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**Honestly, now.  
Haven't you  
finally  
had enough?**

For a while, City Council sessions were pretty good entertainment. You could always count on a few good laughs. A few good exchanges of witty barbs between the factions.

It's no longer a laughing matter. Five members of the present City Council, through their capricious, childish actions, are failing to lead the City of Tacoma toward the accomplishment of worthwhile goals.

## Take a look at all

they've done for us.

The cable TV franchises, for example. It's no small matter. Most estimates indicate the CATV franchises could mean an additional \$6 - 10 million in revenues for the City. The council majority, in a move obviously based on friendship rather than merit, awarded the franchise to Tacoma Cable Co., probably the least qualified of all the applicants.

On at least five occasions, the council was advised against making this award. First, when the council received a lengthy memorandum from general government concluding, after thorough study, that all applicants should be rejected. The memo further recommended that the council consider establishing a CATV utility, publicly-owned and under the administration of Tacoma's excellent Department of Public Utilities.

Second, the council was presented with a memorandum from the Department of Public Utilities, signed by the department's director, C. A. Erdahl, supporting general government's recommendations.

Next, in individual letters directed to each councilman, a respected former utility commissioner added his support to the recommendation.

The Citizens Committee for Public Television, a Tacoma lay advisory group, made complete studies of all the applications and made strong recommendations against the council's award.

Councilman John Jarstad, at his own expense, commissioned a management analysis firm, Wesley Bull and associates, to rank each applicant with regard to technical capabilities, management strength and financial stability. On all counts, Tacoma Cable Co. ranked last.

Obviously, the council majority thinks more of personal friendship and favors than of the welfare of Tacoma citizens. Two franchises were originally awarded. One to Cable TV Puget Sound, a division of the Tribune Publishing Co. This franchise was withdrawn, however, when the council majority was subsequently criticized in a Tacoma News Tribune article. The other award, to Tacoma Cable Co., remained intact.

## Now, consider the

City Manager fiasco. The council majority defied its own rules, the city charter, and all semblance of good business judgement in its appointment of Floyd Oles. They did the same when they fired him.

The resolution appointing Mr. Oles as City Manager was not on the council agenda, was not known to four of the councilmen, and was rammed through to a 5-4 approval without the benefit of any kind of structured interview, search, call for applications or any other reasonable procedure for securing the best man for the job.

Floyd Oles had no particular qualifications for the job. He had no college degree—a criterion that is mandatory for all city department heads. He had no background, either educationally or by experience, that would qualify him in such field as urban planning, public works, municipal administration or related fields such as business administration. In addition, his age, 73, seemed to be detrimental in light of city policies on retirement.

Mr. Oles, himself, in a speech said: "I don't feel qualified to become involved in the workings of any of the city's 19 departments—with the possible exception of finance."

Well, the council majority soon found that Mr. Oles was not to play the puppet. So, by irresponsible action similar to his hiring, he was fired. He was fired under a suspension of the rules, without the item appearing on the official agenda and without any hearing to discuss the grounds for his termination.

## Two erratic actions

alone are serious enough to demand an accounting. But, there are more. Like the way they helped their "friends" when city salary increases came around. Police and firemen received a 11½ percent salary increase at the expense of all other city employees who got only a 7½ percent raise. And, like the way the council majority has demolished, or attempted to demolish, every humane social program. Programs such as the Human Relations Commission, the City Trainee Corps, the Neighborhood Youth Corps, the Office of Economic Opportunity and others. Welcome back to the Dark Ages.

Construction, urban renewal and public works projects are at a near standstill thanks to their whimsies and tantrums.

Despite the fact that four new taxes have been added recently, the council still projects an \$800,000 budget deficit. In short, they're bankrupting the City of Tacoma.

# There's nothing left

to laugh about. The whole debacle has reached disastrous proportion. Disastrous to the point that, if you don't cast your vote on September 15 to recall these five councilmen, you might as well say goodbye to the future of the City of Tacoma. The five are: Becky Banfield, George Cvitanich, Fred Dean, John O'Leary and A. M. "Tony" Zatkovich.

## One more thing.

About the Recall Committee. There is no power structure within it. The group has no vested interest and no financial fortune to run a blitz campaign. The Recall Committee is purely a group of concerned citizens who have said to themselves, "we've had enough."

Haven't you?

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