

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
June 10, 1997

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

Present on roll call: 6 - Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, and Mayor Ebersole. Absent: 3 - De Forrest, Miller and Silas.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Evans.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meetings of May 27 and June 3, 1997.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes and Agenda of the Library Task Force, April 23, 1997.
- b. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, June 10, 1997.
- c. Amended Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 7, 1997.
- d. Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 21, 1997.
- e. Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, May 14, 1997.
- f. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, May 14, 1997.
- g. Monthly Financial Reports for 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, April 1997.

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

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## PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ebersole proclaimed the month of June 1997, to be "Hire a Veteran Month" and presented a proclamation to Mr. Joe Jones, Vice Chair, Mayor's Veterans Task Force.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Anti-Hate Crime Poster Contest Presentation.

Mayor Ebersole presented a certificate to each of the following students for their Anti-Hate Crime Poster:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Janet West	Jason Lee Middle School
Gregory Ray	Annie Wright School
Ellie Taylor	Mason Middle School
Kevin Brady	Jason Lee Middle School
Mary Harburg-Petrich	Mason Middle School

**Resolution No. 33726**

Appointing individuals to the following Committees, Boards and Commissions: Commission on Children, Youth and Family; Human Rights Commission; and Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Exhibit A of Resolution No. 33726. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved that the Resolution, including Substitute Exhibit A, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Evans.

Speaking before the Council was:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Will Baker	809 South I Street

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, including Substitute Exhibit A, was declared adopted.

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**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26078**

Providing for the issuance of Limited Tax Levy General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$19,500,000 for capital improvements for public safety, neighborhood enhancement, parks and open space and economic development; and authorizing the issuance of Taxable Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$3,100,000 for refunding outstanding Limited Tax General Obligation (Taxable) Bonds, 1987.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 – De Forrest, Miller and Silas

The Ordinance was declared passed.

**Ordinance No. 26079**

Amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code to reflect organizational changes in various departments.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26079. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 26079, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Baarsma, Crowley, Evans, Kirby, McGavick, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 – De Forrest, Miller and Silas

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 26068** (Continued from the meeting of May 13, 1997.)

Amending the 1997-1998 Biennial Budget to appropriate \$4,943,069 from the Equipment Rental Operating Fund, for the transfer of the Solid Waste Utility Vehicle Maintenance Shop to the General Services Department, effective January 1, 1997.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26080**

Authorizing the extension of the cable television franchise agreement with TCI of Tacoma, Inc., through December 31, 1997.

Speaking before the Council were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Will Baker	809 South I Street
Chris Lunn	President, Creative Community Access Television
N.C. Griffith	715 South M Street, Director, Starting Teenage Responsibility in Video Environment (STRIVE)

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on July 1, 1997.

**Ordinance No. 26081**

Authorizing the extension of the cable television franchise agreement with Cable TV Puget Sound, Inc., through December 31, 1997.

Speaking before the Council was:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Will Baker	809 South I Street

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on July 1, 1997.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS (BEGAN AT 5:59 P.M.)**

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, for 1998 through 2003, and the Amended 1997 Street Program.

Speaking before the Council was:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Affiliation</b>
Will Baker	809 South I Street

The public hearing was declared closed at 6:05 p.m.

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**Ordinance No. 26082**

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement 1997 rates of pay and compensation for represented employees of District Lodge No. 160 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297, Track Workers' Belt Line Unit.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26083**

Accepting \$6,079 from the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for the acquisition of two computer systems for the Tacoma-Pierce County Child Care Resource and Referral System; authorizing a temporary, non-interest bearing loan from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services for said purpose.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26084**

Accepting \$5,000 from the Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for the implementation of a Family Child Care Training and Mentorship Project; authorizing a temporary, non-interest bearing loan from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network for said purpose.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26085**

Amending various sections of the Municipal Code replacing the words "refuse" and "Garbage and Refuse" with "solid waste" and replacing the words "Refuse Utility" with "Solid Waste Utility."

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26086**

Transferring \$900,000 from the Capital Improvements Summary Fund to the Tacoma Dome Cumulative Reserve Fund; appropriating said sum from the Tacoma Dome Cumulative Reserve Fund for Tacoma Dome seating, a hockey dasher board, and other specialized equipment.

Speaking before the Council were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman
Will Baker	809 South I Street

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

**Ordinance No. 26087**

Authorizing the sale of four parcels of surplus Local Improvement (LI) Guaranty Fund property, in the amount of \$4,725, to the Planning and Development Services Department for augmenting the City's Wetlands/Open Space holdings; and appropriating \$4,100 from the unreserved balance in the Wetlands Mitigation Fund for said purpose.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Purchase Resolution No. 33727**

Awarding contracts to:

1. Arch Paging, in the amount of \$60,000, for annual pager service - Specification No. G-020-97; and
2. Star Construction Co., on its bid of \$1,266,395, for the construction of a Fire Training Center at 2124 Marshall Avenue - Specification No. G-224-97.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma 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. 33728**

Authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge No. 160 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, on behalf of Local Lodge 297, Track Workers' Belt Line Unit, effective January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2001.

