

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
May 25, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Silas, and Mayor Vialle. Absent: 1 - Nielsen.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Silas.

Approval of the minutes of the Tacoma City Council meeting of May 18, 1993.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 32202

Setting Tuesday, June 8, 1993, at approximately 6:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council relative to the Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program for 1994-1999 and the Amended 1993 Street Program.

Resolution No. 32203

Setting Monday, June 14, 1993, at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner relative to L.I.D. No. 2619 for the construction of sidewalks along the southerly side of East 25th Street from East F Street to East G Street, and the westerly side of Delin Street, from East 25th Street south approximately 80 feet.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearing Examiner Agenda for Tuesday, May 25, 1993.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee, April 29, 1993.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, April 7, 1993 and study session of March 24, 1993.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 12, 1993.
- e. Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting and study session, April 28, 1993.

Council Member Moss moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 32202 and 32203, be approved. Seconded by Council Member

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Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation of a suggestion award.

Mayor Vialle called on Tacoma Police Officer Anthony Abuan and presented him with a check and certificate for his suggestion to combine two separate sheets to one shirt sized card that is provided to victims of domestic violence that has information including case number on one side and victim assistance phone numbers on the other.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25304 (Continued from the meeting of May 18, 1993.)

Repealing Ordinance No. 24890 relative to L.I.D. No. 5710 for the construction of a 6-inch water main in North 49th Street from Lexington to Mildred Streets and in Mildred Street from North 49th Street to Parkside Lane.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Nielsen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25308

Providing for the defeasance of \$3,000,000 of the Electric System Refunding Revenue Bonds, 1985.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Nielsen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25309

Accepting a donation of \$1,000 from TeleCommunications of Washington, Inc., and depositing in and appropriating said sum from the General Fund for participation by the City at the National Academy of Cable Programming's Annual Local ACE Award Ceremony on June 8, 1993.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Nielsen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25310

Appropriating \$11,000 from the Visitor & Convention Promotion Fund and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the 1993 agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau for film marketing and promotion services, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Nielsen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25311

Providing for the formation of L.I.D. No. 8572 for the placement of asphaltic concrete pavement on the alley between North 12th and North 13th Streets from Verde to Cheyenne Streets.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Nielsen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 25312

Providing for the formation of L.I.D. No. 8571 for the placement of asphaltic concrete pavement on the alley between North 8th and North 9th Streets from Lawrence to Warner Streets.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 -- Baarsma, Evans, McElliott, Miller, Moss, Mykland, Silas, and Mayor Vialle.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 -- Nielsen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 25313

Amending Chapter 5.08 of the Official Code relative to health and sanitation and food service to comply with state law.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 25314

Depositing \$100,000 of fees and interest income for the Dyno Overlay loan into the Community Development Block Grants Summary Fund; appropriating said sum from the Community Development Block Grants Summary Fund for economic development projects; amending the Neighborhood Preservation Program agreement with the Municipal Authority; and amending the 19th Year Block Grant Final Statement of Objectives and Use of Funds to include float loan program income.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 32166 (Continued from the meeting of May 4, 1993.)

Designating the City of Warringahshire, Australia as a Sister City.

Mayor Vialle moved to remove Resolution No. 32166 from the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 32166 was removed from the agenda.

Resolution No. 32201 (Continued from the meeting of May 18, 1993.)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Bassetti Norton Metler Rekevics, Inc., P.S. in the amount of \$575,000 for architectural and engineering services on the Municipal Dock and Puget Sound Freight Buildings projects.

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

Purchase Resolution No. 32204

Awarding a contract to:

Totem Electric of Tacoma, Inc., on their bid of \$185,780.25 for traffic signalization on South 56th Street, Cedar to Washington Streets - Specification No. G-223-93.

Deputy Mayor Mykland 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. 32205

Authorizing the sale of surplus property located at the northeast corner of South 47th Street and Union Avenue in the amount of \$14,000 to Mr. Stan Haines.

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

Resolution No. 32206

Authorizing the partial release of a drainage easement near East 80th and A Streets.

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

Resolution No. 32207

Authorizing the execution of a two year agreement with the Economic Development Board of Tacoma-Pierce County in the amount of \$60,000 to provide assistance in furthering the City's economic development goals.

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

Council Member Miller moved to continue Resolution No. 32207 to the Council Meeting of June 1, 1993. Seconded by Council Member Evans.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Mykland moved to set Resolution No. 32207 over to a date to be determined. Seconded by Mayor Vialle.

Mayor Vialle stated that the motion is to set the Resolution over to a date to be determined in order to set up a study session on this matter.

Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Moss voting nay. The motion was declared adopted.

The Resolution was set over to a date to be determined.

