



# City Council Minutes

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

July 28, 1998

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

Present on roll call: 8 - Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 1 - Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Crowley.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **Resolution No. 34124**

Setting Tuesday, September 8, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner, on the request to vacate the north 20 feet of South 12th Street adjacent to 6615 South 12th Street. (Kyung Yang; File No. 124.1074)

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

- a. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library, June 17, 1998.
- b. Washington State Auditor's Office, Audit Report, Law Enforcement Support Agency, 1995-1996.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 34124, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

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Mayor Ebersole welcomed a delegation from Davao City, Philippines, which included students from the Philippine Women's College of Davao.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the day of Tuesday, August 4, 1998, as "National Night Out" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Ernest (Chino) Ramirez.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Hearing Examiner recommending LID No. 8621, for the placement of permanent pavement on the alley between North 22nd and North 24th Streets from Monroe to Tyler Streets, not be formed due to a 57.26 percent remonstrance.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26237**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located on the west half of the Gray Lumber Company property fronting on Sixth Avenue between Proctor and Adams Streets from a "C-2" Commercial District to an "M-1" Light Industrial District for the development of an outdoor lumber storage area.  
(Gray Lumber; File No. REZ97-00012)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Baarsma

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 26273**

Appropriating \$165,000 from the Capital-Reserve Communications Equipment Replacement Fund for the purchase of communications equipment; and declaring an

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emergency, making necessary the passage of this Ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Baarsma

The Ordinance was declared passed.

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 26274**

Vacating a portion of the alley between East 25th and East 26th Streets, east of A Street, to the I-705 freeway to consolidate the properties and eliminate the right-of-way. (Equity Residential Properties; File No. 124.1071)

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 34125**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Development Council, in the amount of \$35,000, to continue the operation of the Minor Home Repair Program, including weatherization assistance to qualified homeowners.

Deputy Mayor 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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**Resolution No. 34126**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Development Council, in the amount of \$100,000, to continue operation of the Emergency Minor Home Repair Program.

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

**Resolution No. 34127**

Approving the issuance of \$10,000,000 of nonrecourse revenue bonds, by the Washington Economic Development Finance Authority, to finance an economic development facility, located at 1840 Marine View Drive, for Ace Tank & Equipment Company.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Allan Reese	Ace Tank & Equipment Company

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

**Resolution No. 34128**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with William M. Factory Small Business Incubator, in the amount of \$130,270, to administer the Small Business Incubator Program in accordance with the Final 1998 City of Tacoma Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

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

**Resolution No. 34129**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County, in the amount of \$45,350, for the Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful Project in accordance with the Final 1998 City of Tacoma Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

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

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**Resolution No. 34130**

Supporting the request of the Washington State Department of Transportation to increase the speed limit on SR-509 to 60 miles per hour from East D Street to Milwaukee Way and to 50 miles per hour from Port of Tacoma Road to Taylor Way.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. requested an Executive Session to consider the acquisition of real estate, the session not to exceed 45 minutes.

Mr. Corpuz requested a six-month residency waiver for Ms. Lelian Solip for the position of Energy Marketing Manager for Tacoma Power.

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Council Member Miller moved to authorize the City Manager to grant a six-month residency waiver to Ms. Lelian Solip to fill the position of an Energy Services Marketing Manager for Tacoma Power. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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Mr. Corpuz thanked all the volunteers for their efforts at the All America City picnic at Wrights Park. He stated that it was a significant night where people enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Corpuz announced that Allen Correll, Human Rights Department Manager, is doing well after his back surgery.

Mayor Ebersole congratulated City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. and Nancy Forster, Assistant to the City Manager, on the success of the All America City picnic.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that he had the opportunity to attend Ethnic Fest on Sunday. He stated that the food was great and the event was well attended.

Deputy Mayor Crowley stated that he and Council Member Phelps had met with Jim Rouse, an associate director of Praxair Inc., who spoke regarding Tacoma Power. He stated that this company recognized the Department of Public Utilities as the number one utility they do business with, and they do business with over 60 utilities in North America. He stated that Praxair Inc., is the world's largest producer of industrial

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gases. He stated that Praxair Inc., recognized the Department of Public Utilities and presented them as the highest rated supplier amongst the more than 60 utilities serving North America, and they specifically mentioned the great working relationship they have with Mr. Mark Crisson, Director of Utilities, and Steve Klein, Light Superintendent. Deputy Mayor Crowley congratulated the Department of Public Utilities for being named the top utility that this company works with.

Council Member Phelps also congratulated the Department of Public Utilities and stated that the criteria that Praxair Inc., used for how they awarded the top utility was very interesting. He stated that, for a number of years, Tacoma has ranked amongst their lowest cost providers and yet they never made it into the top tier of how they do their rankings. He stated that what really pushed them into the top tier is that some of the criteria they used to analyze who should receive this award is responsiveness to individual needs and the willingness to meet with key people to design plans for the future. He stated that the representatives from Praxair Inc., stated that both Mark Crisson, Director of Utilities, and Steve Klein, Light Superintendent, have been very responsive to their company.

Council Member Silas commended the City on the picnic the City held for the citizens of Tacoma. She stated that it was the City's way of thanking the citizens because without them the City would never have received that award.

Council Member Silas stated that she also attended the Ethnic Fest on Saturday, June 25, 1998, and stated that the event was well attended and that it was another beautiful event held within the City of Tacoma.

Council Member Silas stated that her district will have at least 26 different block parties during National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 4, 1998. She stated that she plans on attending at least ten of them after the City Council meeting.

Mayor Ebersole announced that Click! Network provided cable television to its first customer, Mr. Damon Monroe, who lives on the west side of Tacoma.

Mayor Ebersole complimented Mr. Bill Philip and Mr. Herb Simon who raised \$50,000 from each of 30 different individuals for a total of \$1.5 million to begin a scholarship program for the University of Washington, Tacoma students. He stated that the top student at each of the Community and Technical Colleges will receive a scholarship for years to come to attend the University of Washington, Tacoma.

Mayor Ebersole stated that he had attended a Samoan Flag Day at Wapato Park. He stated that at least 300 Samoan-Americans were in attendance. He stated that the event was very colorful, with dancing and a variety of festivities. He stated that it was another great community celebration.

Mayor Ebersole stated his concerns regarding the imprisonment of Father Bill Bichsel. He stated that the City Council may not have always agreed with Father Bichsel, but using a jail cell for a 70-year-old priest, who happens to have a different philosophical orientation, is not the way the City Council would like to use the precious resource of a federal prison cell. He stated that the prison cells should be reserved for violent people.

Mayor Ebersole stated that Father Bichsel does not fit into that category and that a courageous judge would have sentenced him to community service. He then stated that he supported those people who are working on getting Father Bichsel out of federal prison.

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Council Member Kirby moved to excuse Council Member Baarsma from the meeting tonight. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

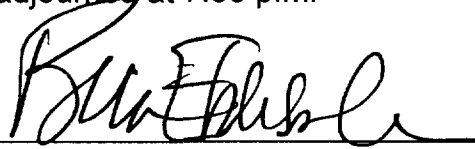
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Council Member Miller moved to convene to Executive Session to consider acquisition of real estate, the session not to exceed 45 minutes. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. At 6:50 p.m. Mayor Ebersole returned to the dais to announce the Executive Session would continue for an additional 30 minutes. At 7:20 p.m. Deputy Mayor Crowley returned to the dais to announce the Executive Session would continue for an additional 20 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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