



City Council Minutes

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

August 26, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Council Members Present: 8 ~ Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Council Members Absent: 1 ~ McGavick.

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Moss.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, July 23, 2003.
- b. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, July 23, 2003.
- c. Monthly Financial Reports for the Conservation Project Fund, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, and Tacoma Water, June 2003.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Baarsma recognized Ms. Anita Preston for her long-time commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life in Tacoma and to the Old Town North End community. He then recognized Mr. Andy Mandell ("Mr. Diabetes") for his personal dedication to raising awareness about diabetes and for his commitment to walk 10,000 miles in the course of the *Wake Up and Walk Tour* of America.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27107

Vacating the west 12.5 feet of Lot 14 located at 7315 South J Street, to demolish an older single-family residence and replace it with a new single-family residence. (Clarence Walden; File No. 124.1187)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – McGavick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27108

Vacating the north 200 feet of the alley bounded by South 19th and South 20th Streets and lying between South I and South J Streets; together with the south 175 feet of the alley bounded by South 15th and South 16th Streets and lying between South I and South J Streets to consolidate ownership and increase the surface parking area. (Franciscan Health System; File No. 124.1169)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – McGavick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 27136

Authorizing the execution of a loan agreement with the Department of Ecology (DOE), in the amount of \$52 million, for the improvements, expansions, and upgrades to the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant; and authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with DOE delegating to the City of Tacoma certain engineering and design review and approval activities for said project.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – McGavick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27137

Amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code relating to utility service establishment fees and 12.10 of the Municipal Code relating to rates inside and outside the City limits and standardizing fees for different combinations of metered and unmetered services; implementing a method to charge service establishment fees for additional services; and changing meter readings to two decimal places to allow compatibility with the SAP software system of the Business Systems Improvement Project.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on September 9, 2003.

Ordinance No. 27138

Amending Chapters 12.08 and 12.09 of the Municipal Code relating to wastewater and solid waste rates to revise the format of the wastewater and solid waste rates to be compatible with the SAP software system of the Business Systems Improvement Project.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on September 9, 2003.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 35933 (Continued from the meeting of August 19, 2003)

Encouraging the Pierce County Council to seek voter approval of an increase in the sales tax of up to 3/10 of 1 percent at the November 4, 2003 General Election; and expressing the City Council’s intent to use a portion of the revenue for criminal justice purposes, and a portion of the revenue to increase services to victims of domestic violence, and fund criminal justice-related programs and other services.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 35933. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Paul Pastor	Pierce County Sheriff
Gerry Horne	County Prosecutor

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Evans, Ladenburg, Miller, Moss, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 2 – Lonergan and Phelps

Absent: 1 – McGavick

The Substitute Resolution was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Began at 6:04 p.m.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the recommended uses of the United States Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds.

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Cristina Marez	920 South 9 th Street; Board Member, Hilltop Action Coalition
Maria King	902 South L Street; Tacoma Housing Authority
Jeanie Peterson	Director, Community Initiative for Hilltop Action Coalition
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Will Baker	piercecountyinsider.com
Cynthia Cho	YWCA Legal Services

The public hearing was declared closed at 6:27 p.m.

Purchase Resolution No. 35934

Awarding contracts to:

1. URS Corporation, on its bid of \$675,923.73, for the Tahoma Salt Marsh Natural Resources Restoration Project – Specification No. G-265-03;
2. Ben-Ko-Matic Brush & Equipment Company, in the amount of \$155,223.00, for one Elgin Broom Bear mechanical street sweeper – City of Everett Contract No. 02-80835; and
3. The CEI Group, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00, to increase its contract for auto accident management services – Washington State Contract No. 31800.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35935

Expanding the water service western boundary by approximately 82 acres to allow water utility service to the proposed Mt. Rainier Lutheran High School located on the southwest corner of 72nd Street and Waller Road and surrounding area.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 35935. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Resolution No. 35936

Authorizing the execution of a consulting services agreement with TriData Corporation, in the amount of \$75,000, to assist the Fire Department in the completion of a comprehensive unit and facilities location study.

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

Resolution No. 35937

Implementing a 0.25 percent fee for Renewal Community, Commercial Revitalization Deduction federal tax incentive applications to reimburse administrative expenses associated with the program, which allocates up to \$12 million annually.

