

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
September 9, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Evans.

Council Member De Forrest moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 33825 at this time. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33825

Paying tribute to Tacoma Police Officer William Lowry's legacy of public service, his devotion to duty, his love for his family, and his contributions to the public good; and supporting his desire to make Tacoma a safe and better place in which to live.

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

Council Member De Forrest moved for a short recess. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Council recessed at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council study session of August 26, 1997.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 33819

Setting Tuesday, September 30, 1997, at approximately 6:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council regarding proposed amendments to Section 13.06.552 of the Municipal Code allowing certain schools, churches and parks to have larger signs.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Arts Commission, July 14, 1997.
- b. Agenda of the Foss Waterway Development Authority, August 27, 1997.
- c. Minutes of the Foss Waterway Development Authority, July 30, 1997.
- d. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, August 13 and 27, 1997.
- e. Amended minutes of the Planning Commission, August 6, 1997.
- f. Minutes of the Planning Commission August 20, 1997.
- g. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting, August 13, 1997.
- h. Minutes of the Tacoma Area Task Force on Disabilities, July 24, 1997.
- i. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, July 16, 1997.
- j. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, July 10, 1997.
- k. Minutes of the Urban Policy Committee, June 12, 1997.
- l. Report of the Director of Finance, July 1997.
- m. Monthly financial reports for the Belt Line Division, Light Division, Water Division, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Conservation Project Fund, and Geographic Information System Fund, July 1997.

Council Member Miller moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 33819, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 33819, was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 33820

Appointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission, Board of Building Appeals, Tacoma Urban Network, Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, Planning Commission, Transportation Committee, and Tacoma Arts Commission.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26001

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located on the northwest corner of South 18th Street and West Union Avenue from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to an "R-2-T" Residential-Commercial Transitional District for the construction of a two-story, 9,000-square-foot office building and parking spaces. (M2, A Washington Partnership; File No. REZ96-00019)

Council Member Evans moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26001. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Mayor Ebersole

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26114

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to downzone the property located at the northwest corner of South 31st and Washington Streets from an "R-3-T" Residential Commercial Transitional District to an "R-2SRD" Residential Special Review District due to certain conditions relating to street improvements that have not been performed. (City of Tacoma; REZ97-00007)

Ayes: 8 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26121

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement 1997 rates of pay and compensation for certain represented and unrepresented employees and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

Ayes: 8 – Crowley, De Forrest, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Silas, and Deputy Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26123

Vacating a portion of Frank Street to combine the vacated right-of-way with abutting property for the installation of an impermeable, multi-layer cap as part of the Consent Decree for a portion of the Commencement Bay Superfund cleanup project. (Bonneville Power Administration; File No. 124.1053)

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Ordinance No. 26124

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located at the northwest corner of South 90th and Hosmer Streets from an "R-4-T" Residential Commercial Transitional District to a "CFP" Freeway Commercial Personal Services District for the expansion of an existing motel complex. (Larson & Associates, Inc., File No. REZ97-00008)

Council Member Miller moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

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Ordinance No. 26125

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify the property located on the east side of South Orchard Street at 5414 South Orchard from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "C-2" Commercial District for the construction of a mini-storage facility with an office and an apartment. (Graydon Smith; File No. REZ97-00011)

Council Member Evans moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Ordinance No. 26126

Amending Title 10 of the Municipal Code by repealing and reenacting Chapter 10.26 relating to the minority and women's business enterprises; approving the "City of Tacoma Minority and Women's Business Enterprise - Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations"; and directing the City Manager to review the implementation of said regulations within five years.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26127

Accepting a grant award contract from the United States Federal Aviation Administration, in the amount of \$162,000; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Airport Summary Fund; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Barnard Dunkelberg & Company, in the amount of \$180,000, for the preparation of an Airport Master Plan for the Tacoma Narrows Airport.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26128

Amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code by adding a new chapter to be known as Chapter 1.80, "Youth Building Tacoma Training and Employment Project"; and establishing the "Youth Building Tacoma Training and Employment Program" to promote the development of a trained work force in the City, particularly in the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community; and directing the City Manager and Director of Public Utilities to allocate funds in the mid-biennial modification to the City's 1997-1998 Biennial Budget.

