

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
June 3, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 - Miller. (Council Member Miller arrived at 5:13 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Baarsma.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meetings of May 13 and 20, 1997.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33712

Setting Monday, June 23, 1997, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on LID No. 8604 for the placement of permanent pavement on the alley between South 42nd and 43rd Streets from Cushman Avenue to Asotin Street.

Resolution No. 33715

Setting Monday, June 23, 1997, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on LID No. 8605 for the placement of permanent pavement on Middle Road from Wright Avenue to East 34th Street.

Resolution No. 33716

Setting Monday, June 23, 1997, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on LID No. 8606 for the placement of permanent pavement on the alley between South 9th and 10th Streets from Cedar to Alder Streets.

Resolution No. 33717

Setting Tuesday, July 15, 1997, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate East 11th Street between the Port of Tacoma Road and Blair Waterway. (Port of Tacoma; File No. 124.1050)

Resolution No. 33718

Setting Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of Union Avenue northerly of South 30th Street. (Roy T. Murphy; File No. 124.1051)

Resolution No. 33719

Setting Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of the alley between East B and McGhee Streets, northerly of East 60th Street. (Edwards Construction Company; File No. 124.1052)

Resolution No. 33720

Setting Tuesday, July 1, 1997, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the City Council relative to proposed amendments to Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code regarding sign regulations, taxing and licensing of billboards.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, June 3, 1997.
- b. Minutes of the D.A.R.E. Task Force, May 16 and April 16, 1997.
- c. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 14, 1997.
- d. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, April 16, 1997.

Council Member Evans moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33712, 33715, 33716, 33717, 33718, 33719, and 33720, be approved. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 33712, 33715, 33716, 33717, 33718, 33719, and 33720, was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26070 (Continued from the meeting of May 20, 1997.)

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code by adding a new section to be known as Section 1.12.229 VEBA Account for retirees and amending Sections 1.12.230, 1.12.231, and 1.12.232 allowing qualified employees to deposit untaxed severance pay in the Voluntary Employee Benefit Association (VEBA) account for post retirement medical expenses.

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Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to continue Ordinance No. 26070 to a date to be determined. Seconded Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26070 will be considered at a regular City Council meeting on a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 25751

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located at 1621 Marine View Drive from a "M-1" Light Industrial District to a "M-2" Heavy Industrial District to allow for a construction debris recycling business. (Marine View Recycling; File No. 120.1380)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Miller

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26076

Amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code to amend customer charges and fees for various utility services for the Light and Water Divisions, effective June 16, 1997.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Miller

The Ordinance was declared passed.

(Council Member Miller arrived at 5:13 p.m.)

Ordinance No. 26077

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement 1997 rates of pay and compensation for employees of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Light Division Unit.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26078

Providing for the issuance of Limited Tax Levy General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$19,500,000 for capital improvements for public safety, neighborhood enhancement, parks and open space and economic development; and authorizing the issuance of Taxable Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$3,100,000 for refunding outstanding Limited Tax General Obligation (Taxable) Bonds, 1987.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Nancy Davis	3609 East K Street
Marion Weed	Chair, Community Council
Maureen Luke	1418 South Ferdinand Drive
Barbara Grout	2210 North 29 th Street
Randy Boss	7510 43 rd Street Ct NW, Gig Harbor
Evan McCord	6707 South Bell
Doug Miller	4105 North 30 th Street

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26079

Amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code to reflect organizational changes in various departments.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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

Name	Address	Topic
Mike Cook	6714 South Monroe	Loud Music/Violence
Donna Copeland	5517 North 45 th Street	Senior Center-Pt. Defiance
Marie Lindsey	4654 North Vassault	Senior Center-Pt. Defiance
Robert Guerrero	616 North 3 rd Street, #11	Arts
Rick Gillmore	1501 Pacific Avenue, #301	Pull Tab Taxes
Art James	5130 Green Hills NE	Land Use Policy
Julie Butler	5423 East C Street	Encouraging Words to the Leadership in Tacoma
Jeff Bruce	30 th & North Winnifred	Special Use Permits
Will Baker	809 South I Street	Editing Coverage of City Council Meetings
Bill Hamilton	7015 South D Street	Gambling Tax Issues
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Performance Audits
Sean Hamilton	7015 South D Street	Gambling Tax Issues
Lawrence Norman	1220 South 23 rd Street	Resolving Citizens' Issues
Preston Fletcher	23 rd & Sheridan	Starting a Neighborhood Cleanup Business

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33699 (Continued from the meeting of May 20, 1997.)

