



# City Council Minutes

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City Council Chambers, 747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, Washington 98402

April 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 – McGavick. (Council Member McGavick arrived at 5:05 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Miller.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **Resolution No. 34365**

Setting Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council, on the 1999 Annual Action Plan for the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

### ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 17, 1999.
- b. Minutes of the R/UDAT Implementation Task Force, October 14, November 18, and December 16, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, March 11, 1999.

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(Council Member McGavick arrived at 5:05 p.m.)

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Council Member Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 34365, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 34365, was declared approved.

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**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Ebersole called on Deputy Police Chief Mike Darland who presented the Tacoma Police Department's Community Service Award to the ARCO Products Company and their employees for their service to the community. He then called on Mr. Tom Miller, ARCO Products Company's Regional Loss Prevention Manager, who presented a donation of \$10,000 to the Police Department.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Hearing Examiner recommending approval of modifications to a previously approved reclassification for the property located at 7457 South Madison Street to alleviate landscaping on the east side boundary and allowing two office/warehouse buildings instead of six mini-storage buildings. (Mountain Construction, Inc.; File No. REZ99-00001)

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. 26396**

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code relating to the Retirement Code to clarify compensation under deferred compensation plans and additional compensation benefits; and to clarify benefits for employees hired pursuant to the Temporary Employment Memorandum with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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**Ordinance No. 26397**

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code relating to the Compensation Plan to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain represented and unrepresented employees and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Council Member De Forrest moved to amend Section 4, page 4, line 18, of Ordinance No. 26397 by deleting the letter “A” preceding the class title “City EEO Officer.” Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby.

Roll call vote was requested and taken on the motion, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Phelps, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 2 Miller and Silas

The Motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 26397 as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 26398**

Accepting \$221,955 from the Washington State Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant program; depositing said sum in the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; transferring \$24,661 from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; appropriating \$246,616 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; and authorizing the execution of agreements with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Tacoma School District No. 10 to carry out specified local juvenile justice activities.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26399**

Vacating South 8th Street between I Street and the alley to the west.  
(City of Tacoma; File No. 124.1088)

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

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

**Ordinance No. 26400**

Amending Chapter 11.50 of the Municipal Code relating to City-owned parking facilities providing for two hours of free parking during business hours and a flat rate of \$2.00 for evenings and weekends.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26401**

Authorizing the execution of a Community Policing to Combat Domestic Violence grant award contract with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, in the amount of \$187,500; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for provisions under said grant.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Address</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26402**

Authorizing the execution of a franchise agreement with Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. to construct, operate and maintain a Telecommunications System throughout the City.

Mayor Ebersole moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26402. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Address</u>
Bruce Greene	General Manager, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.

The Substitute Ordinance was set over for final reading on May 4, 1999.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Purchase Resolution No. 34366**

Awarding contracts to:

1. Pape & Sons Construction Inc., on its bid of \$48,755.25, for the removal of an 'A' style catch basin and installation of new catch basins and curb ramps – Specification No. G-206-99;
2. Burns International Security Services, in the amount of \$112,000, to increase its contract for bridge tender services at the Hylebos Waterway – Specification No. G-010-97; and
3. Business Interiors Northwest, in the amount of \$200,000, to extend and increase its contract for panel systems furniture – Tacoma Public Utilities Request for Proposal.

Council Member Miller moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 34367**

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Broadway Associates to construct 36 additional condominium units located at One Broadway.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Mayor Ebersole welcomed Patrick Simpson and Jimmy Jones, Boy Scout Troop 299, who were in attendance in an effort to earn their "Citizenship in the Community" Merit Badges.

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**Resolution No. 34368**

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$400,000 of Economic Development Initiative funds, to assist in the development of downtown housing or mixed-use projects.

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

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**Resolution No. 34369**

Approving the issuance of variable rate demand industrial revenue bonds, in the amount of \$16,000,000, from the Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County, for improvements to its container cranes located at the Sea-Land Shipping facility at the Port of Tacoma.

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.

**Resolution No. 34370**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Private Industry Council, in the amount of \$297,000, to implement the Youth Building Tacoma comprehensive job training and pre-apprenticeship program for youth.

Council Member Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Council Member Miller withdrew his motion to adopt. Council Member Crowley concurred.

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 34370 to the meeting of April 20, 1999. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34370 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of April 20, 1999.

**Resolution No. 34371**

Authorizing the execution of a 90-day License Agreement with Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. for the construction of a Telecommunications System throughout the City.

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

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 6:06 P.M.)**

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code relating to sign regulations for nonconforming billboards.

The public hearing was held later in the meeting.