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address/Affiliation |
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| Carmen Croppi | Director, Technical High School Program, Bates Technical College |
| Bob Holloway | Director, Continuing Education, Clover Park Technical College |

Ordinance No. 26128 (Continued)

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address/Affiliation |
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| Melvin Champaign | Tacoma Resident |
| Al Lynden | Chair, Private Industry Council |
| Chris Anderson | Interim Executive Director, Tacoma Empowerment Consortium |
| Andre Chatman | Student, Youth Build Together, Construction Training Program, Seattle |
| Tony Minor | Youth Build Together, Seattle |
| Thomas Dixon | President, Tacoma Urban League, Member, Tacoma Pierce County Black Collective |
| David King | 3563 East J Street |

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

CITIZENS' FORUM (BEGAN AT 6:19 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address | Topic |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Ted Kennedy | 1116 East 34th Street | Zoning Issues |
| Lee Searcy | 1218 East 34th Street | Store at 34th and L Street |
| Tim Conley | 1933 South Commerce | Parking by the University of Washington Tacoma |
| Will Baker | 809 South I Street | Voters' Pamphlet |
| Phyllis Barrett | 912 South Cushman | Accountability |
| Rev. John Hopkins | 2322 South Sheridan | Neighborhood Issues and Safe Streets |
| Sherry Bockwinkel | North End Tacoma | Voters' Pamphlet |
| Jimmie Lee | 4810 East K Street | Detention Pond |
| Maria Lynne | 4822 East K Street | Detention Pond |
| Dorothy May | 4826 East K Street | Detention Pond |
| Sharon Hatch | 4809 East K Street | Detention Pond |

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CITIZENS' FORUM (CONTINUED)

Speaking before the Council were:

| Name | Address | Topic |
|----------------|-------------------------|---|
| Keith Francis | 4813 East K Street | Detention Pond |
| Lawanna Lee | 4810 East K Street | Detention Pond |
| Deborah DeGraw | 753-1/2 St. Helens | Municipal Building Parking Lot |
| Ayesha Newell | 923 East 32nd Street | Voters' Pamphlet |
| Rick Cvitanich | 2808 North 8th Street | Voters' Pamphlet |
| Robert Menefee | 1226 North Oakes Street | Neighborhood Issues and Housing Near the University of Puget Sound |

The Citizens Forum was declared closed at 7:30 p.m.

Ordinance No. 26129

Amending Chapters 1.06 and 1.23 of the Municipal Code to reflect the repeal of Chapter 13.03 and the adoption of Chapter 1.70 relative to the Hearing Examiner's areas of jurisdiction.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26130

Amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code to reduce the speed limits on North M Street between Division Avenue and North Steele Street from 30 mph to 25 mph; and on South Hosmer Street between South 72nd and South 84th Streets from 40 mph to 35 mph.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26131

Authorizing the execution of an interest-bearing loan from the General Fund to the Baseball Park Capital Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$450,000; appropriating said sum from the Baseball Park Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement of the playing surface at Cheney Stadium; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 33821

Awarding contracts to:

1. Totem Electric of Tacoma, on its bid of \$408,392.60, for traffic signal updates on South 74th Street at South Tacoma Way, Sixth Avenue at Pearl and Orchard Streets, South 37th Street at South G Street, and South 38th Street at K Street - State Contract No. SA-3085 - Federal Aid Project No. CM-1280(008) - Specification No. G-210-97;
2. Advanced Environmental Technical Services to extend and increase their contract, in the amount of \$100,000, for household hazardous waste contractual services - Specification No. G-034-96; and
3. Mid-Mountain Contractors, Inc., on its bid of \$760,048.47, for asphalt paving and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations throughout the City Local Improvement District Nos. LD8589, LD8592, LD8594, LD8596, LD8597, LD8598, LD2629, LD3957, DC1033, DC1034, DC1035, DC1036, DC1037, DC1039 - Specification No. G-209-97.

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

Resolution No. 33822

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Art Museum, in the amount of \$60,000, for site planning for the proposed new museum located in the vicinity of South 16th Street and Pacific Avenue.

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 33822 to the meeting of September 16, 1997. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33822 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of September 16, 1997.

Resolution No. 33823

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with COMARCO, Inc., in the amount of \$250,000 per year, to operate and manage the Tacoma Narrows Airport for a five-year period.