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

Resolution No. 35938

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with design team artists, Stuart Keeler and Michael Machnic, d.b.a. IXL, Limited Liability Company, in the amount of \$350,000, for the implementation of artwork designed for the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center funded by the One percent for the Arts Ordinance.

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

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Dr. Mary Elizabeth Donovan	Chair, Arts Commission
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A
Phyllis Harrison	940 Broadway; Owner of art gallery
Will Baker	piercecountyinsider.com

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

Resolution No. 35939

Directing the replacement of out-of-service streetlight circuits be done expeditiously using the City’s emergency contracting processes; and increasing the contract with North Coast Electric Company, in the amount of \$260,646, to a new total of \$343,204, to deliver the streetlight poles necessary for replacement of the out-of-service streetlight circuits.

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

Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A
Denis Rosnick	614 North Yakima
Will Baker	piercecountyinsider.com

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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The public hearing was considered earlier in the meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Evans moved to reconsider the vote on Resolution No. 35932 relating to the defense of our Bill of Rights. Seconded by Mayor Baarsma.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 4 – Evans, Miller, Moss, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 4 – Ladenburg, Lonergan, Phelps, and Talbert

Absent 1 – McGavick

The motion was declared failed.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jim Walton gave an update on the domestic violence training provided to over 400 City employees during mid-June to July. He stated the sessions were rated very high and that a more detailed report would be provided in next week’s Weekly Letter. He then reminded Council and the public that City offices will be closed on September 2, 2003, for Labor Day. He stated there would not be a Weekly Report this week, but that mail packets would be provided to Council as usual.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to excuse Council Member McGavick from tonight’s meeting. Seconded by Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Phelps stated there was a great turnout for the inaugural run of Tacoma Link with over 3,000 boarding during the first five hours. He stated DeVita and Pierce County Medical were requesting an earlier run for their 6 a.m. shift employees. He stated the event was capped off with a concert by the Wailers at the Theatre on the Square Park.

Mayor Baarsma asked for an update on the Sounder Station.

Council Member Phelps replied the new Sounder Station, across from Freighthouse Square, is tentatively scheduled to open on September 15, which means the temporary platform on the north side of Puyallup Avenue will be across from the Link Light Rail connector. He stated it is the first step in going from three trains a day in the morning and three in the afternoon to having 18 roundtrips per day by the year 2005. He stated it will be the only center in the Puget Sound Region that will combine commuter rail, light rail, Amtrak, local Pierce Transit bus service, Sound Transit’s commuter express service, and Greyhound bus service at a central location.

Council Member Lonergan remarked on his employees using the Link and how convenient it is. He reported on the groundbreaking for the development around South 23rd Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way by the Martin Luther King Housing

Development Association. He reported there was a back-to-school event with the Seahawks at Stanley Playfield. He then acknowledged the Reverend Ivory Crittendon for his hard work in opening the Christian Brotherhood Academy in the south end of the Hilltop area and stated they also held a back-to-school celebration last Saturday.


Mayor Baarsma stated Deputy Mayor Moss will be Acting Mayor from August 27 until September 8, 2003, while he is out of the area. He stated he had spoken with Congressman Dicks, who is committed to the Train to the Mountain. He stated Senator Murray met with the Executive Council and was asked to work on procuring an appropriation to continue to move forward. He stated the \$3 million grant from the state was a real motivator.

Mayor Baarsma met with Congressmen Dicks and Smith and the King County Executive to celebrate the opening of the Tacoma Link. He stated it was 75 years ago that the Seattle-Tacoma Interurban line was shut down and that the last streetcar rolled into the garage on December 31, 1928. He said it was a great event to celebrate returning to a magnificent public transit system.

Mayor Baarsma promised he would mention that both Mr. Jiri Kulis, Economic and Commercial Counselor, Embassy of the Czech Republic, and Mr. Josep Husek, Chair of the Board of Directors, Director General, INEKOON Group, of the Czech Republic, had attended the Tacoma Link celebration.

Mayor Baarsma reminded everyone that the City Council study session, Committee of the Whole, and meeting of September 2, 2003, have been canceled and that the next regularly scheduled meetings will be on September 9, 2003, at noon, 2 p.m., and 5 p.m., respectively.

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


BILL BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: Doris Sorum
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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