CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers December 13, 1994

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

Present on roll call: 9 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Crowley.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of November 29, 1994.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment rolls for the following:

<u>L.I.D. No. 2619</u> for the construction of sidewalks on East 25th Street from East F to East G Streets, and the westerly side of Delin Street, from East 25th Street south approximately 80 feet.

<u>L.I.D. No. 3950</u> for the placement of sanitary sewer in Browns Point Boulevard from 750 feet, more or less, south of 41st Street N.E. to a point 1,250 feet, more or less, south of 41st Street N.E.

Setting Monday, January 23, 1995, at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearing Examiner Agenda for Tuesday, December 13, 1994.
- b. Corrected minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission of November 7, 1994 and minutes of November 21, 1994.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Transportation Committee of November 10, 1994.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission of November 14, 1994.
- e. Report of the Director of Finance, September and October 1994.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

Mayor Moss welcomed the Mayor of Troitsk, Russia who then gave brief remarks on his visit to Tacoma.

Mayor Moss and Ms. Linda Shaffer, Chair of the Human Rights Commission, presented the Hate Crimes Poster Contest Awards to Jennifer Kim, Stephanie Anderson, Cahroeun Roun, Julie Potter and Jung Ah Park, students from various Tacoma schools.

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Moss moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 32858. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 32858

Designating the City of Tacoma as a "Bigotry Free Zone."

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

Speaking before Council were:

Linda Shaffer Laurie Jinkins Human Rights Commission Hate Crimes Task Force

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25641 (Continued from the meeting of December 6, 1994.)

Amending Chapter 12.09 of the Official Code relative to refuse collection and disposal rates for residential and commercial services effective January 1, 1995.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 -- Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 2 - De Forrest and Silas.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25642

Amending the 1993-1994 Biennial Budget of the City of Tacoma and authorizing the transfer of \$375,000 from the General Fund to the Police Relief and Pension Fund for covering year-end expenditures through December 31, 1994.



Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25643

Approving the City of Tacoma's 1995-1996 Biennial Budget.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 25643. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to amend Substitute Ordinance No. 25643 as follows:

Increase the appropriation from the General Fund for the Tacoma Public Library by \$350,000 to a 1995-96 total of \$15,524,000. It is the intent of the City Council with the inclusion of this additional appropriation that the Tacoma Public Library shall maintain all existing hours at Main and all branches. The City Manager shall report to the City Council prior to the mid-biennium on the status of library operations.

Increase the General Fund appropriation by \$30,000 within the Cultural Resources Division of the Planning and Development Services Department to be used to bring the cultural arts small grants level within the 1993-94 budget.

Increase the General Fund appropriation by \$30,000 within the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Development Services Department to support a contract for the development of business strategies within the Central Business District.

Increase the General Fund appropriation by \$33,000 within the Community and Human Development Division of the Planning and Development Services Department to provide additional funding to expand the late night recreation and educational programs currently being offered. It is the intent of the City Council that this appropriation will initially fund late-night youth activities at the Downtown YMCA and Al Davies Boys and Girls Club and shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis by the City Manager.

Additionally, it is the City Council's intent that \$20,000 for 1995 and \$20,000 for 1996 shall be allocated to the Artist in Residence program at Jason Lee Middle School from the General Fund Human Services dollars budgeted within the Planning and Development Services Department.

It is the intent of the City Council that if the Tacoma Fire Department exceeds the 1995-96 budget that has been set for overtime, the department will not be granted an additional appropriation. It will be necessary for the department to cover the additional overtime cost within the current appropriation level contained within the 1995-96 preliminary budget.

It is the intent of the City Council at mid-biennium to review the funding within the Planning and Development Services budget for growth management urban planners and determine the level of appropriate funding. The City Manager shall review and report to the City Council, prior to the mid-biennium, the recommended staffing levels for growth management activities.

Increase the General Fund appropriation to the Federal Development Fund by \$39,390. It is the intent of the City Council to fund two additional LESA communication officers, in conjunction with Pierce County, and one additional domestic violence advocate in the Legal Department budget. The additional appropriation of \$39,390 will be sufficient for a 25 percent match and directs the City Manager to apply for the remaining funding under the Federal Criminal Justice Act. The City Manager is further directed to report back to the City Council, no later than July 1, 1995, on options for handling non-911 business calls currently directed to LESA communication officers.

It is the intent of the City Council to direct the City Manager to actively pursue all federal and state dollars that may become available in the next biennium to be used to fund criminal justice programs and personnel in keeping with the City Council's number one priority of public safety.