Resolution No. 32208

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Black & Veatch Waste Science & Technology Corporation and Gordon Thomas Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson & Daheim in the amount of \$191,098 for expert services for "Walk on the Mountain Site Characterization and Remediation."

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

Deputy Mayor Mykland moved to amend Resolution No. 32208 on page 1, line 10, to delete the words "Walk on the Mountain" and insert the words "Morris Property." Also, to amend page 1, line 21 to delete the words "Walk on the Mountain" and insert "Morris Property. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution, as amended. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council Member Miller stated that there was a resolution that was tabled approximately one month ago from the Department of Public Utilities for approval of an easement with Talmo, Inc. He stated he would like this removed from table and put on the agenda.

Council Member Miller moved to remove Resolution No. 32142 from table and placed on the June 1, 1993 Council Agenda. Seconded by Mayor Vialle.

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

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager, reminded the Council that the new Manitou Elementary School groundbreaking ceremonies would be this Thursday, May 27, at 2:00 p.m. at Manitou Park at South 66th and Mason Streets. He hoped that all Council Members could join in the ceremonies.

He then informed the Council that Mr. Ken Olson of the Water Division will be retiring effective the end of June.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Vialle moved to excuse Council Member Nielsen from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Council Member Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Mayor Vialle moved to cancel the City Council meeting of June 22, 1993. Seconded by Council Member Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Mayor Vialle stated that the First Inaugural Youth Hall of Fame was an unqualified success. She stated that 872 youth were honored. She thanked all Council Members who participated in this event.

Council Member Miller echoed the comments on the Youth Hall of Fame given by the Mayor. He felt it was a good event. He felt we needed to stress these types of complimentary awards to youths for actions in the community.

Council Member Miller made a request of the City Manager. He stated that he was informed that at the intersection of North 17th and Jackson, there was another rollover accident. He stated he knew the City was in the process of installing a light at that intersection; however, he requested that Public Works review the accident history of that intersection. He stated there could be a liability issue here and noted that the neighbors were repeatedly saying this.

Mayor Vialle stated she would like to second those comments made by Council Member Miller and add to that request. She stated that one of the residents was concerned that there would not just be a caution light, but an actual signal light placed at this intersection. Mayor Vialle requested that the City Manager double check on this and provide her information so she could return the call on this matter.

Council Member Baarsma stated that there was a memo in the Friday packet from Mr. Walton to Mr. Corpuz regarding the plans to convert the methane gas at the landfill to an energy source. He originally had wondered why the Public Utilities was not taking the lead on this. He stated that after discussion with Mr. Crisson, it was a question of capitalization. Mr. Crisson had stated it would be more cost effective for the private sector to move into this area. He stated that the Public Works and Sanitation staff were cooperating in this effort. The City would have to subsidize the effort through the ratepayers in order to participate.

Council Member Baarsma stated he had received calls from constituents regarding the May 20 article in The Morning News Tribune that headlined "City Council agrees to pay \$450,000 of its expensive landfill."

Council Member Baarsma stated that the article contained a possible indirect omission that stated that instead of paying the \$7 million agreed to, the City agreed to pay \$13.8 million in return for a verdict being dropped from the court record regarding the Overlook Rim and Knob Hill apartments. He stated that the article did not state that the City had purchased the apartments and that the \$13.8 million was not to settle a judgment, but rather to purchase an asset that has estimated value of around \$12 million. He stated that the article was misleading.

Council Member McElliott stated that tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. the Municipal Action Committee is meeting at People Center. She noted that several things were added by neighborhoods to the agenda such as drug free zones.

Council Member Evans stated he also talked to Mr. Crisson regarding whether the gas supply would be of sufficient volume to last 20 years. He noted that we get 2.5 cents per kilowatt, but it would cost about 4.5 to 6 cents per kilowatt to produce. He felt it may be advisable for someone else to begin this effort.

Council Member Evans did have a question whether the City can sell it for more than we sell it to anyone else, such as Puget Power.

Council Member Evans stated that this Friday the JRPC would be meeting, at which time they would vote on the regional transit system. He felt this was the most important issue, second to health care, in this region. He stated he was disturbed by an article in the newspaper comparing this endeavor to WPPSS. He stated that not doing this would make WPPSS pale by comparison. He stated he felt we should address the public in a more positive manner on this issue. He also hoped that the three counties could get together and support this issue fully.

Mayor Vialle stated that yesterday Bill Pugh and staff went to Olympia to receive, on behalf of the City and the state, the Ecological Commission's award for the public agency recycling Award of the Year for our joint program with Texaco for oil recycling. She stated that also Atachem was being honored in the business and industry category for their outstanding work in upgrading and improving the environmental quality of their plant.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS: (Began at 6:17 p.m.)

- a. This is the date set for the public hearing to consider the draft Transportation Plan and Program.

