



City Council Minutes

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

March 23, 2004 – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Council Members Present: 9 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Ladenburg.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Charter Review Preamble Sub-Committee, February 4, 2004.
- b. Minutes of the Government Performance & Finance Committee, February 19, 2004.
- c. Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, March 1, 2004.
- d. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, February 11, 2004.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Housing Authority, January 28, 2004.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session, January 13, 2004 and meeting, March 2, 2004.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27212

Vacating a portion of North Ferdinand Street between North 9th and North 10th Streets for residential landscaping and construction of a detached garage. (Bernard and Janet Paul; File No. 124.1204)

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Ordinance No. 27213

Vacating a portion of Mason Avenue, southwest of the Center Street right-of-way, for the installation of a secured entryway with guard shack for the Overlook Rim and Olympic Ridge apartments. (George Petrie; File No. 124.1205)

Ordinance No. 27214

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, related to zoning, to reclassify the property located at 8839 Pacific Avenue, from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "C-1" Commercial District for an approximately 5,000-square-foot, 2-story retail building with associated parking for approximately 30 vehicles. (William Higgins; File No. REZ2002-00008)

Deputy Mayor Evans moved that the Consent Agenda, including Ordinance Nos. 27212 through 27214 be approved. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 27212 and 27214. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Lonergan recused himself.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 27213. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Ordinance Nos. 27212 through 27214, was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed March 30, 2004, to be "Taco Bell Teen Supreme Teen Center Day" and read the proclamation.

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed March 24, 2004, to be "George Tanbara Day" and read the proclamation.

Mayor Baarsma recognized Ms. Doris Sorum, City Clerk, for receiving the 2004 City Clerk of the Year award from the Washington Municipal Clerks Association.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time set aside for public comment on items on the agenda. Speakers are asked to identify the specific agenda items they wish to address and comments will be limited to up to five minutes per person.

Public Comment began at 5:15 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Subject
Allen Douglass	2012 - 70 th Avenue West, Apt. A-4	Resolution No. 36133
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman Avenue	Resolution No. 31133

Public Comment closed at 5:25 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27210

Amending Chapter 17.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to animal control to allow a reduced license fee for cats and dogs for an individual with a permanent disability who resides within the city limits.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27211

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Child Care and Early Learning; accepting, depositing in, and appropriating \$5,000 from the Human Rights and Human Services Special Revenue Fund for child care resource and referral services.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.



FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27215

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$2,153,879; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division Fund for the upgrade of the 64-mile-long Mountain Division Rail line located between Tacoma and Morton, Washington; and amending the Biennial Budget for 2003-2004.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 36128

Authorizing the execution of a transfer/assignment agreement with Horner Telecommunications Company, LLC, (HTC) and Communications Management Services, LLC, (CMS) for the transfer/assignment of the HTC telecommunications franchise, including the acquisition of HTC facilities and equipment located in the City's rights-of-way for the provision of pay phone services.

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

Resolution No. 36129

Adopting the 2004 Washington State Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction including the Division 1-99, American Public Works Association Supplement; and further repealing the 2002 Standard Specifications and City of Tacoma's amendments to said specifications, except existing and contemplated contracts where said specifications are incorporated therein and/or referenced.

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

Resolution No. 36130

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Metropolitan West Asset Management, LLC, to provide investment counseling and management services for the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System's Core Plus Bond Portfolio, for an estimated base fee of \$217,393.74 per year, plus an estimated amount for potential growth of the investment for a maximum possible fee of \$1,086,968.71 per year, for the period of April 1, 2004, through March 31, 2007.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Ladenburg. Voice vote was taken and carried with two votes in opposition (Council Members Ladenburg and Phelps). The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 36131

Accepting \$35,000 from the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with said agency to continue implementation of Tacoma's Buildable Lands Program pursuant to the Growth Management Act.

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

Resolution No. 36132

Accepting \$540,375 from the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with said agency to construct the seawall, beach and park enhancements to complete Phase I of the Chinese Reconciliation Park Project.

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

Resolution No. 36133

Modifying the function and purpose of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee to address the expanded scope of public safety issues.

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

Council Member Phelps moved to amend page 5, line 16 to change the meeting location to Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jim Walton mentioned the release of the State Auditor Final Report 2002 and 2003 Financial Report. He stated there is opportunity for improvement in the financial procedures, including the use of procurement cards, overspending prevention measures, and the City's Historically Under-utilized Businesses business operations and procedures. He stated his intention to develop an action plan for improvement in specified areas and assured Council that they will be kept apprised of the progress of implementing the recommendations through the Government Performance and Finance Committee.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Anderson reported on her recent visit to St. Leo's Catholic Church food connection program where they set an unpleasant record by enrolling 29 new eligible working families for the food bank in one night.

Council Member Phelps indicated his concern regarding two items for staff follow-up. He stated first that he received an email from a constituent who was concerned that the property located at 11th and Market Streets is being redeveloped for a halfway house. He requested information as follows: who is the developer; what the City's permit indicates in terms of the use of the building; who will be operating the program; and who is funding the program. He stated that a second constituent conveyed information relating to a North End area with both single-family and converted multi-family homes which are sharing a single refuse container which is consistently overflowing. He asked for information on the City's policy regarding the number of containers required and the enforcement policy. He stated an additional concern was the use of firms located outside of Tacoma and the impact on the City's economic development.

Council Member Talbert announced the official HOPE VI project construction kick off on March 25th at the Salishan Family Center.

Mayor Baarsma announced his trip up north with a team from the Salvation Army on Thursday. He stated the Kroc family estate donated \$1.6 billion to the Salvation Army for the construction and operation of community centers.

Deputy Mayor Evans announced his attendance at the Cascade Land Conservancy meeting with Ken Merry, Water Superintendent, and accepted the title to a large area of land consisting of old growth timber located in the City's watershed. He announced upcoming planting events at the Tahoma Salt Marsh and the Chinese Reconciliation Park site in Old Town.

Mayor Baarsma reminded everyone that next week's Council meeting would be held at the Gonyea Boys and Girls Club at 5136 North 26th Street, followed by a Town Hall meeting at approximately 6 p.m.

Council Member Manthou announced the Town Hall meeting topics, including presentations on the new Police Headquarters and neighborhood substations and a Narrows Bridge project update. He then asked the City Manager for information on an agreement with the Sheraton Hotel.

Council Member Stenger quoted a section of the Council Rules relating to motions to reconsider. He then asked for more information from staff regarding Resolution No. 36130 before the next Council meeting.

Council Member Talbert announced that the McKinley Hill Park association will be holding its first mowing party on Saturday and encouraged residents who are concerned with McKinley Park to join in the park upkeep.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: Doris Sorum
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK