

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, March 1, 1966**

**Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson.**

**Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 15, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**

**Presentation of Service Awards:**

**Service awards were presented to the following persons who have worked for the City for 25, 30 and 35 years respectively.**

**25 year's Service**

- Loring D. Wire**
- Gilbert M. Burk**
- George C. Edwards**
- Colin C. King**
- Henry C. Oathout**
- Clifford E. Tyler**

**30 year's Service**

- Walter Brooks**
- Walter Durkee**

**35 year's Service**

- Lewis C. Chambers**
- Dell J. Ratcliffe**
- Eugene Rubattino**

**Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Rowlands and members of the City Council congratulated the participants.**

**HEARINGS & APPEALS:**

**This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by John Nagle, et al on the denial of the request for the rezoning of property located near No. 8th and Grant Ave. from an "R-3" to an "R-4" District.**

Mr. John Nagle, petitioner, presented a petition signed by 65 people favoring the rezone. He said they felt that an apartment house would be an asset to the neighborhood. He stated that they are planning to build a new structure and not renovate the old building on the site. He felt that the Sixth Avenue area was definitely growing and many new buildings and complexes are being added to this area. The structures in the area are well maintained, but it is not a low density neighborhood as the Planning Commission pointed out. There are also arterial streets in close proximity to the site.

Mr. Nagle pointed out that new homes are not being built in the area so an "R-4" zone would be more appropriate at this time. He felt when a builder is willing to invest \$75,000 to \$80,000 to renew a 50-foot piece of land it would be a benefit to the City rather than a detriment. He added, that apartments that have been built in the general neighborhood have incited needed repairs and as a result the neighborhood has greatly improved.

Mr. Buehler said that the Planning Commission felt there were ample zoned areas within the City that could be redeveloped into this type of a project. The Commission have in previous cases recommended to the City Council an "R-4-L" zoning that would keep the density to a reasonable distance. In this particular instance there is 6,500 sq. feet of property; this is 500 feet over the density for the area for a duplex. The streets are very narrow, and it is across from a school which would make the traffic pattern undesirable.

Mr. Sue Dahl of 806 No. Cushman favored the rezone.

Mr. Ralph Herman of 824 No. Grant was in favor of a duplex but not an apartment building.

Mr. W. L. Thorson of 6407 So. Park, property owner of 859 No. Ainsworth, stated he had no objection to the apartment.

Mr. John J. Leppanen of 808 No. Grant was not in favor of an apartment building because of the parking and traffic problem.

Several of the Council members felt that the portion of the area on the southeast corner of North Grant and State Streets should be eliminated, as Mr. Nagle did not intend to use this for building, and the adjacent property owner, Mr. Leppanen, was not in favor of the rezone due to the traffic problem.

Mr. Johnson felt it should be eliminated even at the risk of making it spot zoning, however, he did feel that an apartment would upgrade the area.

Mayor Tollefson asked why it could not be rezoned as an "R-4-L" District.

Mr. Buehler stated, the proposed 8 units that Mr. Nagle intends to construct, would be too many for that particular rezone, however, a 5 unit apartment could be accommodated within the area.

After some discussion, Mr. Haley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the rezone. LOST for the want of a Second.

Mr. Johnson moved to delete the area on the southeast corner of North Grant and State Streets from the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Bott. No roll call taken.

Dr. Herrmann stated, if the area is deleted it would be an obvious spot zone. If it is included with the rezone, it would make the area contiguous with the existing "R-4" area. He felt the continuity should be maintained.

Mrs. Price moved that this hearing be held over for one week, until March 8, 1966 so the area can be scrutinized more closely by members of the Council. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 2, Finnigan and Johnson. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson stated the motion to delete a portion of the area would also be delayed until next week.

The Hearing was postponed until March 8, 1966.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 18630**

Fixing Monday March 28, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6875 for street lighting on So. 17th at alley between J Street and K Street and on Grandview Ave. from Wright Avenue to 900 feet south and other nearby streets.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 18631**

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons Inc. on its basic bid of \$14,940.40 and for the supplemental bid in the amount of \$2,844.66 incl. tax for L I D 3613.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 18632**

Awarding contract to D. M. Construction Co. on its bid of \$8,440.95 for L I D 4774.

Mr. Murtland moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 18633**

Appropriating the sum of \$45,000 or so much as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay & Maintenance & Operation and \$31,000 from the Equipment Rental "B" Fund for the purchase of automotive equipment for the Public Works Department.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the staff had reviewed this matter over a week ago with the Council and at that time an explanation was given for the reason for this equipment.

Mr. Finnigan felt this was an excessive request since this is only February of 1966. He thought if \$76,000 is to be spent, it would be more practical to buy fire trucks or for use of the Police Department. He felt that it was much wiser to keep the \$45,000 in the Cumulative Reserve Fund until later on in the year.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Public Works Department needs this equipment badly, as they have been working with worn-out equipment for a

number of years. He felt that this was a sensible request and will result in a savings for the City.

Mr. G. Schuster, Director of Public Works, stated that two trucks have been taken out of service and sold as junk as they were hazardous to drive. The flushers have 350,000 miles on each truck at the present time. The sweeper is a 1955 model and it has been driven 84,000 miles. He added, to do the right kind of job on the streets the department has to double shift one of the sweepers at least three times a week. The equipment is old and some of it is already out of service since the department has not been able to replace it for some time.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 1, Finnigan, Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18634

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to the City of Tacoma a local improvement assessment deed upon payment of the sum of \$191.31 for property located on East 34th St. between East R and T Streets.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18635

Authorizing the City to purchase property at 9th and Fawcett Ave. situated in the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project for the sum of \$54,000 plus any proper costs for the purpose of constructing a Headquarters Fire Station.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Fire Chief Reiser explained that the Department would be using money approved by the voters in 1963 to purchase the site from the City's Urban Renewal Department for \$54,000.

Mr. Richmond, Urban Renewal Director, stated the site had cost \$72,000 to acquire and clear under the federally aided renewal program. He added, the \$54,000 was equal to the re-use appraisal for the property. Under law, the City cannot be given favored treatment in the purchase of renewal property.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18010

Amending Ordinance No. 17665 granting a franchise to Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. and its lessee Union Pacific R/R Company.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

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Ordinance No. 18022

Vacating the alley in the vicinity of East E Street between East 32nd Street and McKinley Way. (petition of G. S. Granberg)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18023

Vacating South 18th St. between Mason Ave. and Tyler Street. (petition of Bertram W. Flake)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works & Utilities presents the following assessments for hearing:

L I D 4760 for paving in alley between No. 19th & No. 20th from Cedar to Alder; sidewalks on Huson from No. 31st to No. 33rd Sts.

L I D 4770 for paving on No. 27th from Huson to Mullen and other north-end Streets.

L I D 5407 for cast iron water mains in So. 45th St. from Pine to Cedar and in Cedar from So. 45th to So. 47th Street.

Mr. Haley moved that Monday, March 28, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the above L I Ds. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Tacoma Employees Retirement System report for February 1966.
- b. Personnel report for the month of January 1966.
- c. Fire Dept. report for the month of January 1966.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands asked if any of the Council members would be available on Friday noon, March 4th, 1966 to attend a meeting at the Top of the Ocean regarding Tacoma's Future development. He added, it will be explained how Initiative 226 would help the development of the future Capital Improvement Program.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked that the Beautification program for the City include the beautification of Ruston Way.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Planning Commission and Urban Renewal

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Department had been working very closely with this group.

Mayor Tollefson stated he had requested that the Council be informed as to the acquisition of land on the water front. He wondered if the Park Board had indicated it would proceed with acquiring this property and obtaining matching funds from the Federal Government for recreational purposes and turn it over to the City at their cost. He also asked if the City had any funds available to ask for Federal funds in this regard.

Mr. Rowlands said the City has only a small amount available. At the present time the Park Board had indicated a definite interest in acquiring this land.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that a letter be written to the Park Board stating the Council's position in the matter.

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Mayor Tollefson asked what kind of a scheme could be worked out that could possibly fit into a recommended bill by the President and Mr. Weaver which asks for a demonstration program. Perhaps it would not be possible to have a consolidated area for complete redevelopment, but the City might be able to qualify on the massive impact if the Council could find areas for acquiring particular land for recreation. The City would not receive any of the demonstration money unless a plan is available.

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Mr. Johnson thought it would be worthwhile to set up a Museum so old equipment that has been outdated could be seen by future citizens of Tacoma.

Mr. Haley stated he had noted that the State will retire the Ferry Skansonia in the near future. Since this ferry was built in Gig Harbor, he would like to have Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, find out if it is available and how the City of Tacoma could preserve it to create additional interest for a future maritime museum.

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Dr. Herrmann inquired, what the City has done to discourage the building of a cross-sound bridge as he felt the ferries should be kept running.

Mr. Finnigan said he had been informed that the King County Commissioners were in favor of a cross-sound bridge.

Mayor Tollefson stated that the City of Tacoma has opposed any type of bridge that would deter the movement of ships down the East Passage to the Coast. He felt that the Port of Tacoma and the Corps of Army Engineers would not agree to a bridge that would deter shipping.

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He added, perhaps a Resolution should be passed stating that the City is opposed to any type of cross-sound bridge that would interfere with water-borne traffic.

Mr. Cvitanich felt that the Mayors of Olympia and Shelton should also be informed of Tacoma's position.

Mayor Tollefson stated he would write them a letter in this regard.

Mr. Rowlands stated a Resolution had been passed a number of years ago on this subject, but he would look into the matter.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P. M.

W. M. Tolleson  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton  
City Clerk