



City Council Minutes

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

September 15, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 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 McGavick.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting, August 25, 1998.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Hearing Examiner's Agenda, September 22, 1998.
- b. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, August 12, 1998.
- c. Minutes of the LESA Executive Board, June 24, 1998.
- d. Minutes of the Transportation Committee, August 13, 1998.
- e. Association of Washington Cities 1998 Tax & User Fee Survey: Municipal Tax Rates & Fees - Part I; Land Use Fees - Part II; Park & Recreation Fees - Part III; and Water, Sewer & Stormwater Fees - Part IV.
- f. Director of Finance Report, June and July 1998.
- g. *South Puget Sound drive Washington* publication, Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau.

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

Mayor Ebersole acknowledged members of Boy Scout Troop No. 37 who were attending the City Council meeting to earn their "Community Merit" badges.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26285

Authorizing the extension of the cable television franchise agreement with TCI of Tacoma, Inc., through January 31, 1999.

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. 26286

Authorizing the extension of the cable television franchise agreement with Cable TV Puget Sound, Inc., through January 31, 1999.

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. 26291

Amending Chapter 1.23 of the Municipal Code relative to appeals of the Hearing Examiner's decisions regarding civil penalties.

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.

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Ordinance No. 26292

Authorizing the execution of an access easement with Tacoma Parking Associates for repair and maintenance of the North Plaza Parking Garage to prevent leakage into the office space located at 936 Pacific Avenue.

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.

Substitute Ordinance No. 26293

Appropriating \$1,200,000 from the Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance/Industrial Insurance Fund for expenditures through the 1997/1998 biennium; and appropriating \$3,447,725 from the Labor Management Health Care Trust Fund; \$400,000 from the Firefighters' Health Care Trust Fund; and \$252,000 from the Police Health Care Trust Fund for expenditures related to injury and damage claims.

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 Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26294

Amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code by adding a new section prohibiting persons from stopping, standing or parking a vehicle within ten feet of a mailbox during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on scheduled delivery days, by the United States Postal Service.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to continue Ordinance No. 26294 to the meeting of September 22, 1998, per the request of staff. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 26294 will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of September 22, 1998.

Ordinance No. 26295

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to implement 1998 rates of pay and compensation for represented and nonrepresented employees and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26295. 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: 9 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 0

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26296

Amending Chapter 1.18 of the Municipal Code relating to administration and the salary of the Mayor, effective January 1, 2000.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Baarsma, Crowley, De Forrest, Kirby, McGavick, Miller, Phelps, and Silas

Nays: 0

Abstaining: 1 – Mayor Ebersole

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 26297

Amending Chapters 1.18 and 1.19 of the Municipal Code relating to administration and the salary of the Deputy Mayor and Council Members, effective January 1, 2000.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 – Baarsma, Crowley, Kirby, Miller, Phelps, Silas, and Mayor Ebersole

Nays: 2 – De Forrest and McGavick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Council Member Miller noted that today is election day and encouraged those people who have not yet voted, to vote.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 26298

Accepting a donation of a memorial to Fallen Firefighters, from the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Association of Tacoma, to be erected adjacent to and fronting Fire Station No. 5, located at 3301 Ruston Way; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Association of Tacoma to implement said project.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 26298. Seconded by Council Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Substitute Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 34170

Awarding contracts to:

1. Woodworth & Company, Inc., on its bid of \$245,475.00, for
 - LID No. 8605 - residential street improvements to Middle Road, from East 34th Street to Wright Avenue, and
 - LID No. 8607 - residential street improvements on Mason Avenue, from South 12th to South 14th Streets - Specification No. G-235-98;
2. Tucci & Sons, Inc., on its bid of \$331,190.68, for
 - LID No. 8608 - sanitary sewer replacement and alley improvements from East G Street to McKinley Avenue between East 36th and East 37th Streets,
 - LID No. 8612 - alley improvements from South 64th Street 550 feet north between M Street and Sheridan Avenue,
 - LID No. 8617 - alley improvements from South 67th to South 69th Streets between Monroe and Tyler Streets - Specification No. G-236-98; and
3. Woodworth & Company, Inc., on its bid of \$180,457.47 for
 - LID No. 8613 - alley improvements from Cheyenne to Mullen Streets between North 27th and North 28th Streets,
 - LID No. 8614 - sanitary sewer replacement and alley improvements from Proctor Street to 200 feet west between North 8th and North 9th Streets,
 - LID No. 8615 - residential street improvements to Mullen Street from North 28th to North 29th Streets,
 - LID No. 8619 - alley improvements from Mullen to Ferdinand Streets between North 28th and North 29th Streets - Specification No. G-237-98.

