

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
November 17, 1987

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

Present on roll call: 8 - Hyde, McElliott, Moss, Mykland, Nielsen, Stenger, Harnick and Deputy Mayor Rasmussen. Absent: 1 - Mayor Sutherland.

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Rasmussen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 1987.

PETITIONS:

- a. Steven M. Farber requesting the reclassification of the property located at 3830 South M Street from a "C-1" to a "M-1" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner

- b. A.G. Masters requesting the reclassification of the property located at 6001 South 19th Street from a "R-2" to a "R-2-T" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 29817

Authorizing the submission of a grant application jointly with Pierce County to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission in the sum of \$58,023.00, for the purpose of continuing the Pierce County Task Force on Alcohol/Driving from December 1, 1987 to November 30, 1988.

APPEALS:

- a. William B. Swensen & Company (File No. T-59624) appealing Audit Assessment Notice AD 5562 by the Department of Tax and License.

Setting Thursday February 11, 1988 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner.

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- b. William B. Swensen & Company, Inc. (File No. T-56912) appealing Audit Assessment Notice AD 5564 by the Department of Tax and License.

Setting Thursday February 11, 1988 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner.

- c. U S West Cellular, Inc. (File No. T-51672) appealing Audit Assessment Notice AD 5560 by the Department of Tax and License.

Setting Thursday February 25, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearings Examiner Agenda for Tuesday, November 17, 1987.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Human Rights Commission, September 17, 1987.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Administration of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, September 24, 1987.
- d. Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Administration of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, October 23, 1987.
- e. Minutes of the special meeting of The Municipal Authority, October 22, 1987.
- f. Minutes of the public hearing of the Urban Policy Committee, November 5, 1987.
- g. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System report of purchases and sales of investments, September 1987.
- h. Security Capital Real Estate Fund Adoptive agreement, October 15, 1987.
- i. Draft Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan, October 1987.

Council Member Nielsen moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 29817, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Moss.

Deputy Mayor Rasmussen moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 29837. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 29837

Setting Tuesday, November 24, 1987 at approximately 5:30 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the 23rd Street Bridge.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 29817 and 29837. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

City Attorney recommending approval of the request for the withdrawal and closure of the street vacation petition of Sharon Guest Homes, Inc., for a retirement home at the property located on the northeast corner of North 26th and Washington Streets. (Sharon Guest Homes, Inc., File No. 124.825)

Council Member Stenger moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Rasmussen proclaimed the 17th of November, 1987, to be "Community Education Day," and presented the proclamation to Bernie Bell.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 23971 (Continued from the meeting of November 10, 1987.)

Amending Chapter 1.24 of the Official Code relative to the personnel rules to add language stating that information concerning an examination process and exam be available to all applicants.

Deputy Mayor Rasmussen moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 23971. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Nielsen moved to suspend the rules to allow public testimony on Substitute Ordinance No. 23971. Seconded by Council Member Warnick.

Speaking on the ordinance were:

Paula Wallace Lonergan, Chair, Affirmative Action Committee;
Catherine Ursich, Chair, Civil Service Board; and
Al Disbro, Member, Civil Service Board.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Hyde, McElliott, Mykland, Nielsen, Stenger, Warnick, and Deputy Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays: 1 - Moss.

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Absent: 1 - Mayor Sutherland.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23976

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to implement numerous job titles recommended by Ewing & Company effective January 1, 1988.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Hyde, McElliott, Moss, Mykland, Nielsen, Stenger, Warrnick, and Deputy Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Mayor Sutherland.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23977

Accepting a donation of \$2,500.00 from the Ben B. Cheney Foundation; depositing said sum in the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; transferring \$2,500.00 from the General Fund to the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund; and appropriating \$5,000.00 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund to provide funding for the Children's Design Exhibition at the Tacoma Dome to be held December 4-6, 1987.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Hyde, McElliott, Moss, Mykland, Nielsen, Stenger, Warrnick, and Deputy Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Mayor Sutherland.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23978

Transferring the \$9,000.00 fund balance from the Medical Arts Construction Fund to the Municipal Building Acquisition and Operating Fund; and appropriating \$9,000.00 from the Municipal Building Acquisition and Operating Fund for the cost of improvements in the building piping system and other expenses relating to the Municipal Building.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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Ayes: 8 - Hyde, McElliott, Moss, Mykland, Nielsen, Stenger, Warrnick, and Deputy Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Mayor Sutherland.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 23979

Appropriating \$405,758.56 from the Labor-Management Health Care Trust Fund to pay the Pierce County Medical Bureau, Inc. for recovery of underwriting losses for the third quarter of 1987, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 23980

Appropriating \$55,000.00 from the Crushed Rock Fund to pay increased costs of the chip seal program during 1987, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 23981

Authorizing the execution of a grant award contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$42,000.00; and depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for implementing projects in the Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 29835

Awarding contracts to:

1. Diamaco, Inc. on their bid of \$55,220.00 for the fireboat museum landscaping - Specification No. G-270-87;

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2. William H. Reilly and Company in the amount of \$26,251.32 for the purchase and repair of sedimentation tank flights and comminutors at the Central Treatment Plant - Single Source;
3. Kaplan Paper Company in the amount of \$3,600.00 and Zellerbach Paper Company in the amount of \$7,400.00 to increase their contracts for annual paper supplies - Specification No. G-048-86; and
4. Diamond Parking, Inc. in the amount of \$68,000.00 for the management services contract for the North and South Park Plaza Garages.

Council Member Nielsen moved that the Purchase Resolution, including the waiver of formal bidding procedures on Purchase Item Nos. 2 and 4, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Moss.

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

Resolution No. 29836

Authorizing the execution of an access permit and easement across a portion of the Cowlitz Trout Hatchery Wells Pipeline and roadway to allow for the development of the Blue Creek Estates.

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

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Deputy Mayor Rasmussen moved that the City Attorney be authorized to settle the claim of Barnett vs. the City of Tacoma in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Utility Board. Seconded by Council Member Harnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Moss addressed the Council regarding comparable worth. He read the following statement:

"In 1985, the Tacoma City Council directed that a City-wide classification, salary survey, and pay equity study be conducted to determine appropriate internal equity and market relationships on a City-wide basis. The City retained an independent third party (Ewing and Company) to conduct such a study.

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The study enjoyed a great deal of participation with General Government and Public Utilities employees, and their respective employee group representatives. An Employee Advisory Committee and a network of interested parties were involved in discussing study progress and methodology.

The City Council held public hearings in the fall of 1986 to solicit testimony from the general public regarding the study results.

The Council has taken (with the adoption of Ordinance No. 23976) the first step in the implementation of the classification portion of the Ewing Study.

The study outline for the City's consideration an implementation plan concerning each element of the study.

For the purpose of ensuring equity in the City of Tacoma pay system, and to resolve the remaining issues expeditiously, I move that we direct City staff to prepare appropriate information for immediate Council consideration regarding the development of a comprehensive plan for phasing-in the comparable worth pay concept in the City of Tacoma." The motion was seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


PETER T. S. RASMUSSEN, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 
GENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK

WPC. 2986G.

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