The additions to the General Fund will be funded in the following manner:

- 1. Increase accounting charges and late fees for local improvement districts by \$130,000.
- 2. Appropriate \$69,390 from the L.I. Guaranty Fund and transfer to the General Fund.
- 3. Appropriate \$83,000 of increased property tax revenue as a result of the increase in the assessed valuation.
- 4. Reduce the General Fund support to the Central Services Summary Fund by \$115,000.
- 5. Reduce the General Fund strategic plan consultant cost by \$50,000.
- 6. Reduce the General Fund cost for the state auditor by \$35,000.

Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Council Member Kirby suggested a friendly amendment by amending Item No. 1 to read "Increase <u>revenue line items for</u> accounting charges and late fees for local improvement districts by \$130,000." Deputy Mayor Miller concurred with the friendly amendment.

Deputy Mayor Miller noted an amendment to the Library's total budget from \$15,524,000 to \$15,644,933.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Substitute Ordinance No.25643, as amended. The Substitute Ordinance No. 25643, as amended, was declared adopted.

Council Member Kirby moved to amend the Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 25643 as follows:

That the City Manager be directed to involve the City Council in the use of those funds which may become available from the dollar difference between revenues and expenses at the close

of the 1993-94 biennium (commonly referred to as "cash balance available for appropriation") in order to make a portion of those funds available as the City's match for Federal Criminal Justice Act dollars, to consider the funding of up to 20 additional police patrol officers in the second half of the 1995-96 biennium or such other public safety expenditures as may be deemed appropriate by the Council, including, but not limited to, innovative prevention programs, staffing for municipal court, the City Prosecutor's Office, and domestic violence programs. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest.

Council Member De Forrest moved to amend the motion to amend the Amended Substitute Ordinance 25643 by striking the word "or" and replacing it with "and." Seconded by Council Member Kirby.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 1 -- De Forrest.

Nays: 8 -- Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

The amendment to the motion to amend the Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 25643 was declared failed.

Council Member McGavick suggested a friendly amendment to add the phrase "Above 8 to 8.5 percent or one month of the unreserve balance for the projected budget" after the phrase "cash balance available for appropriation."

Deputy Mayor Miller suggested an alternate friendly amendment to read "above the Council's adopted policy goal of undesignated unreserve fund balance" after the phrase "cash balance available for appropriation." Council Member Kirby concurred with this friendly amendment.

Speaking before the Council was:

Linda Olson

LESA

Roll call vote was taken on the amendment to the Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 25643, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 -- Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, and Silas.

Nays: 2 -- Crowley and Mayor Moss.

The Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 25643, as amended was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken on the Amended Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 25643, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 -- Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 0.

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The Amended, Amended Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25644

Approving the ad valorem tax levies for 1995.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 25644. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 -- Baarsma, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss.

Nays: 1 -- McGavick.

Absent: 1 -- Crowley.

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25645

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to implement rates of pay and benefits for represented and unrepresented employees; and authorizing market-based adjustments for 1995.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Crowley.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25646

Amending Chapter 1.23 of the Official Code relative to zoning, platting and concurrency management under the State Growth Management Act.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Crowley.

The Ordinance was declared passed.



Ordinance No. 25647

Creating the MLK Celebration sub-grant fund in the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for the deposit and expenditure of donations and grants for the annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Crowley.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Mayor Moss welcomed Troop 309, from Browns Point.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25648

Amending Title 6 of the Official Code to increase the threshold for exemption for payment of the annual business license fee from \$2,500 to \$10,000 in annual gross income and creating a new Chapter 6.24 establishing a \$50 annual fee for a home occupation permit.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 25649

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County in the amount of \$47,500 for the Commission for Children, Youth and Families through December 31, 1995 and to extend the Commission's sunset date through December 31, 1996.

Speaking before the Council was:

Eugene Wiegman

Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 25650

Amending Section 1.30.586 of the Official Code to increase pension benefits for members who retired between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1975, to restore their benefits to 50 percent of their original earning power effective January 1, 1995.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Mayor Moss congratulated Ms. Pat Pabst, Retirement Director, for receiving an award from the Public Pension Coordinating Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 32846

Awarding contracts to:

- 1. Standard Parts Corporation, in the amount of \$43,000 to extend and increase their contract for automotive filters Specification No. G-059-92;
- 2. Northwest Cascade, Inc., on their bid of \$48,000 for storm sewer construction on 45th Avenue Northeast north of 41st Street Northeast Emergency Purchase Order No. 49465;
- 3. Fischer & Porter, in the amount of \$102,141 for upgrade to the existing Fischer & Porter Computer System Six AP6400 at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Sole Source;
- 4. RT&T Construction, Inc., on their bid of \$90,000 to repair an 8-inch sanitary sewer line in the alley between L and M Streets from South 56th to South 58th Streets Emergency Purchase Order No. 49540; and
- 5. Brodsky's Uniforms & Equipment Company, on their bid of \$36,110.90 for Fire Department uniforms Specification No. G-052-94.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 2, 3 and 4, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to continue Item No. 2 of Purchase Resolution No. 32846 to the meeting of December 20, 1994. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried on Item Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Purchase Resolution, including waving formal bidding on Item Nos. 3 and 4. Item Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Purchase Resolution and waiving formal bidding on Item Nos. 3 and 4 was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 32847

Authorizing the purchase of 1994 Conservation System Project Revenue Bonds in the aggregate principle amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 and fixing certain terms of the bonds for implementation of the Conservation Project.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Resolution No. 32847. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking before Council was:

Alan Dashen

Seattle-Northwest Security

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

Resolution No. 32848

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Bankers Trust Company in the amount of \$145,000; Denver Investment Advisors in the amount of \$250,000; Edinburgh Fund Managers plc in the amount of \$263,000; Frank Russell Trust Company in the amount of \$250,000; Scudder, Stevens & Clark, Inc., in the amount of \$222,000; and Milliman & Robertson, Inc., in the amount of \$56,200 for investment counseling and actuarial services from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

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

Resolution No. 32849

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Frank Russell Company in the amount of \$48,000 for custodial verification services from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1996.

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

Resolution No. 32850

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with The Northern Trust Company in the amount of \$104,405 for custodial services from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

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

Resolution No. 32851

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Sierra Systems Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 for implementing the PeopleSoft Human Resources Payroll System for the Tacoma Employes' Retirement System.

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

Resolution No. 32852

De-designating the Shaub-Ellison Building located at 1902 Pacific Avenue as a contributing building in the Union Depot Warehouse Special Review District.

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

Resolution No. 32853

Authorizing the execution of Historic Preservation Special Valuation Covenants between the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission and Dan and Jill Murphy for the property located at 620 North C Street in the Stadium-Seminary National Register Historic District.

Council Member Evans moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 32854

Authorizing the execution of Historic Preservation Special Valuation Covenants between the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission and Dan Koch for the property located at 423 North G Street in the Stadium-Seminary National Register Historic District.

Council Member Evans moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member De Forrest voting in opposition. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 32855

Authorizing the execution of an amended agreement with Simon and Company in the amount of \$25,000 for congressional liaison activities from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

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. 32856

Authorizing the execution of an amended agreement with Robert E. Mack in the amount of \$31,920 for legislative liaison services from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

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. 32857

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with CompTrac, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$33,000 for a workers compensation administrative software system.

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

Resolution No. 32859

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Easter Seals Society of Washington in the amount of \$42,925 for the Housing Modification Project for the Disabled.

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

Resolution No. 32860

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association in the amount of \$44,500 for the 1994 HOME Program.

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

Resolution No. 32861

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration to assist in the funding of an update to the Airport Layout Plan for the Tacoma Narrows Airport.

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

Resolution No. 32862

Authorizing the execution of a five-year agreement with North American Morpho Systems, Inc., for parking stalls at the Park Plaza South facility.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 32862 to the meeting of December 20, 1994. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Resolution No. 32862 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of December 20, 1994.

Resolution No. 32863

Authorizing the submittal of project prospectuses to the Washington State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$253,000 for various Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act projects.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. asked Council Members to provide staff with their opinion on the recommendations of the Urban Policy Committee for human services contracts. Mr. Corpuz also reported that the Urban Policy Committee did not recommend to continue funding TACID. Mr. Corpuz asked Council Members for their opinion on that issue.

Mr. Corpuz noted that in response to Council Member De Forrest's concerns about the recent disaster of Orange County on leveraging and derivatives, the City of Tacoma's investment policy in addition to the pension policy, does not allow the City to get into reverse leverage purchase agreements or derivatives. Mr. Corpuz emphasized the City of Tacoma has a very firm and conservative policy.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Baarsma updated the Council on developments of a meeting with Don Meyer from the Port of Tacoma, and Mayor Mary Gates from Federal Way to discuss ways in which the City can enhance its relationship with the port city, Hachinohe, Japan. Council Member Baarsma reported that Don Meyer indicated there was a Washington delegation going to Vladivostok, Russia and asked if a letter could be carried to the Mayor of Vladivostok to reaffirm our appreciation for providing patrol cars to their city and to send a message from the City, Port of Tacoma and Mayor of Hachinohe that the three port cities would like to begin an ongoing dialogue on how to enhance our relationship. Council Member Baarsma reported that Kevin Byrne, Mayor of Cairns, sent him the City's design plan for a planned esplanade along their waterfront area. He reported that the City of Cairns is committed to doing much of what he and Council Member Evans have suggested about restricting hotels along the waterway. Council Member Baarsma indicated that he will share Cairns' design plan with those working on the Thea Foss Waterway design. Council Member Baarsma also noted that he will share plans from New Zealand, Michigan and Germany when he receives them.

Council Member Evans concurred with Council Member Baarsma's concerns about the commercial possibilities with sister ports. He reported on the commercial possibilities of prefabricated bathroom units made in Japan and which are not available in this country as well as their powdered metal technologies.

Council Member Evans reported on a meeting that he and staff from the Port of Tacoma had to discuss the possibility of not removing the 11th Street Bridge on a temporary basis. Council Member Evans noted that in regard to THE NEWS TRIBUNE article on the succession in Northeast Tacoma, the discussion on succession began since the beginning of SR 509 and felt this was unlikely to happen. He reported that the discussion on the matter of land trades was constructively handled and another meeting will be held to continue discussions.

Council Member Kirby indicated that he appreciated receiving his agenda packet bound without using the notebook. Based on discussions at today's study session, Council Member Kirby suggested that the Public Safety Committee reconvene to discuss issues that were

brought up at the study session. Council Member Kirby requested Council Members to provide him with possible agenda items for the Committee to consider.

Council Member De Forrest concurred with Council Member Kirby suggestion to reconvene the Public Safety Committee. Council Member De Forrest noted that part of the agreement with the Police union was to discuss police officers being able to take patrol vehicles home.

Council Member De Forrest reported that he met with the Safe Street Group in the Tacoma Dome area who indicated they had some serious problems. Council Member De Forrest indicated that a meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., with Safe Streets, Public Works Traffic, Dome management and the Police Department to discuss the areas of concern.

Council Member De Forrest indicated that in the Friday Letter from Virginia Ferguson, Civil Service Board Coordinator, on affirmative action for promotions, the letter seem to indicate that this was the Council's proposal. Council Member De Forrest noted that the Council has not made any proposal, pursuant to City Charter.

Council Member De Forrest thanked Peter Luttropp, Finance Director and Ray Corpuz, City Manager, for the information on Orange County. Council Member De Forrest also thanked the Legal staff for the information and on the independent audit. Council Member De Forrest indicated that the Legal department's opinion is that the State Auditor does meet the requirements of the City Charter. Council Member De Forrest indicated that he disagreed with this opinion and will be providing a written statement to that effect.

Mayor Moss also noted that in reference to the Friday Letter from the Civil Service Board Coordinator, he has asked the City Manager to provide a response on staff's position.

Deputy Mayor Miller asked the City Manager if the \$20,000 budget amendment that was approved tonight from the human services funding package will come out of the contingency fund of the human services allocation. Deputy Mayor Miller reported on some positive news that was reported in the fourth page of THE NEWS TRIBUNE on Tacoma's crime rate. He reported that the article had to do with the FBI releasing information that during the first six months of 1994, the overall violent crime dropped 3 percent, which followed annual decreases of 2 percent in 1993 and 3 percent in 1992. Information about Tacoma showed a substantial reduction in status to 32nd nationally; and on the west coast, dropping well below Portland at a violent crime rate of almost 2 1/2 to 3 times our own rate. Tacoma is making progress and heading in the right direction, as long as the City stands firm in its public safety investments in both prevention and enforcement. Deputy Mayor Miller noted that he preferred THE NEWS TRIBUNE to take a balance approach in reporting the good and the bad.

Council Member Crowley asked the City Manager to look at other options of getting more officers on the streets which included looking at the use of reserves, reviewing the DARE and GREAT programs and non-front line positions that are not occupied by on-duty officers. Council Member Crowley indicated that if the Public Safety Committee will be reconvened, it may be appropriate for the Public Safety Committee look at these issues and provide recommendations first.

Council Member Silas recommended of the Public Safety Committee to seek the community to input on their needs. Council Member Silas suggested that a public safety summit be held to determine the needs of the community, neighborhoods and citizens.

Council Member McGavick thanked the City Manager Ray Corpuz and the staff's hard work and efforts.

Mayor Moss encouraged everyone to attend the marvelous Zoo Lights at Point Defiance park.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

ENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK

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