



City Council Minutes

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

September 27, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Council Members Present: 7 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, Manthou, Phillips, Stenger, and Mayor Baarsma.

Council Members Absent: 2 – Lonergan and Talbert.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Phillips.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, August 30, 2005.
- b. Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 24, 2005.
- c. Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, July 27 and August 10, 2005.
- d. Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, August 15, 2005.
- e. Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, August 10, 2005; and special meeting, August 12, 2005.
- f. Monthly Financial Reports for Business Information Systems, Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, and Tacoma Water, June and July 2005.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings, August 16 and 23, 2005; and study sessions, August 30 and September 13, 2005.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

There were no proclamations.

Mayor Baarsma presented awards to the TV Tacoma staff received from the 25th Annual Conference for the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time set aside for public comment for items on the agenda. Speakers are asked to identify the specific agenda items they wish to address and comments will be limited to up to five minutes per person.

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation	Subject
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman Avenue	Resolution No. 36647
Charles Creso	5501 Broadview Avenue NE	Resolution No. 36647
Rick Cvitanich	2808 North 8 th Street	Resolution No. 36650
Alton McDonald	Resident	Ordinance No.27415

Public Comment closed at 5:31 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27415

Authorizing the issuance of a Limited Tax General Obligation Line of Credit Note in the amount of \$4.2 million; depositing in and appropriating said sum from the Tacoma Police Facilities Construction Fund and securing said Note with the proceeds of the sale of City-owned properties located at 3737 Puget Sound Avenue, and 21st Street and Jefferson Avenue; providing for the repayment of the existing Limited Tax General Obligation Line of Credit Note, 2005, in the principal amount not to exceed \$2.4 million, to complete all four neighborhood police substations; and amending the Biennial Budget for 2005-2006.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 36647

Awarding contracts to:

1. Avaya Communications, in the amount of \$225,000, including sales tax, budgeted through the Communications System Fund, for the purchase and installation of an upgrade to the Telephone System for the Municipal Building - Sole Source; and
2. PetroCard Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$3,000,000, plus sales tax, budgeted from various individual department funds, to increase and renew its contract for cardlock and mobile fueling services – Specification No. FLT-0001.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 1, be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Anderson. Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures on Item No. 1, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 36648

Approving the sale of Water System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$62 million, to fund capital improvements to the water system.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Anderson.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved to consider Substitute Resolution No. 36648. Seconded by Council Member Anderson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Resolution No. 36649

Designating the National Incident Management System as the standard for all emergency operations in the City of Tacoma.

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

Resolution No. 36650

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Art Anderson Associates, in the amount of \$319,500, budgeted from the Fire Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, to provide architectural and engineering services in support of the refit and renovation of the Tacoma Fireboat *Commencement*.

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

Resolution No. 36651

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Brown & Brown, Inc., in the amount of \$215,000, budgeted from the Self Insurance Fund, to act as Broker of Record for the City for property and casualty insurance brokerage services for a three-year period beginning August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2008.

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

Resolution No. 36652

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Bratrud Middleton, in the amount of \$96,000, for continued employee benefits insurance broker services for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

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

Resolution No. 36653

Authorizing the establishment of a money purchase retirement plan and trust; and the execution of the Declaration of Trust and other documents necessary for the establishment of the Government Money Plan and Trust of the ICMA Retirement Corporation.

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

Resolution No. 36654

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Department of Washington Conservation Corps, in the amount of \$85,000, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to provide a six-person work crew that will assist in maintenance and restoration of various City-owned mitigation/restoration projects beginning October 1, 2005.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Eric Anderson thanked Mr. Matt Fengler for his service as Special Assistant in the City Manager’s Office for the last three months and then introduced Ms. Jolene Davis, Assistant Fire Chief, Training Division, who will be the next special assistant. He acknowledged a letter of appreciation sent by the Gig Harbor Fire Department District No. 5 to the Tacoma Fire Department for their response and skilled work during a recent fire in the Gig Harbor Marina. Mr. Anderson also mentioned the exemplary life saving actions of Firefighter Damon Semingson resulting in a Governor’s “Lifesaving Award” being presented tomorrow.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Baarsma gave a brief overview of his recent trip to the 25th Annual Conference of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA), in Washington D.C., then called on Mr. Chris Bacha, Assistant City Attorney, who summarized the discussions at the conference as to the needs of local government in relation to pending telecommunications legislation.