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

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Deputy Mayor Crowley moved to suspend the rules to consider an additional Resolution No. 34173. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34173

Adopting Tacoma's Economic Agenda for the 21st Century: "Think Big, Plan Fast, Act Now" as the Economic Development Plan for the City of Tacoma.

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

Speaking before the Council was:

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

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

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

Nays: 0

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 34171

Adopting the revised mission statement of the goals and objectives of "Tacoma Tomorrow," the Strategic Plan for the Tacoma City Government.

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

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. 34172

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Metropolitan Park District, in the amount of \$150,000, to replace the roof on the Peoples' Community Center.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ray E. Corpuz Jr. requested an Executive Session to consider labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 30 minutes.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Baarsma requested an update on the joint endeavor with NRG Energy, Inc. to potentially bid for the operation of the steam plant.

City Manager Corpuz stated that a study session has been scheduled for this matter. He stated that staff is still working on this issue and is hoping to give the City Council some options and considerations on short and long range cost benefits. He stated that staff is considering a partnership with the Department of Public Utilities.

Council Member Baarsma replied stating that the City Council should be the first to be notified when considering the shutting down of the steam plant. He stated that if it makes sense, a joint public/private partnership should be given priority consideration.

Mayor Ebersole stated that this is the kind of policy making issue where the City Council needs to become involved early on. He stated that he understands that this issue was time sensitive and that the City Manager wanted to preserve that option for the City Council and the City.

Mayor Ebersole stated the Tortured Artist Film Festival had its third annual festival in Tacoma at the Pantages Theatre last Friday night with a rather good turnout of approximately 450 people. He stated that the current plans of the Tortured Artist Film Festival is to move the festival to either Portland, Oregon, or Palo Alto, California. Mayor Ebersole inquired about whether or not the City of Tacoma could work with the organizers of the festival to help give them the guidance and direction on how they could improve the gate receipts so that the festival could remain in Tacoma.

City Manager Corpuz stated that he would get the appropriate staff together and work with the people of the festival.

Council Member Silas stated that she is always encouraged when she sees students attending the City Council meetings. Council Member Silas asked if one of the students could go to the microphone and let the City Council know what kind of notes he was taking.

Steven Wilson, McIlvaigh Middle School, stated that he recorded the voting record and took notes on the Mayor and Council Members salary raises that were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Council Member McGavick stated that a lot of things are going on in the City of Tacoma having to do with the Arts. She stated that the City of Tacoma needs to consider some of these projects that would support economic development efforts. Council Member McGavick suggested that a study session be scheduled to bring City Council Members up to date as well as to get their input regarding the Arts in Tacoma.

Council Member Miller thanked the Public Works Department for all their efforts regarding the removal of political signs that are placed in illegal places such as the street rights-of-way. He stated that he has requested a follow-up on the City's

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ordinance that do not allow the placement of political signs in street corners, street rights-of-way, parks or where the private property owner has not given permission. He stated that in the last six weeks 472 political signs have been picked up.

Deputy Mayor Crowley moved that the City of Tacoma accept a settlement of \$47,000 negotiated by the Legal Department in the matter of Jeffrey Singletary v. the City of Tacoma. Seconded by Mayor Ebersole. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Miller moved that following a five-minute recess, the Council convene to Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 30 minutes. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council recessed at 6:45 p.m.

At 6:50 p.m. Council convened to Executive Session.

At 7:19 p.m. Council reconvened.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



BRIAN EBERSOLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RICK ROSENBLADT, CITY CLERK

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