Council Member Silas moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Speaking before the Council were:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address/Affiliation</u> |
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| Mike Pickett | 10908 Moller Drive NW |
| Barbara Griffith | Gig Harbor Resident |

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

Resolution No. 33824

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Commencement Bay Cleanup Action Committee and Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company for the construction, inspection and financing of a fish ladder to improve fish passage on Puget Creek.

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. 33825

Paying tribute to Tacoma Police Officer William Lowry's legacy of public service, his devotion to duty, his love for his family, and his contributions to the public good; and supporting his desire to make Tacoma a safe and better place in which to live.

Resolution No. 33825 was considered earlier in the meeting.

Resolution No. 33826

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Land Recovery, Inc.; in the amount of \$8,300,000, for municipal solid waste disposal services through December 31, 1999.

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 33826 to the meeting of September 16, 1997 per the request of the Mayor. Seconded Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 33826 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of September 16, 1997.

CITIZENS' FORUM (WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 6:19 P.M.)

The Citizens Forum was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. announced that the Community Relations staff and the Neighborhood Council staff received the Savvy Award by the City-County Communications and Marketing Association for the Year in Review and the process used for the Neighborhood Bond Issue. He then thanked the City-County Communications and Marketing Association for holding their annual conference in Tacoma.

Mr. Corpuz reminded the City Council that the Deming Project's one-year anniversary celebration would be held this Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Pagoda in Point Defiance Park. He then thanked the City Council for their support over the last year with the Deming Project. He thanked Deputy Mayor Baarsma and Council Member Evans who attended the meetings and have been interested in and supportive of the Deming Project and philosophy.

He then congratulated Andrea Riniker, the new Executive Director for the Port of Tacoma.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member De Forrest thanked all the people who were involved with the planning of Officer Lowry's memorial. He then thanked the King County Police Department and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for providing protection in the City which allowed Tacoma police officers to participate in the memorial. Council Member De Forrest suggested that a letter be written or that the City Council sponsor a Resolution and send it to all the government agencies involved thanking them for their help.

Council Member Silas thanked the management team and staff for putting the "Youth Building Tacoma" program together.

Council Member Kirby expressed his appreciation to the City Manager and the Joint Labor Committee for reaching an agreement about the request from the local media regarding City employees. He then requested a copy of the computer disk that was provided to the media.

Council Member Kirby also requested all the information that staff has regarding Vietnamese potbellied pigs, including the original Ordinance which had been introduced at a previous City Council meeting. He also requested staff review that Ordinance and make suggestions on how to improve it.

Council Member Miller expressed his dissatisfaction with the response the City Council received regarding the food issue at Cheney Stadium. He requested more information, including what influence the City Council might have and the length of the contract. He stated that he would vote that food be allowed to be brought in to ballgames.

Council Member Miller stated that the issue of the Voters' Pamphlet should be discussed sometime in December 1997 or January 1998. He stated that one of the

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issues that should be discussed is whether or not the City should continue that practice in the future and under what rules.

He then stated that a letter was received from the Regional Transit Authority requesting a staff member be assigned for representation of issues regarding rights-of-way.


Council Member Evans made comments regarding his experience with the Vietnamese potbellied pigs issue and wished Council Member Kirby good luck.

Council Member Evans stated that the Health Department has a report on the trauma care system. He stated the Pierce County has now hired a person who will begin a genuine study of how to put trauma care together for this region. He stated that there seems to be a new level of cooperation among the hospitals which will hopefully make this happen.

Council Member Evans then stated that he has been working since last February on the issue of painting the SR509 bridge. He stated that there is now a letter that has been produced by staff that suggests additional spot lighting on the two main towers, to improve the landscaping on the bridge approaches, and to have the architectural design community look at colors. He stated that the letter also suggested caps be provided for the tops of the towers which are perceived as unfinished and a design competition for the caps is recommended.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that the 45th Annual National Convention of the Veterans of World War I and its ladies' auxiliary will be in Tacoma from September 12-17, 1997. He stated that there are currently 8,200 veterans of World War I living, with an average age of over 97 years. He stated the he will have the honor of presenting them with a proclamation on behalf of the Mayor.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.


BILL BAARSMAN, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 
RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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