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

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**Resolution No. 33729**

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Operating Agreement with the Foss Waterway Redevelopment Authority to clarify the conflict of interest provisions.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Will Baker	809 South I Street

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

**Resolution No. 33730**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc., in the amount of \$59,200, to conduct a study to evaluate and recommend further consolidation of General Government and the Department of Public Utilities functions; establishing an ad hoc committee to be known as the Consolidation Committee; and appointing Deputy Mayor Baarsma, Council Member Evans and Public Utility Board Members Barker and Singleton to said committee.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma.

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman

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

**Resolution No. 33731**

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Dupre + Scott, in the amount of \$39,930, for assistance in selling two undeveloped parcels of land located in the vicinity of the Landfill, and Walt Tabler of Smith Smart Hancock Tabler & Schwensen, in the amount of \$35,000, for legal services for the negotiation and preparation of sale documents for the Solid Waste Utility's apartments.

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

**Resolution No. 33732**

Authorizing the execution of amendments to the agreements with Catholic Community Services and the American Red Cross to continue operation of the Pt. Defiance Senior Center through December 31, 1997.

Council Member Evans moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Baarsma. 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. announced that Mark Maves, Regional Urban Design Assistance Team Evaluator, has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, June 12, 1997, at 4 p.m., with the Mayor and members of the staff, to receive further input regarding the study and what parts of the study the City Council would like to emphasize.

Mr. Corpuz then reminded the City Council that on Thursday, June 12, 1997, there will be a joint study session with the Metropolitan Park Commission to review the Metropolitan Park District's bond issue, as well as the latest design and implementation plan for Ruston Way.

Mr. Corpuz reported that since 11:00 a.m. today there have been 16 separate arson fires in various parts of the City. He stated that the fires were started on Hilltop with other fires being started in a direction towards Pacific Avenue. Mr. Corpuz then stated that the fires have been relatively small and located on grass lots, in dumpsters and the most recent fire was at the trestles to the "Train to the Mountain." Mr. Corpuz stated that Fire Chief Dick Moore and Assistant Police Chief Mike Darland have been busy with their staffs investigating each incident.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that TV Tacoma is now airing live Pierce County Council meetings every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. and rebroadcasts them Thursday evening and Friday morning. He stated that this week the County Council is holding its meeting in University Place, therefore it will not be televised. Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that it

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was his hope and expectation that, in the next few years, TV Tacoma would have the technology available to do live, remote broadcasting.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma responded to comments that have been made concerning the "editing" of programs. He stated that TV Tacoma is restricted, in terms of what they can broadcast, based upon TV Tacoma's current technology. He stated that the Civil Service Board and the City Council meetings are broadcast live, and the Public Utility Board meetings are taped and then broadcasted. Deputy Mayor Baarsma expressed his hope that TV Tacoma would be able to broadcast other meetings as well, in the future.

Deputy Mayor Baarsma stated that when comments are made at a City Council meeting that are clearly not germane to issues being considered by the City Council, the Mayor has the authority to curtail those comments. He stated that no rebroadcasts of the City Council meetings have been edited.

Council Member Evans requested that staff review the problems the City of Bellevue is having regarding the requirements for underground vaults used to contain the facilities for the fiberoptic operation.

Council Member Evans congratulated the Police Department on the apprehension of an escapee accused of a very serious crime.

Council Member Evans reported that last Friday he attended the annual breakfast meeting of the Economic Development Board. He stated that the guest speaker was Michael Phillips, President and Chief Executive Officer of Frank Russell Company. He stated Mr. Phillips spoke primarily about the telecommunications industry. Council Member Evans stated that Mr. Phillips indicated that Tacoma is located in the most ideal time zone for communications with Europe and Asia. Council Member Evans stated that he already had a great enthusiasm for the way the telecommunications industry is going which was reinforced by hearing Mr. Phillips' speech. Council Member Evans stated that Mr. Phillips had envisioned a worldwide linkage between Dublin, Sydney and Tacoma as being the center for this kind of industry. Council Member Evans reported that Mr. Phillips said that this industry would do great things for business, not just in the City of Tacoma and this region, but for the whole world, and that the City of Tacoma would be in the center of it.

Council Member Kirby commented on the accusation that the City Council meetings are edited before rebroadcasting.

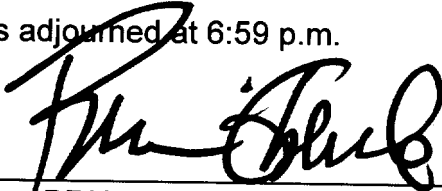
Mayor Ebersole stated that he had received a call from a couple that had just moved into the City of Tacoma from another state and wanted the Mayor to officiate their marriage ceremony. Mayor Ebersole stated that he thought it sounded like fun, so he contacted the Legal Department and asked if the Mayor has the legal authority to perform marriage ceremonies. He stated that he learned that, in the State of Washington, the Mayor does not have that authority. He stated that, in Washington, it seems the judges have a corner on the market, along with ordained ministers or priests of religious denominations.

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Deputy Mayor Baarsma moved to excuse Council Members De Forrest, Miller and Silas from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

  
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BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: Doris Sorum  
DORIS SORUM, ACTING CITY CLERK

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