



City Council Minutes

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

March 16, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Kirby. Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member De Forrest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 2, 1999.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Rolls for the following:

- LID No. 8585 for the placement of permanent alley pavement on the alley between North 25th and North 26th Streets from Washington to Adams Streets
- LID No. 8586 for the placement of permanent alley pavement on the alley between North 11th and North 12th Streets from Union Avenue to Washington Street
- LID No. 8587 for the placement of permanent alley pavement on the alley between North L and North M Streets from North 6th to North 7th Streets
- LID No. 8594 for the placement of permanent alley pavement on the alley between Washington and Adams Streets from North 11th to North 12th Streets

Setting Tuesday, April 6, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner’s Agenda, March 23, 1999.
- b. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 24, 1999.
- c. Minutes of the Rainier Communications Commission, November 18, 1998.
- d. Minutes of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, February 3, 1999.
- e. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, February 11, 1999.
- f. Foss Waterway Development Authority Annual Report, 1998.
- g. Foss Waterway Development Authority Master Redevelopment Strategy, 1999-2003.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

PROCLAMATION

Deputy Mayor Kirby proclaimed the day of March 17, 1999, to be "Youth Safety Day" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Connie Rickman.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Hearing Examiner recommending the request to vacate North 33rd Street west of Puget Sound Avenue to the alley be dismissed. (Stuart Hanson; File No. 124.1075)

Council Member Crowley moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Roll call vote was requested and taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The motion was declared adopted.

- b. Hearing Examiner recommending the request to vacate the alley between Puyallup Avenue and East 25th Street from East K to East L Streets be dismissed. (Savage Wholesale Building Materials; File No. 124.1047)

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Council Member Crowley moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Roll call vote was requested and taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The motion was declared adopted.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26308

Vacating a portion of Cascade Avenue south of North 13th Street and north of North 10th Street to combine the vacated right-of-way with abutting property. (Hugh Askren; File No. 124.1066)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26362

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located on the east side of 9415 Pacific Avenue, abutting the east side of the Hiatt car dealership, from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "C-2" Commercial District to allow the property to be used as an unpaved vehicle storage area. (Stephen A. Hiatt; File No. REZ98-00010)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

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Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26370

Repealing Ordinance No. 25518 and granting American Pacific Telephone the right, privilege and permission to install, maintain, and operate public telephone booths at designated locations on the streets and sidewalks of the City of Tacoma.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26378

Amending Ordinance No. 25953 to allow the Department of Public Utilities, Water Division, to use the line of credit with Seafirst Bank for interim funding of 1999/2000 capital projects.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 26379

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

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26380

Repealing and re-enacting Chapters 2.01 and 5.46 of the Municipal Code to combine the Dangerous Buildings and the Minimum Housing Codes into one chapter entitled “Minimum Building and Structures Code.”

Council Member Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26380. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Baarsma, Crowley, McGavick, Phelps, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Kirby

Nays: 1 – De Forrest

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26381

Amending Chapter 1.23 of the Municipal Code by amending Section 1.23.050 to allow the Hearing Examiner to hear appeals from the Building Official arising from the Minimum Building and Structures Code.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26382

Amending Chapter 2.17 of the Municipal Code relating to procedures for appeals from the Board of Building Appeals.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 – Miller and Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26383

Establishing, ratifying, modifying and confirming rates and charges for railway switching performed by the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line Railway, effective April 1, 1999.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26384

Amending Chapter 11.50 of the Municipal Code to amend the parking regulations relating to City-owned parking facilities.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26385

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Washington State through the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, in the amount of \$2,500; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund for expenses associated with a pilot program to encourage the securing of water heaters to prevent damage during earthquakes.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26386

Amending various chapters of the Municipal Code to reorganize and rename the Human Rights Department to the Human Rights and Human Services Department; the Department of Planning and Development Services to the Tacoma Economic Development Department; and to perform various housekeeping measures.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26387

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Pierce County Department of Aging and Long Term Care, in the amount of \$254,850; depositing in and appropriating \$239,850 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund and \$15,000 from the General Fund for various senior services and the Senior Center Nutrition Program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26388

Accepting \$137,594 from the United States Department of Justice COPS School-Based Partnership grant funds; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund to analyze safety in schools.