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Council Member Miller moved to authorize final settlement of the claim of Vanessa Oliver for the sum of \$58,000. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray Corpuz Jr. reminded the City Council that the W. Edwards Deming Institute Community Symposium and Spring Conference will be held this weekend. He stated that the symposium on Friday will feature community building and that Tacoma would be featured along with other cities.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Phelps stated that last week the City Council adopted Resolution No. 34359, which set April 27, 1999, as the date for a public hearing regarding the removal of graffiti. He then encouraged people in the community to participate in the public hearing.

Council Member Phelps stated that this City Council recently adopted the Minimum Structures Code. He stated that his parents, in Arizona, sent him an article from the *Arizona Republic* regarding Arizona's recently adopted slum lord provisions, which are very similar to what the City Council passed for Tacoma. He noted that other cities are requiring that all of their apartments be registered. He then thanked Tacoma CARES staff for their assistance in cleaning up a residence that had been reported to him.

Council Member Baarsma stated that, a few weeks ago, he attended a conference in Lansing, Michigan, entitled "The Capital Quality Initiative," which was sponsored by Lansing Community College. He stated that at the conference he discussed and shared the experience of the Deming Partnership. He stated that Ms. Lisa O'Hanlon, Executive Director of the Deming Partnership, was also at the conference. He then discussed what he had learned at the conference. He stated that the City of Lansing has many similarities with the City of Tacoma. He stated that the City of Lansing owns and operates its own water and power utility, which is under the policy direction of a separate Utility Board which is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. He stated that their Utility Board has a bit more autonomy than our Utility Board in that it sets rates and establishes the budget. He stated that they also discussed the City of Lansing's efforts to deal with the issue of a regional water supply. He stated that Lansing's water utility initiated the creation of the Mid-Michigan Regional Water Authority. He stated the Lansing Water Division is the primary provider of water to that regional association. He stated that it is his intention to share more of this information with Utility Board Member Tim Strege, City Manager Ray Corpuz and Water Division Director Ken Merry.

Council Member Baarsma stated that the ballpark in Lansing also caught his attention. He stated that the Mayor and city leaders of Lansing are very proud of their ballpark, which is right in downtown Lansing and is the home of the Lansing Lugnuts, which is affiliated with the Chicago Cubs. Council Member Baarsma stated their mascot is the "big lug" and the kids that attend games are the "little lugs." He stated that this logo and name has received worldwide notoriety. He said their ballpark, the Oldsmobile Park, is a smaller version of Camden Yards.

Council Member Baarsma then noted for the record that today is Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

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Council Member McGavick stated that she recently had the opportunity to tour the downtown area of Nashville, Tennessee. She stated that their downtown looks a lot like Tacoma's downtown. She stated that they have many of the same old brick buildings. Council Member McGavick stated that about seven years ago their downtown was deserted and crime ridden and that the City of Nashville decided to take back their city. She stated that you can see where they are still building and redoing buildings. She stated that much of the funding for the projects was made available through private money. She stated that their downtown area was very beautiful and family-oriented.

Council Member Miller reminded everyone that this Saturday is the Daffodil Parade and that last Saturday the Proctor District had hosted the Junior Daffodil Parade which, as always, was a great event.

Council Member Miller then stated that last Sunday was Michele Miller's Birthday.

Council Member Miller stated that he was encouraged by tonight's agenda in which six items that related to Economic Development were on for discussion.

Council Member Phelps sent the City's and the City Council's congratulations to the new Total Renal Care on Pacific Avenue. He stated that the 400 plus employees were starting to move in and that the building was configured for 650 employees which they hope to fill it up in the next year.

Council Member Baarsma stated that last evening the Environmental Commission heard testimony on the wet fueling issue which was before the City Council earlier last month.

Council Member Miller acknowledged that City Manager Corpuz had just returned from Orlando, Florida, where he received an award for his efforts.

City Manager Corpuz stated that he was one of five city managers to receive the National Public Service Award given out to city managers across the country, selected by the American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration.

Council Member Crowley stated that Mayor Ebersole was throwing out the first pitch at tonight's opening night for the Tacoma Rainier's.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS** (BEGAN AT 6:06 P.M.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code relating to sign regulations for nonconforming billboards.

Speaking before Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Robert Robley	2502 Pacific Avenue

The public hearing was declared closed at 6:13 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Held earlier in the meeting.

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**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

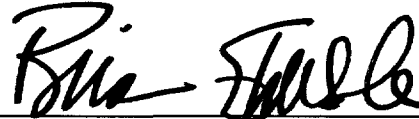
Held earlier in the meeting.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Held earlier in the meeting.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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