

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
September 10, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, Miller, and Deputy Mayor Silas. Absent: 2 - McGavick and Mayor Ebersole. (Council Member McGavick arrived at 5:40 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Evans.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meetings of July 2, 9, and 16, 1996.

Resolution No. 33499

Setting Tuesday, October 15, 1996, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of South Ainsworth, south from South 28th Street. (John and Doris Usorac; File No. 124.1041)

Resolution No. 33500

Setting Tuesday, October 15, 1996, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the partial right-of-way for Lawrence Street between South 30th Street and SR-16 freeway right-of-way. (William K. M. Shields; File No. 124.1042)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner agenda for September 10, 1996.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission, August 19, 1996.
- c. Minutes of the special meeting of the Public Utility Board, July 23, 1996.
- d. Minutes of the study sessions of the Public Utility Board, July 24 and August 14, 1996.
- e. Minutes of the meeting of the Public Utility Board, July 24, 1996.
- f. 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, July 1996.

Council Member Miller moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33499 and 33500, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33499 and 33500, was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

Hearing Examiner recommending approval of a modification to a previously-approved reclassification of the property located at the southeast corner of Ruby and Pearl Street at 4815 North Pearl for the removal of the condition limiting the use of the property to a "scuba diving shop." (Jerry Martin; File No. REZ96-00006)

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 25949

Accepting \$163,677 from the United States Department of Justice; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; authorizing the creation of a TV Tacoma Subfund of the Central Services Summary Fund; appropriating \$157,500 from the Central Services Summary Fund; and authorizing a temporary loan in the amount of \$163,677 from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund to support domestic violence training and education efforts to police and victims.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, Miller, and Deputy Mayor Silas.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2 – McGavick and Mayor Ebersole.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25950

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for LID No. 8579 for the construction of permanent pavement with storm drainage on East G Street from East 40th to East 43rd Streets.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, Miller, and Deputy Mayor Silas

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2 – McGavick and Mayor Ebersole.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25951

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for LID No. 6972 for the installation of modern street lighting along Bell Street from South 40th to South 45th Streets.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, Miller, and Deputy Mayor Silas.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2 – McGavick and Mayor Ebersole.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 25952

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located on the northwest corner of Sixth Avenue and Proctor Street from a "C-1" Commercial District to a "C-2" Commercial District to allow a print shop business to continue operation. (Jeffrey W. Page (Pronto Printing); File No. REZ96-00010)

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading to a date to be determined.

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Ordinance No. 25953

Authorizing the establishment of a Line of Credit in the amount \$20,000,000 with SeaFirst Bank to provide interim financing for capital projects of the Water System.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 25954

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to a grant agreement with the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation in the amount of \$1,000; approving an extension of the grant completion time to September 30, 1996; and appropriating \$1,000 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for covering costs of the Tacoma Historic Preservation Office and preparing additional training programs.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33501

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Small Business Incubator in the amount of \$138,010 of Community Development Block Grant funds for the continued operation of the Tacoma-Pierce County Small Business Incubator Program.

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

CITIZENS' REQUEST TO BE HEARD: (BEGAN AT 5:20 P.M.)

Mr. Todd M. LeAnna requesting to speak on the Job Corps program.

Mr. LeAnna spoke on the Job Corps program.

Council Member Miller moved to suspend the rules to add the public hearing on the annexation of Calvary Cemetery to the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 5:47 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the annexation of the Calvary Cemetery to the City of Tacoma and accepting a petition for annexation of said property.

There were no speakers before the City Council.

Council Member Miller moved to continue the public hearing to the meeting of September 17, 1996, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The public hearing will be considered at the City Council meeting of September 17, 1996.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. reminded the City Council that the Deming Institute will be in the City of Tacoma and invited City Council Members to participate in some of the meetings.

Mr. Corpuz stated that the Municipal Code allows the appointing authority to recommend payment of reasonable and necessary expenses when the City of Tacoma appoints a new staff member that requires a move to the City of Tacoma. Mr. Corpuz then stated that he is asking the City Council for approval of up to \$9,000 for the moving expenses of Police Chief Philip Arreola from Milwaukee to the City of Tacoma. He then stated that he had asked Chief Arreola to secure three bids in which the lowest bid was selected.

Mr. Corpuz requested an Executive Session to consider pending litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

Council Member Miller moved that the City Manager be authorized to pay reasonable moving expenses, not to exceed \$9,000, to move the household goods and personal effects of Police Chief Philip Arreola from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Tacoma, Washington, as provided in Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.12.110(D). Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Evans stated that several years ago he traveled to Hachinohe, Japan to discuss the development of a relationship with them and the City of Tacoma. He stated, since that time, Hachinohe, Japan, has become a Sister City to the City of Federal Way and works closely with the Port of Tacoma. Council Member Evans stated that he attended a reception hosted by the Port of Tacoma in which 32 representatives from the Aomori Prefectural Government of Japan were in attendance. He stated that the City of Tacoma should be aware of what an enormous potential the relationship could be with Hachinohe, Japan, the Port of Tacoma, and Federal Way. Council Member Evans indicated that discussions have begun regarding a transshipment line directly from that Port in Japan to the Port of Tacoma. He stated that this is something in which our city should have more participation. We should be in direct contact with the Port and do all we can to enhance the interest in our government and facilities. Council Member Evans then stated that the City of Tacoma lost another good citizen. He stated that Bob Gallucci died last week and that his funeral was attended by many people. Council Member Evans then described Bob Gallucci as a man of very strong convictions, demonstrating them in matters which concern all of us, and never hesitated to put himself on the line. He stated that if we had more citizens like Bob Gallucci we might not have some of the problems the world faces now.

Council Member Miller requested staff to investigate the protocol of the location of the flags behind the dais. He stated that he believed that the State of Washington flag should be on one side and the City flag on the other. Council Member Miller stated that there might be some confusion to the meeting time of the Public Utility Board. He stated that the agenda showed 6:30 p.m. and the notice attached had 3:30 p.m. He then stated that the most recently appointed Ms. Wheelchair USA is Ms. Wheelchair Washington and that she comes from the City of Tacoma. He then stated that it was also his understanding that the current Ms. Washington is from Tacoma as well and will be competing in the Ms. America Pageant. Council Member Miller, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Tacoma, congratulated both of them.

Council Member Baarsma stated that he was pleased that Council Member Evans mentioned the interest of Hachinohe, Japan, establishing a relationship with the Port of Tacoma. He stated that Hachinohe is unique in Japan, in that their primary focus is that of import rather than export. Council Member Baarsma stated that as several of the visitors shared with Council Member Evans and himself last evening, their commitment is to establish imports to Japan and to encourage the exportation of American goods to that country. He stated that Hachinohe, Japan, is very much like our city. Council Member Baarsma stated that Council Member Evans and himself both felt a kinship when they visited Hachinohe, Japan. He stated that it was his hope to continue to work on developing that relationship. Council Member Baarsma noted that former City Council Member Pat Steele also died this week. He remembered Mr. Steele as a good friend, a great storyteller, a person of good cheer with a sense of humor. He stated that Mr. Steele helped write the current charter, was the Pierce County Prosecutor, and was a legislator from the 26th District.

Council Member Baarsma stated that while doing research for his dissertation, he had spent many hours with Mr. Steele who shared information as to what the City of Tacoma went through during the formation of the Council/Manager form of government. He stated he would miss Council Member Steele.

Council Member Kirby also mentioned the recent passing of Pat Steele. He stated that he had spent a great deal of time with Mr. Steele during his first career on the City Council. He stated that Mr. Steele was an avid Tacoma Narrows Airport supporter and had a great deal to do with the airport being here. He stated that Mr. Steele's vision was to extend the runway to 11,000 feet, land big jets in and out and have a big industrial complex. Council Member Kirby stated that he was opposed to that idea and successfully changed the Airport Plan which was proposed. Council Member Kirby remembered Pat Steele taking him to Boeing Field and saying look at what we could have had. Council Member Kirby then stated that you could oppose him on things that were really important to him and yet he was always good natured. He stated that Pat Steele never gave up on him personally or as a policymaker.

Council Member De Forrest requested the status on the Hazardous Sidewalk Repair Program. He then requested the metal plates on Portland Avenue be removed. Council Member De Forrest noted that Mr. Bob Harvey, a member of the Tacoma Housing Authority Board, had passed away. He stated that he had not personally known Bob Harvey until he had been appointed to the Tacoma Housing Authority Board by Mayor Moss and then reappointed by Mayor Ebersole. Council Member De Forrest described Bob Harvey as a watchdog on the Tacoma Housing Authority Board who never accepted "no" for an answer. He stated that Bob Harvey was a carpenter and a strong union supporter, forming unions for a living. He stated that Bob Harvey was originally from New York, but in his short tenure on the Tacoma Housing Authority Board, he had made an impact and that the community would miss him. Council Member De Forrest extended his sympathies to Bob Harvey's wife and family.

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

(Council Member McGavick arrived at 5:40 p.m.)

Council Member Evans stated that Council Member Miller had raised an interesting question regarding flag protocol. He stated that, as he remembered, the United States Flag should go on the right and nothing else should go along side it, unless it was a foreign nation. He stated that the protocol regarding lesser degrees of flags (city and county, etc.) belong in a different plane. He then stated that the flag of the United States goes on its own right with nothing around it.

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Council Member McGavick stated that she had been in Seattle facilitating the Small Business Lenders Conference at the request of Tim Strege from the William Factory Incubator. She stated that it was a wonderful event with over 120 lenders and people who were there to help small businesses and each other.

Deputy Mayor Silas stated that she also wished to note the passing of Bob Gallucci, whom she had known for over 25 years. She then stated that if ever you wanted a definition of a person who believed in civil rights, that person was Bob Gallucci. Deputy Mayor Silas stated that he would call her at least once a week to tell her about a problem and the solution to the problem. She stated that sometimes she would have to tell him that they could not do everything he wanted, as soon as he wanted, and that was difficult for him to understand. Deputy Mayor Silas stated that when Bob Gallucci saw something wrong he wanted it changed immediately. She then stated she would miss his telephone calls and that he had been a very dedicated person in the Hilltop area.

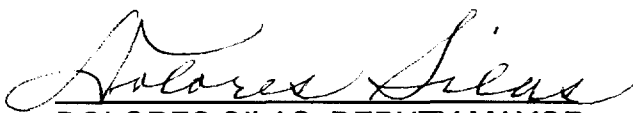
Council Member Miller moved to convene to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.

At 6:22 p.m. Deputy Mayor Silas extended the Executive Session 15 minutes. At 6:41 p.m. Deputy Mayor Silas extended the Executive Session 10 minutes.

The City Council reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.


DOLORES SILAS, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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