

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
February 13, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Evans.

CONSENT AGENDA

PETITION:

Paul O. Geske requesting the reclassification of the property located at 3926 South Tyler Street from a "R-3" Two- and Three- Family Dwelling District to a "R-4-L" Multiple Family Dwelling District to allow improvements of two basement areas to be used as apartments. (Paul O. Geske; File No. REZ96-00003)

For referral to the Hearing Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 33213 (Continued from the meeting of January 9, 1996.)

Setting Tuesday, January 2, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the alley between 28th and 29th Streets NE east of 62nd Avenue NE to combine the abutting properties to allow construction of an addition to the existing building. (Thunderchief Smoke Shop; File No. 124.1026)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearing Examiner agenda for February 13, 1996.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission, January 3, 1996.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Downtown Tacoma Parking Commission, January 10, 1996.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Committee, January 18, 1996.
- e. Minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee, December 18, 1995.
- f. Minutes of the meeting of the Transportation Committee, January 11, 1996.

- g. Minutes of the meeting of the Civil Service Board, December 18, 1995.
- h. Minutes of the meeting of the Fire Safety Education Advisory Committee, February 1, 1996.
- i. Amended and restated Bylaws adopted by Resolution No. 3-96 of the Board of Authority of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority at the special meeting of January 11, 1996.

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 33213 to the meeting of March 12, 1996. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. Resolution No. 33213 is continued to March 12, 1996.

Council Member Evans moved that the Consent Agenda, including continuing Resolution No. 33213 to the meeting of March 12, 1996, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including continuing Resolution No. 33213, was declared approved.

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the day of February 19, 1996, to be "Vietnamese New Year" and presented the proclamation to Mr. Huynh Tuan.

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the month of February 1996 to be "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Month" and presented the proclamation to Ms. Susan Jensen.

Mr. Robert Trotter, General Manager of the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, presented the City of Tacoma with a check for \$358,072 of additional interest for 1995 in accordance with the City's Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) agreement.

REGULAR AGENDA

Council Member De Forrest moved to suspend the rules to consider additional Resolution No. 33303. Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Resolution No. 33303

Confirming and ratifying the Proclamation of Emergency of February 8, 1996, proclaimed by the City Manager because of flooding, mud slides and other severe problems within the City of Tacoma caused by heavy rains; and further resolving that the emergency has passed.

Council Member Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest.

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Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
William Lokey	Director, Pierce County Department of Emergency Management

Council Member De Forrest moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 33303 which removes the statement that the emergency has passed. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Silas moved that Substitute Resolution No. 33303 be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Substitute Resolution was declared adopted.

COMMUNICATION:

Hearing Examiner recommending modification of a previously-approved reclassification for the property located at 6234 Tacoma Mall Boulevard, to allow for the construction of a 25,000 square foot retail store with warehouse space, rather than three buildings with a total of 26,400 square feet. (People's Furniture; File No. 120.1248B)

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25788

Vacating a small portion of Lawrence Street south of South 16th Street to allow construction of a non-profit, assisted living facility. (Crown Assisted Living Development; File No. 124.955)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Crowley.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25844

Amending Section 11.05.490 of the Municipal Code relative to the designation of arterial streets and designating South 21st Street from A Street to Jefferson Avenue as an arterial and de-designating South 19th Street from Jefferson to Jackson Avenues.

Mayor Ebersole noted for the record that "Jefferson to Jackson Avenues" should read "Jefferson to Pacific Avenues."

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Louise Batchelor	5314 North 46th Street

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 25845

Vacating portions of South 19th Street and adjacent streets lying between Pacific and Jefferson Avenues to facilitate construction within the proposed Phase I development of the University of Washington Tacoma campus. (University of Washington; File No. 124.1020)

Council Member Evans moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

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

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Ordinance No. 25846

Amending Chapter 6.68 of the Municipal Code by adding a new business and occupation tax classification relative to reducing the tax rate on international investment management services effective July 1, 1996.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Warren Thompson	Frank Russell Company
James McDonald	Frank Russell Company
Kevin Phelps	City Center Board, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Joe McCann	Pacific Lutheran University, School of Business
Steve Ellis	Tacoma Community College, Downtown Center
Catherine Rudolph	Benton, Benton & Company

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS: (Began at approximately 6:32 p.m.)

