



City Council Minutes

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

July 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 - Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Phelps.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings of May 11, 18, and 25, 1999, June 8 and 15, 1999; study session minutes of January 5, 12, and 19, 1999, February 2 and 9, 1999; March 9 and 16, 1999; Joint City Council/Public Utility Board study session minutes of January 26, 1999, February 16, 1999, and March 2, 1999; Joint City Council/Foss Waterway Development Authority study session minutes of February 23, 1999; and workshop minutes of February 6, 1999.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, July 13 and 20, 1999.
- b. Amended minutes of the Planning Commission, May 19, 1999, and regular minutes, June 16, 1999.
- c. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session and meeting of June 9, 1999.
- d. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, June 10, 1999.
- e. Disclosure of remote interests pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.46.030(O) as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Council Member Sharon McGavick	Private Industry Council
Mayor Brian Ebersole	Bates Technical College

- f. Monthly Financial Reports for the Belt Line Division, Conservation Project Fund, Data Processing Fund, Fleet Services Fund, Geographic Information System Fund, Light Division, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, and Water Division, May 1999.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ebersole extended congratulations to Ms. Jaci Sweet, Ms. Wheelchair Washington '99, and wished her the best of luck in all her endeavors.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26466

Accepting \$400,000 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Trust Summary Fund to assist in the development of market-rate housing in the downtown area.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26467

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tacoma Housing Authority, in the amount of \$59,389; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for the implementation of the Elderly Services Coordination Program.

Council Member Crowley moved to remove Ordinance No. 26467 from the agenda, per the request of staff. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26467 was removed from the agenda.

Ordinance No. 26468

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County for the disbursement and use of Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development funds to cooperatively develop a buildable lands inventory and analysis program; accepting, depositing in and appropriating \$25,165 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for said program.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26469

Authorizing the acceptance, deposit, and appropriation of miscellaneous monies, in the amount of \$235,696.70, for various projects.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26470

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$1,589,000; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Trust Summary Fund for the 1999-2000 HOME Investment Partnership projects.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26471

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$3,344,000; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Community Development Grants Summary Fund for the 1999-2000 Community Development Block Grant projects.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 26472

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$119,000; accepting, depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for the 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant projects.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34449

Awarding contracts to:

1. Smith Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., in the amount of \$59,361.32, for the emergency repair of a John Deere Loader - Purchase Order No. E39107;
2. Standard Parts Corp., on its bid of \$30,376.74, for automotive filters – Specification No. F-007-99;
3. T.D.S. Sound Tire, on its bid of \$70,740.00, for recapping of solid rubber tires – Specification No. FLT-211-99;
4. H & B Fuel Company, Inc., on its bid of \$127,520.00, for sandy soil for TAGRO mix – Specification No. G-029-99
5. Scholten Roofing, Inc., on its bid of \$185,000.00, for roof replacement at the Pantages Theater and Jones Building located at 901 Broadway – Specification No. G-219-99;
6. Arch Paging, in the amount of \$62,500.00, to renew its contract for paging services from August 1, 1999 through July 31, 2000 – Specification No. G-020-97;
7. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with King County Fire District No. 2 for cooperative purchasing;
8. Rejecting all bids submitted for ornamental streetlighting at South 38th Street, from Yakima Avenue to G Street, and on South 11th Street, from I to J Streets – Specification No. G-209-99; and
9. Rejecting all bids submitted for the construction of a storage mezzanine at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant – Specification No. G-224-99.

Council Member Crowley moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No.1 and rejecting all bids on Item Nos. 8 and 9, be adopted. Seconded by Mayor Ebersole. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 1 and rejecting all bids on Item Nos. 8 and 9, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34450

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 2 to the agreements with Karen Willie, in the amount of \$5,000, for legal assistance regarding the All-American Homes et al. lawsuit; and in the amount of \$35,000, for legal assistance regarding the Orchard Reach Partnership, et al. lawsuit.

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

Resolution No. 34451

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce Transit, in the amount of \$234,000, for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Puyallup Avenue and East E Street and modification of an existing traffic signal at the intersection of Puyallup Avenue and F Street to improve traffic flow at the Pierce Transit Tacoma Dome Station "Park-N-Ride" facility.

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

Resolution No. 34452

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Park District and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the repair of the Eastside Neighborhood Pool.

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

CITIZENS' FORUM (BEGAN AT 5:26 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council were:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Topic
Dana Morrison	939 South Ainsworth	Tacoma Police Department
Judy Quackenbush	8 th and I Neighborhood	Tacoma Police Department
Gary Petersen	915 South 8 th Street	Tacoma Police Department
Rick Goral	817-1/2 South Cushman	Tacoma Police Department
Catherine McField	1235 South Grant	Tacoma Police Department Cameras
Jeanie Peterson	1230 South Grant Avenue	Tacoma Police Department
Skip Young	817 South Cushman	Tacoma Police Department
Mary Stuart	2529 South Yakima	Tacoma Police Department
Jacque Hackett	Director, Hilltop Action Coalition	Tacoma Police Department
James Collins	Block Leader - 1900 Block and South L	Tacoma Police Department
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman	Per Diem Issues
Ronnie Red	Hilltop Resident	Tacoma Police Department
Herman Diers	Hilltop Action Coalition	Tacoma Police Department
Darren Pen	Hilltop Action Coalition	Tacoma Police Department
Jeffrey Harris	1700 Block - Hilltop	Tacoma Police Department

