



# Special City Council Meeting Minutes

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Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

June 21, 2004

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:39 p.m.

Council Members Present: 8 – Anderson, Evans, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

Council Members Absent: 1 – Ladenburg. (Council Member Ladenburg arrived at 5:29 p.m.)

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Stenger.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

### **C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of June 9, 2004.

Council Member Phelps moved that Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

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Mayor Baarsma moved to reschedule from June 29, 2004, to July 13, 2004, all approved amendments from the Special City Council meeting of June 9, 2004, and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare resolutions, including ballot titles, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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## PROCLAMATIONS

None.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the time set aside for public comment on 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 4:44 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Address/Affiliation</b>         | <b>Subject</b>                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Charles Creso   | 5501 Broadview NE                  | Redistricting                               |
| Rick Cvitanich  | 2808 North 8 <sup>th</sup> Street  | Redistricting/Reduction of Council Members  |
| Michael Price   | 1431 North Woodlawn                | Proposed Charter Amendment No. 14           |
| Steve Galbraith | 2340 North Shirley Street          | Proposed Charter Amendment No. 20           |
| Robert Hill     | 2522 North Proctor Street          | Proposed Charter Amendments                 |
| Paul Miller     | Former Tacoma City Council Member  | Proposed Charter Amendment No. 23           |
| Christy Strand  | 1107 North 27 <sup>th</sup> Street | Suggestions by the Charter Review Committee |

Public comment closed at 5:01 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER AS SUBMITTED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Amendment No. 13 - Section 5.4: Election of Councilmen - Numbered Positions**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 13 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Anderson. Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

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**Amendment No. 14 - Section 6.1: Unclassified Service**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 14 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

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Council Member Ladenburg arrived here.

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Council Member Anderson moved to table the motion. Seconded by Council Member Ladenburg. Voice vote was taken and failed, with Council Members Anderson and Ladenburg voting in favor of the motion. The motion to table was declared failed.

Council Member Talbert moved to continue Amendment No. 14 until after consideration of Amendment No. 23. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Mayor Baarsma and Council Member Stenger voting in opposition. The motion to continue was declared adopted.

**Amendment No. 15 - Section 6.3: Eligibility for Employment**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 15 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

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Mayor Baarsma called for a recess at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Baarsma reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:29 p.m.

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**Amendment No. 16 - Section 6.6: Pecuniary Interest**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 16 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

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

Ayes: 6 – Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 3 – Anderson, Evans, and Stenger

Absent: 0

The motion was declared adopted.

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**Amendment No. 17 - Section 6.8: Political Activity**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 17 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

Council Member Lonergan moved to amend proposed Amendment No. 17 to strike the title of "Political Activity" and replace it with a new title of "Dual Office Holding." Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried on Amendment No. 17, as amended. The motion was declared adopted.

**Amendment No. 18 - Section 7.4: Investment of Funds**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 18 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

Council Member Phelps called for the question. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken and carried, with Mayor Baarsma and Council Member Stenger voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

**Amendment No. 19 - Section 7.5 (a): Department of Finance**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 19 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

**Amendment No. 20 - Section 7.8: Receipt, Custody and Disbursement of Funds**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 20 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

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

Ayes: 7 – Anderson, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 2 – Evans and Stenger

Absent: 0

The motion was declared adopted.

**Amendment No. 21 - Section 7.9: Receipt, Custody and Disbursement of Funds**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 21 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

Council Member Ladenburg moved to amend proposed Amendment No. 21 to insert "or his/her designee" after the word "Treasurer." Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried on Amendment No. 21, as amended, with Council Member Stenger voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

**Amendment No. 22 - Section 7.14: Independent Audit**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 22 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Stenger voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

**Amendment No. 23 - Section 9.1: Disposal of City Property**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 23 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

Council Member Phelps moved to amend proposed Amendment No. 23 to instruct the City Attorney's Office to prepare a ballot title for this amendment which excludes the sale of property, but includes the language on leases with terms of less than one year and the seventy-five year lease period, and to draft separate language on the sale of property. Seconded by Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Voice vote was taken and carried on Amendment No. 23, as amended. The motion was declared adopted.

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**Amendment No. 14 - Section 6.1: Unclassified Service**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt Amendment No. 14 and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Phelps.

Council Member Phelps moved to amend proposed Amendment No. 14 by changing the proposed additional language to "and such professional and administrative personnel as the Council may prescribe by the affirmative vote of not less than six members." Seconded by Council Member Anderson. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Mayor Baarsma and Council Member Stenger voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Ayes: 2 – Anderson and Phelps

Nays: 7 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Absent: 0

The motion was declared failed.

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Council Member Phelps moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to change the order of the agenda to allow discussion of Amendment No. 15 again. Seconded by Council Member Talbert. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to adopt proposed Amendment No. 15 without the changes recommended by the Charter Review Committee and to delete the last sentence in the current Section 6.3, as follows: "No officer or employee in the city service shall hold any other public office, except in the National Guard, Organized Reserve, or as a Notary Public." Seconded by Mayor Baarsma. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Election of Charter Review Committee Members**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt the proposed amendment for the Election of Charter Review Committee Members and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Stenger.

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

Ayes: 4 – Anderson, Evans, Ladenburg, and Lonergan

Nays: 4 – Manthou, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Absent: 1 – Phelps

The motion was declared failed.

### **Redistrict City from Five to Six Council Districts**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt the proposed amendment to Redistrict the City from Five to Six Council Districts and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Talbert.

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

Ayes: 5 – Evans, Ladenburg, Stenger, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 3 – Anderson, Lonergan, and Manthou

Absent: 1 – Phelps

The motion was declared adopted.

### **Elected Auditor/Ombudsman**

Council Member Stenger withdrew his proposal for an Elected Auditor/Ombudsman amendment.

### **Election of Mayor by City Council from its Own Membership**

Deputy Mayor Evans moved to adopt the proposed amendment for the Election of the Mayor by the City Council from its Own Membership and directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare a resolution, including a ballot title, for the July 13, 2004, City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Talbert.

After discussion, Council Member Anderson withdrew the proposed amendment.

### **ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER AS PROPOSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

None.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER - TIME FOR A CHANGE COMMITTEE**

#### **Signature Gathering Requirements, Deadline and Validation Process**

Council Member Lonergan distributed a Resolution that will be brought forward at the June 22, 2004, City Council meeting, regarding the required number of signatures that the Time for a Change Committee needs to gather in order for Council to consider placing their initiative petition on the November ballot. A discussion ensued on the Resolution. (See City Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2004, regarding Resolution No. 36214.)

#### **Presentation on November Ballot and Ballot Title or Titles:**

1. Unmodified "Time for a Change" Petition as a Single Ballot Title
2. Unmodified "Time for a Change" Petition as Three Ballot Titles:
  - I. Strong Mayor Government
  - II. Seven Member City Council
  - III. Elected City Attorney
3. Modified "Time for a Change" Petition as One or More Ballot Titles
4. Unmodified Strong Mayor Government Portion of "Time for a Change" Petition only as a Single Ballot Title
5. Strong Mayor Government Amendment Developed by City Council

There was no discussion or action on any of the above items.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

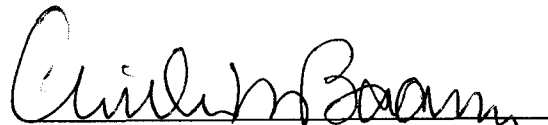
**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER**

None.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

None.

On proper motion, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
WILLIAM H. BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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