



City Council Minutes

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

January 29, 2002

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

Present on roll call: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Lonergan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 15, 2002, and Study Session of January 22, 2002.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 35427

Setting Tuesday, February 26, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner, on the request to vacate a portion of White Street, between North 31st and North 32nd Streets to extend the yard and parking areas. (Arthur Broback; File No. 124.1159)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- (14) a. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, January 22, 2002.
- (15) b. Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, December 13, 2001.
- (19) c. Minutes of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, December 19, 2001.
- (22) d. Humane Society Total Service Report, September 2001.
- (24) e. Disclosures of Remote Interest pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.46.030(B, C, F) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Connie Ladenburg	Youth Program Coordinator, Safe Streets Campaign
Bil Moss	Past President & Board Member, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra

Deputy Mayor McGavick moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 35427, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 35427, was declared approved.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Baarsma recognized Mr. Rick Allen, President of United Way, who acknowledged City of Tacoma employees for their contributions and volunteer efforts.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26924

Designating the Director of the Tacoma Economic Development Department as the local Administrator for the Community Empowerment Zone program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26925

Amending the 2001-2002 budget of the Business Improvement Area; and appropriating \$20,000 from the unreserved fund balance to support additional Special Emphasis Team missions by the Tacoma Police Department, as requested by the Local Development Council Board.

Speaking before Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Allen Douglas	612 South 18 th Street, Apt. 5
Gary Beil	DaVita, 15 th and Pacific Avenue

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 35428

Awarding a contract to:

Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$166,034, to increase its contract for the purchase of two 2002 Emergency Medical Services rescue/transport vehicles – Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 16.

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

Resolution No. 35429

Authorizing the execution of two consent to assignment of contracts with Martin Luther King Housing Development Association (MLKHDA) for the Community Development Block Grant Agreement, and the Emergency Shelter Grant Agreement, which were previously executed by The King Center; and incorporating said obligations into the merger of The King Center and the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association.

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

Speaking before Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Allen Douglas	612 South 18 th Street, Apt. 5

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

Resolution No. 35430

Authorizing the execution of an assignment, assumption and consent agreement with the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association for the Deed of Trust and the Homeless Shelter Operation and Use Agreement previously executed by The King Center and incorporating said obligations into the merger of The King Center and the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association.

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

Speaking before Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Felix Flannigan	Martin Luther King Housing Development Association
Allen Douglas	612 South 18 th Street, Apt. 5

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

Resolution No. 35431

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Yakima Vista LLC to construct 177 units of mixed rate multi-family housing between 23rd and 25th Streets and between Yakima Avenue and I Street.

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

Speaking before Council was:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Alton McDonald	Resident

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

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Resolution No. 35432

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal cooperative agreement with Pierce County for the use of Pierce County’s supervised prisoner work crew to perform cleanup of illegal dumping activity in the City of Tacoma and Metropolitan Park District sites.

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

Speaking before Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Allen Douglas	612 South 18 th Street, Apt. 5

Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Talbert recusing himself. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35433

Expressing support for the passage of the Tacoma School District’s Proposition No. 1 at the special election to be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, which reads:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
 SUBMITTED BY TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
 EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 approved a replacement levy for education. This proposition will meet the educational needs of students in Tacoma School District #10 and authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District to support educational programs and school maintenance and operations as specified in District Resolution No. 1650:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$4.80	\$60,535,000
2004	\$4.85	\$62,977,000
2005	\$4.88	\$65,226,000
2006	\$5.08	\$69,950,000

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED REJECTED

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

Speaking before Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Alton McDonald	Resident
Allen Douglas	612 South 18 th Street, Apt. 5

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. congratulated Hardy Hanson, Assistant Division Manager, and staff of the Public Works Department, Street Maintenance Division, for receiving the listing of the Regional Road Maintenance Endangered Species Act Guidelines, which means that in 30 days the City's road maintenance activities will be protected under federal law.

Mr. Corpuz clarified issues regarding the renewal of community designations received last week through John Meyers, Director of Housing and Urban Development. He stated they are the same tax credits as the Empowerment Zone designation, except there is a new accelerated depreciation program. He stated there are no federal funds to the community for the City to administer or receive, but that funding may be available in the future. He stated the next step is to designate a Coordinating Responsible Authority, which will involve the City, State and implementing agencies and then, in 6 to 12 months, a plan to identify all the tax incentives and how they will be utilized to maximize their usage in the renewal community.

Mayor Baarsma stated there will be some funding opportunities for consideration relative to securing public safety and security for our community. He believed the President of the United States would be addressing this in his State of the Union Address. He then asked City Manager Corpuz the status of Pioneer Chlor Alkali.

Mr. Corpuz responded that Public Utilities had presented a proposal to Pioneer regarding the purchasing of power, and that they may be able to apply the utility gross earnings tax to give some relief based on the theory that no income received means there is no tax applied.

Mayor Baarsma noted that the City must be cognizant of other agreements in effect and not show advantage to any one particular company.

City Manager Corpuz stated it is critical that the integrity of the Utilities be maintained.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Lonergan stated the old Tacoma Rescue Mission building, which is now a City-owned property, had caught fire, and that the Fire Department was able to save the neighboring buildings. He stated the City must make certain its properties are secure.

Council Member Lonergan stated the Better Business Bureau recognized Mike Harber, of Stroud's Auto Rebuild, and Chuck Hellar, of Chuckals Office Products, for excellent customer service, innovative business practices and community involvement.

Council Member Phelps stated he has received phone calls complaining about noise coming from a night club on Sixth Avenue. He noted that the Tacoma Police Department has issued previous citations, but that the nuisance continues. He asked the City Manager or City Attorney to report back on what other actions are within the City's authority.

Council Member Miller reminded everyone to vote next week regarding the three important bond issues on the ballot, which will significantly shape the future of our community, quality of life, and services.

Mayor Baarsma stated several people have approached him about engaging in a community conversation to talk about how they might participate in helping the City to deal with the many issues it faces. He stated the City is challenged by the recession, the economic impact of Initiative 695, the lack of the backfill coming from the Legislature, and the effect of Initiative 747. He stated 15 people had initially met and talked with him about setting up a transition process. He stated that group has now expanded to 200 people who are involved in an ongoing discussion, which is open for anyone who wishes to participate. He then gave the telephone number 284-0004 for people who would like additional information.

Mayor Baarsma stated the first community conversation will be hosted on Thursday, January 31, 2002, at 5 p.m., in the auditorium of the downtown Bates facility and thanked President Ebersole for making that space available. He stated members of the transition group will be present to share what has been occurring over the past several weeks relative to economic development, including the arts and culture. He stated there will be future conversations scheduled to deal with neighborhoods, public safety, governance, and the environment. He stated that these people would eventually present position papers tailored to identify the strengths and weaknesses of various alternatives to consider. He hoped in the future to have community meetings to work with the City Manager and staff regarding budget issues.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.


WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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