Alton McDonald	Resident	Community Issues
Georgia James	Hilltop Resident	Groups of individuals around her mother's home
Jack Pleasant	25 th and I Streets	Tacoma Police Department
Stuart Harris	1700 Block and South L Street	Hilltop Issues
Willie Johnson	Hilltop Resident	Tacoma Police Department
Lawanna Lee	4810 East K Street	Eastside Issues

Citizens' Forum was declared closed at 6:35 p.m.

At 6:50 Council Member Miller moved to reopen the Citizens' Forum for additional testimony. Seconded by Council Member Silas. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

CITIZENS' FORUM (REOPENED AT 6:50 P.M.)

Speaking before the Council was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mozella Pooley	8041 South Sherwood	Tacoma Police Department

Citizens' Forum was declared closed at 6:53 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

Mr. Ray E. Corpuz Jr., City Manager, introduced Captain Ron Stephens, Fire Department Training Division, as the next Special Assistant in the City Manager's Office.

City Manager Corpuz requested a temporary six-month residency waiver for Ms. Tanya Harmon, Administrative Services Manager, in the Police Department; and a permanent residency waiver for Ms. Elaine Hopkins, Court Clerk, in the Tacoma Municipal Court.

Council Member Crowley moved to authorize the City Manager to grant a temporary six-month residency waiver for Ms. Tanya Harmon, to fill the position of Administrative Services Manager in the Police Department. Seconded by Council Member De Forrest. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Crowley moved to authorize the City Manager to grant a permanent residency waiver for Ms. Elaine Hopkins, Court Clerk I, in the Tacoma Municipal Court. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma.

Council Member De Forrest moved to amend the motion to a one-year residency waiver. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and failed with

Council Members De Forrest, McGavick and Silas voting in favor of the motion. The motion was declared failed.

Mayor Ebersole stated that the City Council now has before them the motion to authorize the City Manager to grant a permanent residency waiver for Ms. Elaine Hopkins to fill the position of Court Clerk I, in the Tacoma Municipal Court.

Roll call vote was requested and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Baarsma, Crowley, Kirby, Miller, Phelps and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 3 – De Forrest, McGavick and Silas

The motion was declared adopted.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Silas stated that she participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Rite Aid store, located on the corner of South 11th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. She stated that none of this could have happened without the support of the Hilltop residents and the Tacoma Police Department. She stated that the Rite Aid store is Hilltop’s anchor to the revitalization of retail in the neighborhood. Council Member Silas stated that it is her understanding that the new Rite Aid store on South 11th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way is the best one built in the state of Washington.

Council Member Miller moved to accept the settlement in the matter of Orchard Reach Partnership v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 96208661-0, for the sum of \$75,000. Seconded by Council Member Crowley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Kirby stated that he and Council Member Baarsma attended a Library Board meeting last week, at which time there was a presentation made by the consultant who did the performance audit on the Library. He expressed his disappointment in the outcome of the audit and the issues the audit addressed. He stated that it was his opinion the performance audit should have addressed the labor/management issues that have been ongoing for years. He stated that, during the presentation of the performance audit at the Library Board meeting, citizens in the audience and members of Library Board made comments that led him to believe that at least one Library Board Member and two new Library Board Members were not interviewed for the audit. Deputy Mayor Kirby stated that he hopes the City Council supports the Library Board in rejecting the performance audit.

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Council Member Baarsma stated that the consultant who performed the performance audit recommended a number of incremental changes involving staff scheduling and some minor organizational adjustments. He stated that although the audit did not address the labor/management issue, it does address the issue of expenditures, particularly in training, processing grievances, and teaching managers how to conduct performance appraisals. He stated that the audit report indicates that only a third of the training budget is devoted to training librarians to deal with new technology. He stated that the audit report recommended that the library staff meet with the budget staff and scrutinize the numbers prior to the budget coming before the City Council for consideration and approval. Council Member Baarsma stated that although there had been ongoing discussions with the management team at the library as the performance audit unfolded, there were no discussions with the employees, nor the two new board members that were brought into the process. He stated that the interim library director is very much aware of the flaws and problems and has expressed some concerns with the report. Council Member Baarsma stated that the consultant took the top 20 library systems in the United States, with the service area of 150,000 to 250,000, and looked at the amount of tax dollars per capita contributed by these systems. He stated that the average was \$33.97 per capita. He stated that the City of Tacoma is \$47.19 per capita. He also stated that the audit report showed that the average number of citizens having library cards per capita is 67 percent and in the City of Tacoma it is 92 percent. He stated that the City of Tacoma is also above average in materials at the Library. He stated that the City of Tacoma has a lot to be proud of in terms of our library system, but the performance audit needs to be returned to the sender with more work needed.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


 BRIAN BERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
 RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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