

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
October 15, 1985

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

Present on roll call: 8 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Rasmussen, Stenger, Warrnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Ladenburg.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 1985.

PETITIONS:

City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division,  
requesting the reclassification of the property located at North 26th and Pearl Streets from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 28933

Setting Tuesday, November 26, 1985 at 9:30 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request to vacate the easterly five inches of Pacific Avenue and the southerly two inches of South 15th Street abutting the existing building at 1501 Pacific Avenue. (The Nielsen Fund, Inc.; File No. 124.803)

Resolution No. 28934

Setting Tuesday, December 10, 1985 at 1:30 p.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request to vacate the northwest corner of South 37th and Idaho Streets. (H. C. Harned; File No. 124.802)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearings Examiner Agenda for Tuesday, October 15, 1985.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Civil Service Board, September 9, 1985.
- c. Minutes of the Urban Policy Committee Public Hearings, September 19 and September 26, 1985.

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- d. Petition from residents in the Mason Gulch area requesting clean-up action.
- e. Tacoma Employes' Retirement System - reports on purchases and sales of investments, August 1985.
- f. Community Development Three Year Housing Assistance Plan, Fiscal Years 1985-88.

Deputy Mayor Bichsel moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 28933 and 28934, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

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Mayor Sutherland proclaimed the week of October 14-20, 1985, to be "Buckle Up Week," and presented the proclamation to Ms. Penny Newman and representatives of the D.W.I. Task Force.

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Hearings Examiner submitting Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit No. 141.366 requested by TLM Berthing, Inc. for repair and strengthening of an existing dock and the construction of additional mooring bollards to allow safe long-term berthing of two ships at the northerly side of Schuster Parkway approximately one-half mile easterly of McCarver Street at the Old Sperry Ocean Dock (611 Schuster Parkway).

Council Member Hyde moved to amend the Hearings Examiner's report and recommendation of September 25, 1985, providing that TLM Berthing, Inc., shall provide adequate measures to protect the environment from leakage of fuels or other materials on the vessels. Seconded by Council Member Kirby.

Mayor Sutherland moved to continue Communication Item a. for a period of one week for appropriate language for amendment. Seconded by Council Member Hyde.

After further discussion, the motions were withdrawn.

Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner, with the understanding that the Hearings Examiner will further add appropriate language to support the additional condition as recommended and suggested by Council Member Hyde.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Stenger, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 2 - Rasmussen and Warrnick.

The motion was declared adopted.

- b. Hearings Examiner recommending approval of the request of Gramore, Inc. to remove conditions requiring a screening fence and sidewalk along the easterly side of the property located at 3735 South Pine Street. (Gramore, Inc.; File No. 120.1098)

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Council Member Rasmussen changed his vote from "nay" to "aye" on Communication Item a.

Council Member Warrick changed his vote from "nay" to "aye" on Communication Item a.

Mayor Sutherland stated that the vote on Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit No. 141.366 of TLM Berthing, Inc., was now:  
Ayes 8: Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Rasmussen, Stenger, Warrick, and Mayor Sutherland, and Nays: 0.

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Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearings Examiner on the request of Gramore, Inc. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 23487

Amending Chapter 11.23 of the Official Code relating to street closures to remove the requirement for insurance for neighborhood block parties.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Rasmussen, Stenger, Warrick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 23480

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the property located at the northwest corner of South 74th and Madison Streets from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to an "R-3" Two and Three-Family Dwelling District to construct three two-story triplexes on the site. (K.C.L.C., Inc., File No. 120.1110.A)

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Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 23488

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the property located at the northeasterly corner of Montana Avenue and Rainier Place from an "R-4" Multiple-Family Dwelling District to an "R-4-T Residential-Commercial Transitional District to redevelop the Lincoln Heights area. (H. C. Harned (Lincoln Heights); File No. 120.1124)

Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 23489

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the property located at the northwesterly corner of South 38th and Steele Streets from an "R-4" Multiple-Family Dwelling District to a "C-2" Commercial District to redevelop the Lincoln Heights area. (H. C. Harned (Lincoln Heights); File No. 120.1125)

Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 23490

Vacating portions of Kitsap Place, Rainier Place North, Rainier Place South, Montana Avenue, California Avenue and King Place to allow development of a commercial complex containing retail shops, restaurants and offices. (Lincoln Center Associates; File No. 124.794)

Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Harnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 23491

Amending Sections 6.64.050 and 6.70.010 of the Official Code to reduce the natural gas gross earnings tax rate to 7% and the Department of Public Utilities Light Division gross earnings tax rate to 7% effective January 1, 1986.

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The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 23492

Amending Section 6.66.030 of the Official Code to reduce the telephone business fee or tax to 9.28% of the total gross operating revenue effective January 1, 1986.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 23493

Amending Chapter 7.10 of the Official Code to include a new section relating to temporary special police commissions.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 23494

Amending the Pay & Compensation Plan to increase the minimum cash award presented under the Suggestion Award Program to \$50.00.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 23495

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to allow freestanding signs for golf courses within residential districts and require commercial agricultural uses over 20,000 square feet to obtain special use permits.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 28935

Authorizing the release of a portion of a utility easement in the vicinity of South 70th and Sprague Avenue.

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

Resolution No. 28936

Authorizing the execution of a permit granting Energy Products of Idaho, Inc. the authority to install and maintain steam lines along, within and across certain City streets.

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Mayor Sutherland moved to remove Resolution No. 28936 from the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Warrick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 28936 was removed from the agenda.

Resolution No. 28937

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County related to the provision of sewerage service along 80th Street at Sprague Avenue.

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

Resolution No. 28938

Authorizing assignment of the Light and Water Division service contracts with St. Regis Paper Company from Champion International Company to Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company.

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

Resolution No. 28939

Authorizing a loan of \$7,000.00 from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for continued operation of the Tacoma-Pierce County Energy Information Center.

Mayor Sutherland moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 28940

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Ewing and Company in the amount of \$150,000.00 to conduct the city-wide classification study, the salary survey and the comparable worth study.

Council Member Hyde moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bichsel.

Speaking to the Council were:

Miriam Graves

Linda Tanz

Fred Van Camp

President, Tacoma Chapter of  
National Organization of Women  
President, League of Women  
Voters  
Chair, Joint Labor/Management  
Committee

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

Resolution No. 28941

Approving the Community Development Three Year Housing Assistance Plan for the period October 1, 1985 through September 30, 1988, and authorizing the submittal of said plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

Resolution No. 28942

Expressing the City Council's concern relative to the United States Department of Energy's proposed shipments of spent nuclear fuel through the Port of Tacoma and authorizing staff to make inquiries regarding this matter.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council Member Kirby moved to remove Ordinance No. 22964 from the table and set it over for final reading on October 22, 1985. Seconded by Mayor Sutherland.

Council Member Kirby requested that staff notify those concerned businesses and residences on Ferry Street of the forthcoming final reading of Ordinance No. 22964.

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

The ordinance was set over for final reading on October 22, 1985.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Hyde reviewed the Marine Resource Protection Program report compiled by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, a copy of which had been provided to the Council.

Council Member Ladenburg stated that he agreed with Council Member Hyde's expressed concerns regarding the marine pollution in the port area. He felt Council should review the Marine Resource Protection Program report.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Handwritten signature of Doug Sutherland, Mayor.

DOUG SUTHERLAND, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Handwritten signature of Genelle Birk, City Clerk.

GENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK

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