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Code and modifying land use permit procedures which would implement requirements of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1724 adopted by the Washington State Legislature in 1995.

There were no citizens speaking before the Council. The hearing was declared closed at 7:15 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 33281 (Continued from the meeting of February 6, 1996.)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Park District, in the amount of \$200,000, for the purchase of the Harmon property located at 1933 Dock Street.

Council Members Evans moved to continue Resolution No. 33281 to the meeting of February 27, 1996. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 33281 will be continued to February 27, 1996.

Purchase Resolution No. 33298

Awarding contracts to:

1. Wajax Pacific Fire Equipment, Inc., on their bid of \$38,546.42, for fire hose and couplings - Specification No. G-054-95;
2. Munnell & Sherrill, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000, to increase their contract for conveyor belt parts and services - Open Purchase Order No. 3654;
3. Streich Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$200,000, to increase their contract for heavy equipment maintenance and repair services - Open Purchase Order No. 3660;
4. Pacific Coast Truck Center, in the amount of \$150,000, to increase their contract for truck parts and service - Open Purchase Order No. 3656;
5. Northwest Signal Supply, Inc., on their bid of \$119,688.08, for solid state traffic actuated controllers - Specification No. G-009-96; and
6. McCain Traffic Supply, on their bid of \$29,110.13, for induction loop detector amplifiers - Specification No. G-002-96.

Council Member Evans moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 2, 3 and 4, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item Nos. 2, 3 and 4, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33299

Approving the preliminary plat of STERLING MEADOWS, located in the vicinity of East 52nd and East N Streets, to subdivide the property into 15 residential lots. (Jerry Barnett; File No. 125.362)

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

Resolution No. 33300

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Park District for the operations of the South End Neighborhood Center.

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

Council Member De Forrest moved to continue Resolution No. 33300 to the meeting of February 20, 1996. Seconded by Council Member Kirby.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Louise Batchelor	5314 North 46th Street

Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted. Resolution No. 33300 will be considered at the meeting of February 20, 1996.

Resolution No. 33301

Authorizing the execution of an extension to the lease agreement with the University of Washington, in the amount of \$7,320, for warehouse space located at 1925 Commerce for the Emergency Home Repair Program effective January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996.

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

Resolution No. 33302

Authorizing the submittal of a planning grant proposal to the Economic Development Administration (EDA), in the amount of \$100,000, to support efforts to revitalize business districts in the Hilltop and Eastside areas.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council Member Miller moved that the City Attorney be authorized to settle and dismiss the case of *Orchard Terrace Joint Venture v. City of Tacoma*, and that the City be authorized by the settlement to purchase the Orchard Terrace property by assuming its mortgage and paying \$825,000. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Silas.

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Council Member De Forrest moved to continue the motion to the meeting of February 20, 1996. Seconded by Council Member Kirby. Voice vote was taken and carried with Council Member McGavick voting in opposition.

The motion will be considered at the meeting of February 20, 1996.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. announced that a Car Classic race is scheduled in the City of Tacoma for June 16, 1996, Father's Day. The race is scheduled to start at Union Station. Mr. Corpuz stated that the Car Classic will bring an estimated 1000 bednights to local hotels.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Miller moved to excuse Council Member Crowley's from the Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Miller asked the City Manager to provide information regarding the cost for a half hour of time from the Public Works maintenance crews and equipment going out and working on various projects throughout the City.

Council Member De Forrest expressed his concern that the City is endorsing marketing by Jack-in-the-Box by handing out coupons through the City-sponsored event "Random Acts of Kindness".

City Manager Ray Corpuz, Jr. stated that the "Random Acts of Kindness" is a project for the Volunteers of America in cooperation with Jack-in-the-Box.

Council Member Miller requested staff respond to two issues regarding the storm drainage utility rate structure. Council Member Miller questioned the appropriateness of applying a higher residential rate to an entire area of parcel when much of the property may remain undeveloped. He stated that another issue concerned properties not served by a structured storm drainage system and, therefore, assumed to have no impact on the system. Council Member Miller requested staff investigate the basis for the rates in order to segregate those portions of the storm drainage utility charges pertaining to the City wide benefits vs. specific benefits to a parcel of property.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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