volunteers. He reported that they are almost completed with painting two homes for the Paint Tacoma Beautiful Project. Also, the employees' blood drive generated 36 pints of blood to increase the blood supply in the community. A second blood drive will held on August 16, 1995 from 8:00 a.m. - noon.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Miller moved to excuse the absence of Council Member Crowley from tonight's Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member De Forrest reported on a few disturbing items. One such item was the July 24, 1995 letter to the Tacoma Housing Authority Board of Commissioners from the maintenance crew at the Tacoma Housing Authority regarding alleged theft, lie detector tests, and interrogations. Council Member De Forrest asked the City Attorney if the Council had any authority over the Tacoma Housing Authority other than appointing Board members. City Attorney Robin Jenkinson replied that was correct. Council Member De Forrest asked if Board members were required to reside in the city limits of Tacoma. Council Member De Forrest also indicated that he was disturbed that the Library has hired a Bellevue law firm to find out how the Union got the "stolen"

document into the hands of Council Member Kirby. He indicated that Library employees have been going through interrogation and were told employees might be subject to lie detector tests. In addition, Council Member De Forrest reported that since January 18 - June 14, 1995, the Library Board held eight meetings of which 42.8 percent of their meeting times have been spent in open session and 57.2 percent have been held executive session. He expressed concern that some type of action should be taken. Council Member De Forrest announced that the McKinley Street Festival will be held from noon to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, 1995.

Council Member Baarsma echoed Council Member De Forrest's concerns about the amount of time the Library Board spends in executive session. Council Member Baarsma expressed his appreciation to the Mayors and City Councils of Everett and Arlington in supporting Tacoma's position opposing the importation of spent nuclear waste from foreign countries through the Port of Tacoma. Council Member Baarsma also thanked the Association of Washington Cities for supporting Tacoma's position.

Deputy Mayor Evans also expressed his concern about the situation at the Library. He then commented on the remarkable Ethnic Fest celebration that was held last weekend. He requested to see if there was something that could be done to cause the property owners on the down hill side of Tacoma Avenue South do something about cleaning up their property.

Council Member Silas thanked the neighbors and community for participating in "National Night Out" activities.


Council Member Miller expressed concern about the deteriorating position at the Library between management and employees and the meetings themselves. He suggested that the Council take some positive steps to try to intervene and communicate the City's concerns and help develop some resolutions to the situation. Council Member Miller asked to schedule a joint meeting with the Library Board to assist with the situation. Council Member Miller indicated that in the future, he would like to recognize citizens who have brought about improvements to the city. He reported that the property owner at North 21st and Orchard took it upon themselves to do some plantings to improve that intersection. Also, a business at North 51st and Pearl Street, Jungle Fever, took a vacant lot and turned it into a thriving business and the landscaping and plantings on that site have made that area a true asset and visual improvement.

Council Member Kirby indicated that a citizen had informed him that the public elevator at the Library Board does not stop at the floor where the Library Board meetings are held. He asked the City Manager to check on the accessibility to that meeting room and if there is a code to that meeting room.

Mayor Moss announce that there are many activities planned for tonight's "National Night Out" event and encouraged everyone to participate. Mayor Moss also commented on his enjoyment at Ethnic Fest.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


HAROLD G. MOSS, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, ACTING CITY CLERK

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