



City Council Minutes

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

February 25, 2003

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

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

Council Members Absent: 1 ~ Ladenburg.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member McGavick.

(Council Member Ladenburg arrived at 5:09 p.m.)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, February 25, 2003.
- b. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, January 22, 2003.
- c. Minutes of the Planning Commission special meeting, January 29, 2003, and regular meeting, February 5, 2003.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of February 18, 2003.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 35767

Setting Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at approximately 5:30 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed sale of the City's surplus property located near 176th Avenue SE, in Kent, King County, Washington.

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Resolution No. 35768

Setting Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at approximately 5:30 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed partial release of the City's Second Supply Pipeline Easement property located between Thomas Road and 188th Avenue in Kent, King County, Washington.

Resolution No. 35769

Approving the final plat of "STUART PLACE," a seven-lot, single-family residential subdivision located along the west side of South K Street, between South 88th and South 92nd Streets, at 9002 South K Street. (Steve Gano and Kathy Gano; File No. PLT2002-00009)

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 35767 through 35769, be approved. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 35767 through 35769, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed March 3, 2003, as "Read Across America Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Sue Nygard and Ms. Frances Fleischmann, Co-chairs of the Read Across America Event.

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed "Military Personnel and Veterans Appreciation" in Tacoma and presented the proclamation to Mr. Sal Cantu, Mayor's Veterans Task Force and Mr. John Mansfield, Past Commander of VFW Post 969 in Tacoma and Commander of the South Sound Bases for U.S. Submarine Veterans.

(Mayor Baarsma noted that VFW Post 969 is the largest Post in Washington state with over 2,000 men and women as members.)

Mayor Baarsma announced that Ordinance No. 27048 regarding amendments to Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code relating to the implementation of rates of pay and compensation for certain unrepresented employees will be removed from the Council's agenda.

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REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27044

Amending Subtitle 16B of the Tacoma Municipal Code, by adding 17 new chapters relating to telecommunications; and amending Chapter 1.23 of the Municipal Code to provide authority for the Hearing Examiner to hear the appeals authorized pursuant to Subtitle 16B.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Lonergan

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27045

Accepting \$17,294 from the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund; and authorizing the execution of a grant award agreement with said agency for emergency management planning activities.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27046

Authorizing the transfer of City-owned property to the Tacoma Rescue Mission and Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, and terminating the Tacoma Rescue Mission's lease of the City/County-owned property.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Recused: 1 – Lonergan

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27047

Amending Chapter 12.08 relating to a housekeeping adjustment for rates and charges for Wastewater Management Services.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27048

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for certain unrepresented employees.

Council Member McGavick moved to remove Ordinance No. 27048 from the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 27048 was removed from the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., requested an Executive Session to review personnel performance, the session not to exceed 60 minutes.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to cancel the following City Council meetings for 2003: May 27th, September 2nd, November 11th and 25th, and December 23rd and 30th. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Moss stated that she attended a celebration at the Pantages Theatre sponsored by Black History and Labor. She stated that presentations were made by

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second generations of famous people. She stated that she felt very privileged to be able to attend.

Mayor Baarsma stated that he made opening remarks at the Black History Celebration held at the Pantages Theatre. He stated that he had the opportunity to share with the audience that the City Council is recommending that South 12th Street be renamed after The Reverend Ernest S. Brazil. The Mayor reported that the audience was very receptive to that recommendation.

Council Member Evans stated that he had attended the International Film & Food Festival at the Blue Mouse Theatre, sponsored by the City of Tacoma's Sister City Committees. He also stated that the Sister City featured was Taichung, Taiwan and that the Taiwanese Council was in Tacoma. Council Member Evans stated that next week Sister City Kiryat-Motzkin, Israel will be featured. He congratulated Debra King, Tacoma Economic Development, and the Sister City Committees for a successful season with the Festival.

Council Member Lonergan congratulated Ms. Justine Archer, who received the "Helen Staffer Courageous Woman Award." He requested information relative to evening inspections of the City's night clubs. Council Member Lonergan also informed citizens that 22 parks around the city have been identified by Metro Parks for maintenance cut-backs of the property and the buildings due to budget restraints. He stated that the Public Works Department has also furnished the City Council with a list of 29 locations throughout the city which will not be maintained, also due to budget limitations. Council Member Lonergan stated that the City Council faced the budget limitations tonight by removing the ordinance which would have given market-rate increases to certain employees. He stated that city employees are loyal, intelligent people who know the city is in a bind. He stated that everyone deserves to be paid well for the jobs they perform. Council Member Lonergan stated our employees are paid well and have a good retirement program with reasonable job security compared to others. He stated that he trusts that the employees will continue to work for the City. Council Member Lonergan stated that being consistent on budgetary issues is important.

Council Member Talbert announced that the City Council meeting of March 18, 2003, will be held in District #4 at Gault Middle School at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by a Town Hall meeting. He stated that he hoped to unveil and present an Eastside marketing program. He encouraged citizens to attend.

Mayor Baarsma stated that the City Council and Town Hall meeting will be taped and broadcast on Channel 12.

Council Member McGavick stated that from her perspective the City Council made a commitment to the market-rate study three years ago. She stated that while she understands there are budget issues, she would have voted in favor of the market-rate ordinance. She stated that commitments were made to individuals. Council Member McGavick stated that the ordinance which was removed from the agenda tonight would have fulfilled that commitment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Began at 5:36 p.m.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding amendments to Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code relative to Special Needs Housing/Group Care Homes.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Chris Robinson	Regional Administrator, Children and Family Services
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1A

The public hearing was declared closed at 5:41 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to convene to Executive Session to review personnel performance, the session not to exceed 60 minutes. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 5:42 p.m. At 6:40 p.m., Mayor Baarsma extended the Executive Session for an additional hour.

The City Council reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Held earlier in the meeting.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

The City Manager's Report was heard earlier in the meeting.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Comments and Committee Reports of the City Council were given earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


 WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

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ATTEST: 
 DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK