

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
March 21, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Mayor Moss. Absent: 1 - Baarsma. (Council Member Baarsma arrived at 5:04 p.m.)

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The Flag Salute was led by Council Member McGavick.

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of March 7, 1995.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 32943

Setting Tuesday, April 11, 1995, at approximately 6:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on proposed amendments to Chapters 1.23, 13.02 and 13.06 of the Official Code relative to procedures for amending the Comprehensive Plan, the Land Use Management Plan, development regulations, and procedural changes for area-wide zoning reclassification.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearing Examiner Agenda for Tuesday, March 21, 1995.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the LESA Executive Board, December 21, 1994.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, February 1, 1995.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Public Utility Board and study session, February 22, 1995.
- e. Minutes of the meeting of the Civil Service Board, February 6, 1995.
- f. Minutes of the meeting of the Transportation Committee, February 9, 1995.
- g. Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission, February 22, 1995.

Council Member Miller moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 32943, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 32943, was declared approved.

Mayor Moss proclaimed the day of March 25, 1995, to be "Children's Safety Fair Day," and presented the proclamation to Ms. Teresa Bastian and Ms. Kelly Halligan.

Mayor Moss called on Ms. Debbie Tainer, Chair of Community Connections, who spoke on the City's participation in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-A-Thon. Mayor Moss then presented a check in the amount of \$23,000.00 to Ms. Sylvia Anderson, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation of Police citizens' awards.

Mayor Moss called on Assistant Police Chief Charles Meinema, who called on Mr. Rex Lester and Mr. McMahon for exemplary meritorious service for creating the West Slope Volunteer Citizens Patrol. Mayor Moss presented Mr. Lester and Mr. McMahon with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Resolution No. 32944

Appointing Council Members to various committees, boards and commissions.

Council Member Miller moved that Resolution No. 32944 be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. Resolution No. 32944 was declared adopted.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25681

Amending Chapter 12.06 of the Official Code relative to an overall electric rate increase of 4.7 percent effective April 3, 1995.

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. 25682

Amending Chapter 12.10 of the Official Code relative to an overall water rate increase of 6.3 percent effective April 3, 1995.

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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25683

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to implement rates of pay for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Clerical Unit and certain unrepresented employees and changes in classifications to reflect changes in the organizational structure.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 32941 (Continued from the meeting of March 14, 1995)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$30,000 to develop a business development program focused on Tacoma's urban center.

Council Member Crowley excused himself and left the Council Chambers.

The Clerk read into the record a disclosure that Mark Crisson, Public Utilities Director, is a non-voting member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce. He has no duties or responsibilities with regard to this contract and that Mr. Crisson's disclosure is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Speaking before the Council was:

Jim Layton

Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber
of Commerce

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

Purchase Resolution No. 32945

Awarding contracts to:

1. J. J. Sprague, Inc. on their bid of \$184,952.92 for residential street and storm sewer construction - L.I.D. No. 8573, and L.I.D. No. 8577, W. O. CA 2836; WDP 1994-43 - Specification No. G-212-95;
2. Phillip Environmental/Burlington Environmental to increase their contract in the amount of \$55,000, Chemical Waste Management to increase their contract in the amount of \$50,000, and Burlington Environmental to increase their contract in the amount of \$17,000 for household hazardous waste services - Specification No. G-021-93;
3. Bank & Office Interiors on their bid of 35,967.20 for Sector 4 Police Station furniture - Washington State Contract #11187; and
4. Rejecting all bids for citywide hazardous sidewalk replacement.

Mayor Moss moved to remove Item No. 1 from Purchase Resolution No. 32945. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Evans moved that Items No. 2, 3, and 4 of the Purchase Resolution, including rejecting all bids on Item No. 4, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Silas.

Voice vote was taken and carried on Item Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 32946

Approving the preliminary plat of MARISA ESTATES DIVISION II to subdivide a parcel of land located on the east side of 37th Avenue Northeast between Browns Point Boulevard and 33rd Street Northeast into six lots. (Greg Hanson; File No. 125.352)

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

Resolution No. 32947

Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Clerical Unit, effective January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1997.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager, Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., announced that Week 1 of a two week a series of meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. to gather ideas on public safety. The meetings will be held on:

- March 22 Portland Avenue Community Center
- March 23 Meeker Middle School
- March 27 Geiger Elementary School
- March 29 South End Neighborhood Center

March 30 Al Davies Boys and Girls Club

Mr. Corpuz encouraged all interested individuals to attend.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Baarsma expressed his appreciation and thanks to Pat Bosmans for her service and a job well done serving as Acting City Attorney.

Council Member Baarsma expressed concerns about the clear-cutting of maple trees along Ruston Way, between Old Town and ASARCO. He explained that the trees were cut at the request of Burlington Northern Railroad and residents along the bluff because the trees obstructed their view. He noted that there are other methods that could be used to alleviate the problem rather than clear-cutting.

Council Member Baarsma reported that the delegation from Hachinohe, Japan will be visiting to meet with the Port of Tacoma next week in order to explore the possibilities of establishing a relationship with the Ports of Tacoma, Hachinohe and Vladivostok.

Deputy Mayor Evans reported that Mayor Moss will be attending the first meeting with the visitors from Hachinohe. He stated that he hoped a relationship can be established with the Ports of Tacoma, Hachinohe and Vladivostok..

Deputy Mayor Evans also expressed concerns about the trees that were cut along Ruston Way. He reported that the trees were cut six feet above ground. He emphasized that there are other methods that can be used for trimming a bank of trees and still keep the effect of the trees. He expressed concern about the erosion along the bluff. He asked Legal to investigate ways to change the ongoing practice of Burlington Northern by encouraging them to enhance the city's image along Ruston Way.

Council Member De Forrest requested that the City Manager prepare a resolution for next week's Council meeting encouraging staff to seek funds for an off and on ramp at Portland Avenue and the SR-509 freeway. He noted that Deputy Mayor Evans and he would be sponsoring the resolution.

Council Member De Forrest thanked Peter Luttrupp for the information on the savings which resulted from Proposition 3. He asked for clarification on where the moneys from the savings were reallocated to.

Council Member De Forrest thanked the City Center for their fine job.

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Council Member Silas also thanked Pat Bosmans for a job well done. Council Member Silas announced that the spring clean up for District 3 will be on April 5, 6 and 7. She encouraged all citizens to participate in the spring clean up.

Council Member Kirby asked the City Manager to provide detailed information on the West Slope Volunteer Patrol program including staffing, boundaries, hours of patrol, etc.

Council Member McGavick reported that she will be a recipient of an award for "Woman of Year" from the Girl Scouts. She thanked the Girl Scouts for nominating her. She encouraged all women to search for their dreams and to build their hopes and dreams.

Mayor Moss announced that on March 25, 1995 there will be an African-American display at the State Historical Museum. The special event will begin at 6:00 p.m.

On proper motion the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


HAROLD G. MOSS, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, ACTING CITY CLERK