Approving and adopting the Voluntary Employee Benefit Association (VEBA) Medical Savings Account Plan for Public Service Employees in the State of Washington, and the Master Employer Benefit Plan, as amended, to administer medical savings accounts to eligible employees in lieu of certain incentive payments.

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 33699 to a date to be determined. Seconded Deputy by Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33699 will be considered at a regular City Council meeting on a date to be determined.

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Purchase Resolution No. 33721

Awarding contracts to:

1. SeaWestern, Inc., on its bid of \$31,000, for Argus thermal imaging cameras - Specification No. G-024-97;
2. Mid-Mountain Contractors, Inc., on its bid of \$699,962.78, for the T-Street Erosion Control Project and the T-Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement - Specification No. G-214-97;
3. Ben-Ko-Matic Brush & Equipment Co., on the total bid of \$680,329.04, for three sewer catch basin cleaners - Specification No. G-014-97;
4. Lucent Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$44,306.86, for a Lucent Definity PBX Telephone Extension for the Fire Prevention Bureau located at 3471 South 35th Street - Sole Source;
5. Cummins Northwest, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000, to renew their contract for automotive filters - Specification No. G-011-96;
6. Boise Cascade Office Products, in the amount of \$230,000, to renew their contract for office supplies - Specification No. G-010-93; and
7. Rejecting all bids for the Fire Training Center - Specification No. G-202-97.

Council Member Miller moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 4 and rejecting all bids on Item No. 7, be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 4 and rejecting all bids on Item No. 7, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33722

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the Fourth of July Commission, in the amount of \$15,000, for the 1997 Fourth of July celebration.

Council Member Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Doug Miller	Executive Director, Fourth of July Commission

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

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Resolution No. 33723

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Conservatory Place Limited Partnership for the construction of 40 new units of multi-family housing at 203 South G Street.

Council Member Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Brian Park	President, Park Housing Association

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

Resolution No. 33724

Authorizing the execution of Supplemental Lease Agreement No. 3 with General Services Administration to provide Business Improvement Area (BIA) benefits to the Union Station\Federal Courthouse complex.

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

Council Member Miller excused himself from consideration of this matter and left the Chambers.

Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member Miller abstaining. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33725

Authorizing the submittal of an economic development grant from the United States Economic Development Administration, in the amount of \$1,000,000, for realigning East Dock Street, between East 15th and East 21st Streets.

Council Member Silas moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Will Baker	809 South I Street

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., reported on the new partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He stated that the FBI has agreed to a partnership involving the City of Tacoma and Pierce County which will direct federal and local resources in the area of dealing with the most serious outstanding warrants. He stated that this program is scheduled to begin this summer.

Mr. Corpuz then commented on residency waivers for individuals being considered for employment at Tacoma City Light and indicated that Mr. Jan Gilbertson was in the audience to speak on this issue.

