

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
August 6, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 - Crowley. (Council Member Crowley arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Evans.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of June 25, 1996.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution No. 33473**

Setting Tuesday, September 10, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate Huson Street from South 30th Street to South 31st Street and South 31st Street between Huson and Ferdinand Streets. (Dexter Silver; File No. 124.1038)

### **Resolution No. 33474**

Setting Tuesday, August 27, 1996, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council relative to the taxation of Internet access providers.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the study session and meeting of the Public Utility Board, July 10, 1996.
- b. Monthly Financial Reports for Belt Line Division, Light Division, Water Division, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Geographic Information System Fund, and Conservation Project Fund, June 1996.

Council Member Evans moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33473 and 33474, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33473 and 33474, was declared approved.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ebersole extended his congratulations and presented a proclamation to Ms. Elaine Stefanowicz for being the first Washingtonian to enter the Ms. Wheelchair America Competition and wished her the best of luck in the upcoming competition on September 3 through 8, 1996, in Warm Springs, Georgia.

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the Month of August 1996, to be "Paint Tacoma-Pierce County Beautiful," and presented the proclamation to Ms. Sally Shawl.

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed August 16, 1996, as "Neil Ofsthun Appreciation Day," and presented the proclamation to Mr. Neil Ofsthun.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

**Ordinance No. 25937**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located at 2701 South Orchard Street from a "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "C-2" Commercial District to allow a 154,717-square-foot hardware and garden supply store on a 16.1-acre site east of Orchard Street and north of Center Street. (Eagle Hardware & Garden, Inc.; File No. REZ96-00007)

Council Member De Forrest moved to continue Ordinance No. 25937 to August 13, 1996. Seconded by Mayor Ebersole. Voice vote was taken and failed with Council Members De Forrest and Kirby voting "Aye." The motion was declared failed.

Council Member Baarsma moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Members Kirby and De Forrest voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution No. 33456** (Continued from the meeting of July 23, 1996.) (Continued to a date to be determined.)

Authorizing the execution of the Second Trust Amendment with the Metropolitan Park District to include the Harmon property in the Public Facility Development and Shoreline Lands Holding Trust Agreement.

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 33456 to a date to be determined, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

### **Purchase Resolution No. 33475**

Awarding contracts to:

1. The Unisource Corp., on its bid of \$25,000; West Coast Paper Co., on its bid of \$30,000; Spicers Paper, Inc., on its bid of \$50,000; and Western Resource Net, on its bid of \$75,000, for annual paper supplies - Specification No. G-023-95; and
2. Rejecting all bids for one or more 1500 GPM Triple Combination Pumpers With Aerial Ladder/Telescopic Water Tower and Booster Reel - Specification No. G-019-96.

Council Member Evans moved that the Purchase Resolution, including rejecting all bids for Item No. 2, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including rejecting all bids for Item No. 2, was declared adopted.

### **Resolution No. 33476**

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 133 to the Neighborhood Preservation Program Agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority to allocate \$48,000 in 1996 HOME Investment Partnership funds and \$12,050 in 1996 Emergency Shelter Grant funds for a "write-down" loan to Faith Homes for renovating the facility at 1920 North Union.

Council Member 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. 33477**

Authorizing the execution of agreements with Piper Jaffray and Preston Gates & Ellis to analyze existing debt obligations and assist the City in the preparation of debt restructure to provide capital for construction of various infrastructure upgrades and

capital improvement projects to address neighborhood needs, public safety facilities, and economic development of the Foss Waterway.

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 33477 to the meeting of August 13, 1996. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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CITIZENS' FORUM ( BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council were:

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Topic</u>                  |
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| Mozella Pooley | Safe streets and street signs |
| Bill Richards  | Internet Tax                  |
| Larry Pursley  | Business and Occupation Tax   |
| Louise Bray    | Business and Occupation Tax   |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

No Report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Miller moved to excuse Council Member Crowley from the meeting. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Kirby reported that he visited Reno, Nevada to see the results of the implementation of a gang unit in their police department. He stated that they have assigned 18 people to their gang unit. Council Member Kirby then stated that they are witnessing a 50 to 67 percent in reduction of gang-related crime.

(Council Member Crowley arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

Council Member Baarsma requested that the Hearing Examiner attend the City Council meeting next week to answer any questions regarding the reclassification of property for Eagle Hardware. He then congratulated Mayor Ebersole for his introduction of the

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10 candidates for Governor. Council Member Baarsma then read a poem by Ogden Nash regarding billboards.

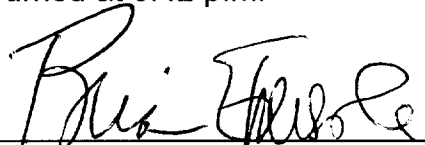
Council Member Evans requested a progress report regarding the enforcement of the sidewalk ordinances. He then asked if there are any plans in process to improve the open space property south of Harbor Lights on Ruston Way which is currently being used as a parking lot. Council Member Evans stated that, on behalf of Mayor Ebersole, he attended the dedication of a mural at 12th Street and Pacific Avenue and encouraged everyone to see it. He then stated that it was created by homeless children at Tone School with the cooperation of Stadium High School's ceramics class.

Deputy Mayor Silas announced that tonight is National Night Out and thanked all the citizens that participated and invited her to their potluck.

Mayor Ebersole announced that the Washington State History Museum will have their grand opening on Saturday, August 10, and Sunday, August 11, 1996, and encouraged everyone to attend. He also thanked the citizens for participating in National Night Out.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

  
BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK