

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
August 2, 1994

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

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

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member De Forrest.

Council Member Kirby arrived at 5:09 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Miller called on Mr. Jack Warnick who introduced Doug Otjen, Chair of the Sister Cities Committee. Mr. Warnick and Mr. Otjen presented a plaque to the City from Sister Cities International in recognition of world peace. Mr. Otjen then introduced members of the Sister City Committee in the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of July 26, 1994.

APPEAL:

City of Federal Way, appealing the decision of the Hearing Examiner relative to the reclassification and preliminary plat of Harbor Ridge Estates for 193 residential building lots located in the vicinity of Norpoint Way Northeast and Northshore Parkway.

Setting Tuesday, September 27, 1994, at approximately 6:00 p.m. as the date for a hearing by the City Council.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, June 15, 1994.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, July 13, 1994.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Task Force on Disabilities, June 23, 1994.
- d. Legislative Summary of the 1994 Session of the Washington State Legislature.
- e. Draft Human Services Strategic Plan, July 1994.
- f. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, December 31, 1993.

Council Member Baarsma moved that the Consent Agenda be approved.
Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Council Member De Forrest indicated that in the July 13, 1994, Landmarks Preservation Commission minutes under the topic of the Hyde House, it stated that the owner of the Hyde House had requested to be de-designated from the local register and that a Commissioner of the Landmarks Preservation Commission had made efforts to buy and rehabilitate the house. Council Member De Forrest asked if the participation of the Commission member who had tried to purchase the property might be a potential conflict of interest. He requested the City Attorney to check into this matter.

In reference to the June 23, 1994 Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities minutes, Council Member De Forrest asked if the City Attorney had responded to the request to set up a bank account for the Task Force. Acting City Attorney Pat Bosmans replied that the City Attorney's office is looking into this. Council Member De Forrest asked if the meeting with TACID, John Briehl and Don Hines mentioned under "Old Business" was the meeting where some alleged derogatory remarks were made. He asked if the City Attorney was looking into this matter. Council Member De Forrest also expressed concern that the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities appears to be taking on more than an advisory role.

Deputy Mayor Miller requested that the City Attorney's office look into the request for establishing a bank account.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

Deputy Mayor Miller proclaimed the day of August 6, 1994, to be "Latino Heritage Day," and presented the proclamation to Ms. Genal Gavaldon.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution No. 32715

Appointing Kazu Y. Quaranto to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission, representing District 3, through December 31, 1996.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25545

Amending Section 8.70.020 of the Official Code relative to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court to allow the Court to assess punishment, after imposition of sentence, for a period not to exceed two years as permitted under state law.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2 – Crowley and Mayor Moss.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25546

Amending Section 8.70.010 of the Official Code relative to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court to increase the maximum fine for disorderly conduct from \$500 to \$5,000 and the imprisonment term from six months to one year as permitted by state law.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2 – Crowley and Mayor Moss.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25547

Submitting a proposition to the voters at a special municipal election on September 20, 1994 to levy an additional regular property tax for emergency medical care or services; requesting the Pierce County Auditor to find an emergency to conduct said election; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Council Member Baarsma moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 25547. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2 – Crowley and Mayor Moss.

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25548

Establishing the "Tacoma Eastern Railroad Acquisition and Operating Summary Fund" for all transactions related to the acquisition, rehabilitation and operation of the Tacoma Eastern Railroad; transferring \$600,000 from the Capital Improvement Summary Fund to said fund; accepting \$1,150,000 from the State of Washington, \$300,000 from the Port of Tacoma and \$1,250,000 from private sources; depositing in and appropriating \$3.3 million from said fund for the acquisition of certain segments of railroad track between Tacoma and Chehalis.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2 -- Crowley and Mayor Moss.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25549

Appropriating \$81,000 from the Right-of-Way Enhancement Fund and authorizing the execution of a supplemental agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the construction of an illumination system for the SR-509 cable-stayed bridge; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 32714 (Continued from the meeting of July 26, 1994.)

Authorizing the execution of agreements with various agencies in the amount of \$407,470 for the 20th Year Community Development Block Grant programs to provide housing-related community services to Tacoma residents.

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

Purchase Resolution No. 32716

Awarding a contract to:

ISCO, c/o Whitney Equipment Co., on their bid of \$84,941.33 for flow loggers and rain gauges - Specification No. G-030-94.

Council Member Evans moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

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

Resolution No. 32717

Authorizing the donation of three surplus firefighting vehicles to Bates Technical College for the Firefighter Recruit Training Program.

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

Resolution No. 32718

Authorizing the release of a storm sewer easement to clear the title on the property located near South 74th and Mullen Streets.

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

Resolution No. 32719

Waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Land Recovery, Inc. in the amount of \$11,600,000 for municipal solid waste disposal services through October 31, 1997.

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

Resolution No. 32720

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission in the amount of \$180,000 for the Clean Vessel Funding Program to construct sewage collection facilities for recreational boaters in the Thea Foss Waterway.

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.

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CITIZENS' FORUM:

Council Member Baarsma moved to suspend the rules to allow for 35 minutes of citizen testimony under the Citizens' Forum. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address	Topic
N. C. Griffith	715 South M Street	Public Access TV
Michele Boucree	313 North L Street	Public Access TV
Felila Leatiota	1424 South L Street	Samoan Culture
Azele Bennett	2125 Seaview Avenue West	TACID
Leon Curtis	Tacoma	TACID
Chris Lunn	P.O. Box 75B	Public Access TV
Marguerite McCann	Tacoma	TACID
Bob Backstein	Resident	TACID
Dan Eberle	Tacoma	TACID
Angelo Giaudrone	Tacoma	TACID
Dolores O'Leary	Puyallup	Task Force on Disabilities
Doug Delin	3504 McKinley Avenue	T Street Gulch
Don Barrey	3202 Portland Avenue	T Street Gulch
Martin Sutherland	East T Street	T Street Gulch
Bill Bruce	1643 East 32nd Street	T Street Gulch
Paul Robertson	1506 North Huson	TACID
Sue Strickland	5202 Sittler	TACID
Cindy Burchfield	P.O. Box 98802	Task Force on Disabilities
Dick Kellenberger	Resident	Task Force on Disabilities
Mary Emanarick	6601 - 81st Street SW	TACID

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council Member De Forrest moved to reconsider the decision the Council made on the Lund appeal at last week's Council meeting of July 26, 1994. Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: 4 - Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans and Kirby.

Nays: 3 - McGavick, Silas and Deputy Mayor Miller.

Absent: 2 - Crowley and Mayor Moss.

The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member De Forrest moved to postpone reconsideration of the decision of the Council on the Lund appeal to the meeting of August 9, 1994. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted. This item will be considered at the City Council meeting of August 9, 1994.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager, reported that Mr. Len Simon informed him that the meeting with the Secretary of HUD on Tacoma's application for empowerment zones went well. Mr. Corpuz indicated that 17 City firefighters had been helping with the statewide fires in eastern Washington. Mr. Corpuz expressed his thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped with "National Night Out."

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Silas thanked the 38 neighborhood groups in the central area for their efforts with the "National Night Out" event. Council Member Silas announced that this Friday evening there will be a banquet for Destiny City International where she will be presenting certificates of appreciation to those individuals who have worked very hard behind the scenes to benefit the community and get the job done.

Council Member De Forest announced that the McKinley Hill Street Festival will be held on August 6, 1994 from noon - 10:00 p.m.

Council Member McGavick thanked everyone for coming to tonight's Council meeting and expressing their opinions and concerns.

Council Member Baarsma thanked Council Member De Forrest for his role in changing the Council Rules to allow for a citizens' forum. Council Member Baarsma indicated that when Council Member De Forrest served as a member of the Charter Amendment Task Force, he had championed the idea of a citizens comment period at the City Council meetings. The Task Force then recommended his idea of having a citizens' forum to the City Council.

Council Member Evans expressed concern about the accessibility of the Chambers for those in wheelchairs. He suggested that perhaps the corner of the art work in the Chambers could be clipped back to the wall so that people did not have difficulty passing the sculpture. He also suggested that the middle aisle of the Chambers could be reconfigured to allow for more space for wheelchairs to turn around.

Deputy Mayor Miller indicated that he was pleased with the neighborhood cleanup program called "Tacoma Cares." Deputy Mayor Miller stated that the cleanup program goes beyond just picking up street garbage. It is broad in scope and works to turn around the neighborhood.

Council Member Kirby announced that the Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 1994 at 7:30 a.m., in the first floor conference room of the Tacoma Municipal Building.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


PAUL E. MILLER, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 
GENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK

Amended 08/09/94