Mayor Ebersole called on Mr. Jan Gilbertson, who spoke regarding residency waivers for two Special Projects Engineers for the Tacoma Public Utilities Light Division.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to waive the residency requirement for the candidate for the Special Projects Engineer position who currently resides within the Tacoma Public Utilities Light Division's service area. Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 3 - McGavick, Miller, and Silas

The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to waive the residency requirement for the candidate for the Special Projects Engineer position who currently resides in another community. Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 - Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 4 - De Forrest, McGavick, Miller, and Silas

The motion was declared adopted.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ebersole stated that there had been some unusual and tragic circumstances over the past few weeks, which culminated Friday with the funeral for Corey Pittman. Mayor Ebersole thanked Chief Arreola and other members of the community who had come to the funeral to pay their respects to the family, which he felt did help the healing process. He then complimented Chief Arreola, Detective Karen Kelly, and the other members of the Police Department who worked very hard and long hours to solve these homicides. Mayor Ebersole stated that the phenomena of young men and women shooting each other and killing each other in our community and throughout America is incredibly tragic and frustrating. He stated that we all need to recommit ourselves to doing what we can in our neighborhoods in working with the police, churches, and organizations to reach out to these youth and teach them a different way and let them teach each other that solving disputes with guns is not acceptable.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma thanked the Mayor for the terrific job in representing the Council at Corey Pittman's funeral. He stated that Mr. Pittman had symbolized so many hopes and expectations on the part of all of us. He also thanked Chief Arreola and the Police Department for their good work in solving this case and the other many tragedies in our community. Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that for the first time in history, the Tacoma City Council and the Pierce County Council meetings were being simulcast on Channels 12 and 28. He stated that starting at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays the County Council's meeting would be broadcast live and then the City Council's meeting would be broadcast live. He stated that with the Regional Media Center, which will be located at the Clover Park Technical College in July, there would be other future possibilities.

Council Member De Forrest thanked the Mayor for his comments and stated he agreed with them. He stated that there are some homicides which are still unsolved and requested a list of unsolved homicides in our community. Council Member De Forrest stated that he had noticed that Tacoma's crime rate had gone down again, as it had throughout the nation, and hoped we would continue in that direction. He reported that of the twelve killings this year in the City of Tacoma, 50 percent of them were in East Tacoma and 33 percent on McKinley Avenue. He stated he felt the Chief was doing a good job in emphasizing prevention and patrolling the area. Council Member De Forrest requested information regarding the flooding last Friday between 19th and 23rd Streets on Pacific Avenue.

Council Member Silas also expressed her appreciation to the Chief and people of the Police Department in their speedy apprehension of the fugitives who took a life without a second thought. She hoped that preventive programs and putting people to work would be looked into. She stated that she believed people who were not idle, but who are employable, and can be trained for jobs, will take another path. Council Member Silas stated that she was saddened when she heard that the police are not responding to noise disturbances and asked the City Manager to take a look at the Noise Ordinance that we have and see what we can do about the noise disturbances.

Council Member Evans reported that the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department meets in its regular session and would be addressing the issues of crime, death and murder. He stated that the Health Department is going to present a Resolution and a letter to the City Council asking for the restoration of funding to the Health Department that was removed last year. Council Member Evans stated that these funds will primarily go to prevention programs and urged the Council to remember what was said tonight about prevention programs and act accordingly when the funding is requested for those programs.

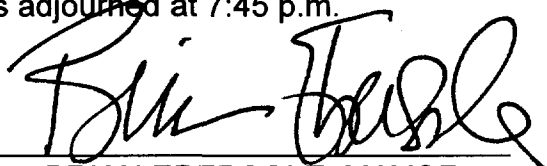
Council Member Crowley reminded everyone that the American Heart Association breakfast is tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. with Jim Zorn, former quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks, as a guest speaker.

Council Member McGavick stated that yesterday she had started her new life as president-elect of Clover Park Technical College. She stated she had received a letter from the City of Lakewood welcoming her as a partner in economic development efforts and requesting to meet with her to discuss mutual benefits to the City of Lakewood. Council Member McGavick reminded City Manager Corpuz and Mayor Ebersole that Clover Park Technical College is a regional college and that she would be happy to sit down with the leaders of Tacoma to look at efforts in terms of mutual benefit for economic development and projects.

Mayor Ebersole wished Council Member Kirby well. He stated that Council Member Kirby had undergone some rather painful health problems this past week that were quite serious.

Council Member Miller moved to cancel the City Council meeting of August 5, 1997. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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