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address/Affiliation |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Phyllis Barrett | 912 South Cushman |
| Christina Merez | 920 South 9 th Street |

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26389

Amending Chapters 3.02, 3.09, and Title 3 of the Municipal Code relating to the Fire Prevention Code and the maintenance of portable fire extinguishers; and adding a new chapter entitled Mobile Fueling Operating and Permitting Requirements.

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address/Affiliation |
|-----------------|--|
| Lavern Kerry | McLaughlin & Associates |
| Bill Stofficker | Coalition of Fleet Fueling Companies in Washington State |
| Mitch Johnson | Boston Fuel Company |
| Fred Whitaker | Pacific NW Energy |
| John Nichols | Nichols Trucking Company |

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34342

Awarding contracts to:

1. Kelly Services, in the amount of \$207,000, to increase its contract for temporary personnel services for Public Works and the Tacoma Dome – Specification No. F-002-98;
2. Boise Cascade Office Products, in the amount of \$150,000, to increase its contract for office supplies – Specification No. G-010-93;
3. Ink, Inc., in the amount of \$32,570, to extend and increase its contract for Fire Department seasonal uniform wear – Specification No. G-007-98;
4. Tacoma Daily Index, Inc., on its bid of \$100,000, for publication of City legal notices – Specification No. G-011-99;
5. Pacific Coast Truck Center, in the amount of \$55,840.23, for one 2½-ton 1999 cab and chassis unit to maintain traffic signals and street lights; and
6. Approval of various Open Purchase Orders over \$25,000 for the Steam Plant.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 6, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 6, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34343

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 174 to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Agreement to increase the maximum loan amount under the Emergency Major Home Repair Program from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

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

Resolution No. 34344

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with the Fourth and I Street Investors, LLC, for the rehabilitation of 43 units of permanent, affordable, senior, multi-family housing located at 319-321 North I Street in the Stadium Residential Target Area.

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

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Speaking before the Council was:

| Name | Address/Affiliation |
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| Catherine Tamaro | Co-Owner, Annabee Apartments |

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

Resolution No. 34345

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Executive Office of Weed and Seed of the United States Department of Justice, in the amount of \$225,000, to support project activities by law enforcement and neighborhood restoration by Safe Streets.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

Speaking before the Council was:

| Name | Address/Affiliation |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Phyllis Barrett | 912 South Cushman |

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

Resolution No. 34346

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with GeoChem Metrix, in the amount of \$35,000, for assistance in the Thea Foss Waterway arbitration process.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. reminded the Council that Council Members Baarsma and Miller, Mayor Ebersole, and environmental staff person Judith Lorbeir have been intimately involved with the Chinook salmon issue. He stated that the Tri-County Executive Committee submitted a package to the media which contained actions that this Council adopted February 16 — a commitment to early action to deal with the issue of endangered salmon. He then stated that the National Marine Fisheries Service made a commitment towards the City of Tacoma to address this issue.

Mr. Corpuz then reported that Matthew Schwartz, Executive Director of the Thea Foss Waterway Public Development Authority, is resigning to return to Miami Beach. He stated that Mr. Swartz came to us with the credentials of an experienced professional in the development area, particularly the public side of the development arena, so we will miss that expertise. He said we are losing a valuable resource who has contributed a great deal in the short time he has been here.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

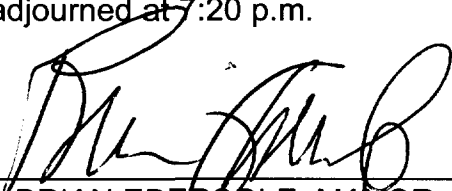
Council Member Silas thanked those who attended from the Hilltop Action Coalition, then wished everyone a happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Council Member McGavick mentioned “Women’s Awareness Week” and “Women’s Awareness Month.” She noted there had been a Girl Scout luncheon last week with many staff attending. She congratulated the winners, in particular Babe Ware, who has been very active in community events.

Council Member Baarsma discussed an article in the March issue of the *Los Angeles Times* regarding light rail.

Council Member Crowley congratulated the Dome staff for the good job they did in putting on the boys’ basketball tournament. He congratulated Bellarmine, Wilson and Lincoln for a good job even though they did not win.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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