◆ Neighborhoods and Housing Committee update
(Continued from the meeting of September 20, 2005)

Mayor Baarsma reported on recent issues discussed, which included the following: Affordable Housing Plan, including the Housing Levy and three major amendments; concerns relating to the proposed Wal-Mart in Fircrest, including impact on Tacoma and staff’s focus on technical issues; and political signs posted on the public right-of-way.

◆ Government Performance and Finance Committee update

Council Member Anderson announced the cancellation of the September 28th Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting. She then reported on recent issues discussed which included: in-depth investigation/evaluation with Human Resources/City Attorney’s Office regarding a complaint received regarding classified vs. unclassified service, disclosure memorandums to Council, and policy regarding interpretation; enterprise properties and utilization; updates from Human Resources regarding personnel performance audits; and the study on internal auditor functions. She stated future items to be discussed include the final draft report on SAP and Business Improvement System on October 12th; and the City’s total Compensation Study on October 26th.

◆ Public Safety and Human Services Committee update

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg reported on recent issues discussed, which included: sex offenders report, Police presence in downtown Tacoma, Business Improvement Area; presentation on the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department agreement; the new site for the Weed and Seed program; and continued meetings with the Pierce County Council regarding the grand opening of the Family Justice Center in November. She

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stated future items to be discussed include a presentation from the Youth Assessment and Resource Center, relating to juvenile courts and a presentation on photo radar on October 13th; and updates on the Safe Streets Campaign and the weapons ordinance on October 27th.

Mayor Baarsma added to his Neighborhoods and Housing Committee update future items to be discussed which included reviewing the proposed sale and use of the 1419 South Yakima properties formerly known as the Phoebe House; Alder Street traffic calming and parking on October 3rd; and High Risk/High Needs Moratorium continuance; design review concepts and the North Slope District zoning on October 17th.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg moved to excuse Council Members Lonergan and Talbert from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Council Member Anderson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Evans thanked Mr. Ryan Petty, Economic Development Department Director, and team lead by Ms. Donna Datsko, Economic Development Supervisor, for the web training class they hosted. He also mentioned his concern regarding the graduation and drop-out rate in our public school district. He thanked the citizens who responded via email and telephone calls regarding their concerns. He added that 15 percent of Tacoma population is made up of students. He concluded by mentioning and thanking the Werlin Group, www.werlinreading.com, which is a volunteer group that will start a new program in three weeks called, "Help me Read". He stated that there are 36 elementary schools and the Werlin Group program is involved in ten of them.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg stated that a few months ago the Council endorsed the Alliance for Youth of Pierce County along with the Youth Services of Tacoma to move youth services forward. She added that Youth Services of Tacoma supports a program through MetroParks called the SPARX program, which is an after school program in eleven Tacoma Middle Schools. She stated that the Alliance for Youth of Pierce County submitted a proposal to America's Promise to become one of 100 Best Communities for Young People throughout the nation and won.

Council Member Phillips stated that on Thursday at 11:00 a.m., the Proctor District Association is dedicating historical plaques on the side of a remodel at North 26th and Proctor Streets. He also stated that the North End Neighborhood Council is having their Annual Board Member elections in November. He announced the next North End Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on October 3rd at the University of Puget Sound, in the Student Union area Room 101, and encouraged citizens to attend.

Deputy Mayor Ladenburg mentioned the Alliance for Youth of Pierce County is having their annual breakfast at the Tacoma's Landmark Convention Center on Thursday, September 29th beginning at 7:30 a.m., where they will recognize the new

America's Promise affiliates, enjoy music from young people, and a report from a panel

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of young people who have been working all summer on what the community can do for them.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK