

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 6th, 1971.

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present on roll call 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.

Mr. Finnigan moved to excuse Mrs. Egan and Mr. Jarstad. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Maule.

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Mayor Johnston stated that the minutes being submitted for June 15th show an incorrect vote for Resolution 21216. The one dissenting vote was recorded for Mr. Moss whereas it should have been for Mr. Finnigan. Mayor Johnston moved to correct the minutes accordingly. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Mayor asked if there were any additional amendments. Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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HEARINGS & APPEALS:

(a) This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of south side of South 12th Street between Oakes & Pine Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District. (Robert L. Hess)

Mr. Russ Buehler, Planning Director, advised that this request for rezoning had been before the Council some time ago and the original petition was for a larger apartment house, but the number of units have now been reduced. The plans now have all of the parking going in from the alley and none from South 12th Street. The Planning Commission has recommended approval, with the conditions as submitted.

Mr. Maule moved to concur in the recommendation to approve the rezoning. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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(b) This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the northeast corner of North 14th & Orchard Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District. (Lloyd A. Anderson)

Mr. Buehler advised this petition is for construction of two triplexes on North 14th & Orchard Streets and the petitioner agreed to meet all of the conditions required.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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PETITIONS:

W. Towne Collins & Laurence G. Ortengren requesting rezoning of the west side of South "M" Street between South 11th and South 10th Streets extended from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District.

Referred to the City Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21221 (Continued from the meeting of June 22nd)

Authorizing segregation of various L.I.D. assessments pursuant to authority granted under RCW 35.44.410.

Mr. Donaldson commented that Mr. Maule had pointed out, the week before, that there was an inconsistency in the staff's recommendation. A resolution had been presented authorizing the segregation of some L.I.D. assessments under a new State law governing the assessments, but the City Treasurer had recommended they not be segregated unless they were paid up to date.

Mr. Donaldson advised that the policy will be to not recommend assessments for segregation unless they are paid up. If the applicants for the segregation object, they can appeal to the Council.

Mr. Donaldson advised that this resolution should be removed from the agenda for the above reasons.

Dr. Herrmann moved to delete the resolution from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The resolution was deleted.

Resolution No. 21237

Approving an agreement with the State Highway Department relating to the cost of signals along Union Avenue.

Dr. Herrmann moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. G. M. Schuster, Director of Public Works, advised that this agreement will be made with the State in order that the signalization at the ramp terminals coming off of State Highway SR 16 and the new street arrangement along Union Avenue can be interconnected so as to operate in harmony. The City will install the two signals and the State will pay for the total cost.

Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Resolution was declared passed.

Resolution No. 21238

Requesting authorization to apply for Federal funding for provision of professional Law & Justice planning assistance.

Dr. Herrmann moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Police Chief Lyle Smith advised that through an Omnibus Crime Bill, the State Law and Justice Committee has designated the federal funds to be used to continue the planning activities of the City Police Department. There will be 90% federal funds and 10% to be paid by the City. He explained that this expense had not been budgeted for 1971, therefore, it is being recommended that approximately \$600 be obligated from the balance remaining in the 1971 budget and the remainder approximately \$7,893, be included in the 1972 budget. The 90%, or \$18,000, will however be received during 1971.

Chief Smith advised that there are very few people trained in this specific type of program and presently there is no one in the Department already trained, therefore, applicants will be sought from outside the City Civil Service System for the position of Planning Officer. The Legal Department and the Municipal Courts have already been contacted in an effort to obtain qualified applicants.

Mr. Fred Van Camp, Civil Service League representative, inquired if the position was to be appointive or under the classified service. He was advised it was planned to be an appointive position. Mr. Van Camp felt that the City employees should be given the opportunity for promotion in the Civil Service System through examination.

Chief Smith advised that the job description has already been prepared and employees within the Civil Service System will be able to apply for the position.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 6: Corsi, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Abstaining 1: Finnigan. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Resolution was declared passed.

Resolution No. 21239

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons on its bid of \$48,686.72 for Improvement No. 4952.

Mr. Finnigan moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Schuster advised that the primary part of the project is to replace an old, hazardous bridge with a reinforced concrete structure. It will also include replacement of the storm drain. The project will be financed through the 1/2c tax fund.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Resolution was declared passed.

Resolution No. 21240

Awarding contract to Morris Construction, Inc. on its basic bid of \$35,543.99 and supplemental bid of \$2,905.00 for L.I.D. 3715.

Dr. Herrmann moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

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Mr. Schuster reported that this project is in the West End of the City and the low bid is 5% over the Engineer's estimate.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Resolution was declared passed.

Resolution No. 21241

Fixing Tuesday, July 20, 1971 at 7 P.M. as the date for hearing on the request for rezoning of the northwest corner of East 72nd and East "L" Streets from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (Charles A Smith)

Dr. Herrmann moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Resolution was declared passed.

Resolution No. 21242:

Fixing Tuesday, July 20, 1971 at 7 P.M. as the date for hearing on the request for rezoning of the South side of 6th Avenue between Pearl and Vassault Streets extended from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (Northwest Petroleum and Car Wash Co.)

Dr. Herrmann moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Resolution was declared passed.

Resolution No. 21243:

Fixing Monday, July 26, 1971 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 4974 for paving East 61st from McKinley Avenue to East "I" Streets and other nearby streets.

Dr. Herrmann moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Resolution was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19396:

Amending Chapter 1.34 of the Official Code by adding Section 1.34.330 creating a Working Fund Advance in the Model Cities Department.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that this is merely a routine ordinance and an instance where money is taken from funds other than the General Fund.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19397

Amending various sections of the Official Code relating to Mobile Home and House Trailer Ordinance No. 16297.

Mr. Ron Button, Chief of Buildings Division of the Public Works Department, explained that the amendments are being recommended in order to upgrade the existing ordinance on mobile homes and trailers in the City. Due to the large increase in the use of recreational and travel trailers inquiries have been made by people interested in developing courts for tourist trailers.

Mr. Button further explained that under the present ordinance the mobile homes and trailers are allowed to stay for an indefinite period and this would not be the case for tourist trailers. Also, that a combination of standards are set up regarding landscaping and screening in an attempt to maintain trailer courts in an orderly fashion. The standard is to have ten to fifteen feet of landscaped area around the trailer parks.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19398

Amending Title 2 of Official Code by amending Section 2.02.830 and adding Subsection F to Section 2.02.880 relating to waterfront structures.

Mr. Button explained this ordinance would update an ordinance already in existence which had been developed after the fire at Pier 7 a number of years ago. The amendments would permit buildings of lighter weight construction than was allowable under the old ordinance, in order that restaurants and various other establishments could be built on the waterfront.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19393

Amending Section 12.04.030 of Chapter 12.04 of the Official Code to increase the fee paid to authorized collection agencies from five cents to seven cents.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayer Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 19394

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.130(51) to include property in the vicinity of South 80th & Cheyenne Streets extended in a "C-2" District. (Mountain View Development Company)

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19395

Amending Title 10 of the Official Code by adding thereto a new chapter to be known and designated as Chapter 10.26, commonly referred to as "Affirmative Action Ordinance."

Mayor Johnston commented that it is becoming more apparent as time goes on, the government will require additional documentation from the cities before approving additional grants. He felt this ordinance would better serve to qualify the City of Tacoma for any available future programs.

Mr. Moss advised that his committee had met to consider the suggestions made at the last Council meeting regarding further defining the terminology designating minority groups and the consensus was that this was not necessary.

Mr. Corsi felt that the wording should be changed in Paragraph 1 of Section 10.26.010 and moved to amend it by removing the words "American Indian", but to further identify the minority groups individually by racial designation. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Roll call was taken on the amended ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19399

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 5505 for water mains in a utility easement from South 48th and Gove Streets to the vicinity of South 49th and Huson Streets produced.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19400

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 6923 for street lights along "A" Street from South 56th to South 60th Street and other nearby streets.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 0. Absent 2: Egan and Jarstad.
The Ordinance was declared passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Finnigan moved that the City Manager be instructed to have the following departments audited during the coming month: 1. Finance Department, 2. Refuse Division of Public Works Department, 3. Equipment Fund "A" of the Public Works Department, 4. Municipal Court, 5. Planning Department, and 6. an area of the Utilities Department to be selected by the Public Utility Board. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. (No vote taken.)

Mr. Hamilton advised that Section 7.14 of the City Charter as amended on 9-15-70, sets forth that the "Council shall provide for an annual audit,....as the Council, in its discretion may deem proper,....This independent audit shall be conducted in part on an annual basis so that at the end of each five-year period.... all departments of the City of Tacoma shall be covered thereunder."

Mr. Finnigan asked if the Council should specify a certain auditing firm.

Mr. Hamilton advised that there is already a certain contract in effect and that no termination has been made nor notice given to terminate it. He advised that the Council should formalize the agreement by a new resolution so that there would be a written agreement covering the year's activities and this could be done once the City Manager negotiates the arrangements with the auditors.

Mr. Donaldson felt that the Council, rather than the staff, should designate the auditing firm and the City Manager will negotiate the length of the contract on the basis of the Council's directive.

Mr. Finnigan stated he would like to amend his motion by designating the firm of Knight, Vale & Gregory to be the auditing firm for the departments already mentioned. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken on the motion and carried with Mr. Corsi abstaining.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston announced that a communication had been received from the Downtown Tacoma Association and the Chamber of Commerce relative to the establishment of a Civic/Convention Center in Tacoma. He commented that this subject had been studied several times previously and there is a feeling at the present time that a current analysis should again be made. They believe that a Commission to make such a study should consist of not more than nine members to be chosen from a broad, cross-section of the citizenry. The Mayor felt that this was a timely suggestion and asked that the City Attorney prepare a resolution to establish the intent of the Council to appoint a Commission.

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Mr. Finnigan commented that the report just received from the Fire Department indicated they had an excellent record, especially in the phases of fire prevention, and suggested that the Public Information Officer of the City further publicize the subject of fire prevention. The Mayor agreed and requested the City Manager and Publicity Director to do so.

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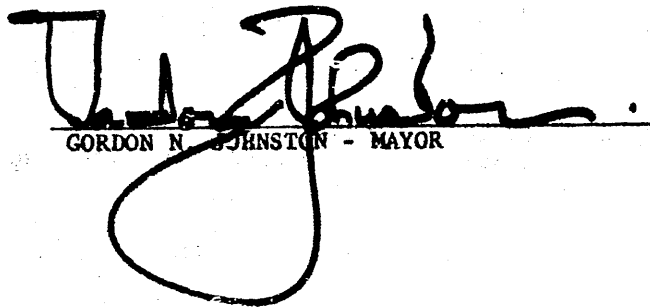
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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of June 21, 1971.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma Employes' Retirement System, Board of Administration meeting of May 27, 1971.
- c. Monthly report, City Planning Department, June, 1971.
- d. 82nd Annual Report - 1970, Fire Department.
- e. Monthly report, Director of Finance, May, 1971.
- f. Suggestion Systems, City of Tacoma Joint Report, 1970.

Placed on file.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.



 GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 

 Anne Polich, Deputy City Clerk