



City Council Minutes

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

March 15, 2005

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

Council Members Present: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, and Mayor Baarsma.

Council Member Absent: 1 – Talbert.

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Ladenburg.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 15, 2005.
- b. Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, January 3, 2005.
- c. Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 2, 2005.
- d. Minutes of the Special meeting of the Joint Public Safety and Human Services Committee and Pierce County Council, February 17, 2005.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, February 2, 2005.
- f. Humane Society Animal and Service Delivery Reports, December 2004.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting, February 15, 2005;
Committee of the Whole, March 1, 2005.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Consent Agenda be approved.
Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

Council Member Anderson asked that the Committee of the Whole minutes of
March 1, 2005, be corrected.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda,
including correcting the Committee of the Whole minutes, was declared approved.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed March 17, 2005, to be “Absolutely Incredible Kid Day” and presented the proclamation to Ms. Debra Padden, President of the Board of Directors, and Ms. Nancy Pease-Hogan, Board Member of Camp Fire USA ORCA Council.

Mayor Baarsma proclaimed the week of March 13 through March 19, 2005, to be “Tacoma Orthopedic Association Day” and presented the proclamation to Ms. Karen Lynch, President of the Tacoma Orthopedic Association and Ms. Lois Bernstein, Vice President of Community Services for MultiCare.

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 5:24 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Subject
Allen Douglass	University Place resident	Ordinance Nos. 27235, 27331, and 27332; and Resolution No. 36451
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman Avenue	Various ordinances and Purchase Resolution No. 36449
Tom Cashman	Maritime Museum	Resolution No. 36455

Public Comment closed at 5:36 p.m.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27127

Vacating a portion of East 50th and East E Streets for the construction of 40 single-family homes within the preliminary plat entitled "Timothy Meadows."
(MJR Developers, Inc.; File No. 124.1150)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Manthou, Phelps, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 0

Abstain: 2 – Lonergan and Stenger.

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Absent: 1 – Talbert.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27235

Vacating a portion of Clark Place located within the plat of “Lincoln Heights” to consolidate and market the property as a commercial or industrial development site.
(Deward Johnson; File No. 124.1207)

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 27235. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Manthou, Phelps, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 1 – Stenger.

Abstain: 1 – Lonergan.

Absent: 1 – Talbert.

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27282

Vacating a 20-foot strip of North Puget Sound Avenue at 3420 North 37th Street to combine the vacated right-of-way with the abutting property for construction of a detached garage. (Tom Petramalo; File No. 124.1221)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 1 – Stenger.

Absent: 1 – Talbert.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 27328

Accepting \$785,000 from the Washington State Department of Transportation for the relocation of the City's sanitary sewers within and along the I-5 corridor between South 48th Street and Pacific Avenue; authorizing the execution of an agreement with said agency for said project; and amending the Biennial Budget for 2005-2006.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Talbert.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27329

Continuing the Business Improvement Area (BIA) for the 18th year and providing for the levy of the eighth year assessment in the amount of \$728,850; approving the BIA annual budget, work program, and assessment rates for program activities from May 1, 2005, through April 30, 2006.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, and Mayor Baarsma.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Talbert.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27331

Amending Chapter 12.13 of the Municipal Code, to increase rates for Click! Network cable television products and related services inside and outside the City limits.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27332

Amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to increase the electric energy regulations and rates April 4, 2005, through March 31, 2007.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.



Ordinance No. 27333

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented under the Teamsters Local Union 117, Public Assembly Facilities Unit contract, which covers 24 employees, effective January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007; and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 27334

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System to be consistent with revisions made to the supplemental benefits provision of the City's Pay and Compensation Plan.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 36449

Awarding contracts to:

1. Corporate Express, on its bid of \$1,400,000.00, plus sales tax, for office supplies – Specification No. CT04-0652F;
2. Clearcreek Contractors, on its bid of \$370,124.00, including sales tax, for stormwater facility maintenance – Specification No. PW04-0754F;
3. Interstate Manufacturing Inc., on its bid of \$546,265.88, including sales tax, for six or more steel, 4-axle, leakproof, live-floor, transfer trailers – Specification No. PW04-0799F;
4. Avaya Communications, f.k.a. American Telephone and Telegraph Company, AT&T, in the amount of \$150,000.00, including sales tax, for the purchase and installation of a telephone system for the new Police Department Headquarters – Sole Source; and
5. Datec, in the amount of \$416,300.00, plus sales tax, to increase its contract to a cumulative total of \$887,400, for 100 ruggedized and semi-ruggedized laptop computers for the Police Department – Specification PD-04-0405F.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 4, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 4, was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 36450

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Metropolitan West Asset Management, LLC, in the amount of \$582,500, for a cumulative total of \$1,747,500, for investment management services for the period of April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2008.

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

Resolution No. 36451

Approving amendments to the Electric Rate and Financial Policy.

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

Resolution No. 36452

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Local Development Council, in the amount of \$59,540, for the administration of the Business Improvement Area through April 30, 2006.

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

Resolution No. 36453

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tacoma Renaissance, LLC, for the construction of 53 condominium units located at 1555 Tacoma Avenue South in the Downtown Mixed-Use Center.

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



Resolution No. 36454

Authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Joseph and Linda Turner, for the construction of a four-unit apartment building located at 3018 South 43rd Street in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.

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

Resolution No. 36455

Supporting the preservation of the Balfour Dock Building as an important priority and requesting the Washington State Legislature seriously consider providing funding in the capital budget that will likely be matched by federal funding.

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

Mayor Baarsma asked for a friendly amendment for the name of the Balfour Dock Building on Page 1, Line 18, and Page 2, Line 1 be referred to as "Puget Sound Freight Warehouse" for consistency.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the resolution. The Resolution was declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

No report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved to excuse Council Member Talbert from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Council Member Anderson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Manthou congratulated the Fire Department for the \$750,000 grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which will refit one of the two Tacoma Fireboats.

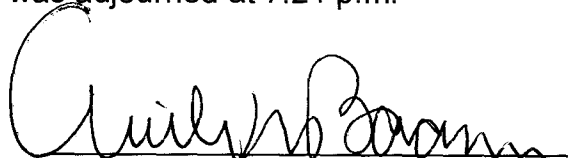
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Council Member Lonergan stated he and Mayor Baarsma attended the Economic Development Board's annual meeting last Friday, which included a discussion on prosperity and economic clusters. Mr. Ted Lyman, an economist, was the speaker of said meeting. He also stated he received the March 2002 to March 2003 figures from the Employment Security Department today, which reported a net loss of approximately 6,000 jobs in a four-county area during that time. He went on to say that Pierce County had a net gain of 6,000 jobs.

Council Member Evans mentioned Mary Bridge Hospital will be dedicated as part of the Medical Cluster in Tacoma this Friday. He spoke about the dedication of public art at the new Convention and Trade Center and invited the community to view the display. He also mentioned that Cienfuegos, Cuba, would be highlighted at the upcoming Film and Food Festival night at the Blue Mouse Theatre.

Council Member Anderson mentioned the Andy Warhol "A Flower for Tacoma" piece on display at the Convention and Trade Center that was part of the design competition for the Tacoma Dome.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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