

C I T Y C O U N C I L M I N U T E S

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, September 14, 1965

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call
8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Price
and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1, Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the minutes of the meeting of
August 31, 1965 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the petition
submitted by Warren F. Andrews for the rezoning of property located
at the south side of 6th Ave. between Meyers & MacArthur St. from
an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

Mr. Dick Stromberg explained that his firm contemplates
building an apartment on this property.

No protests being made Dr. Herrmann moved that the proper
Ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for the postponed hearing on
the petition submitted by Geo. D. Poe & Co. for the rezoning of
the north side of No. 33rd St. west of Shirley St. from an "R-2"
to an "R-4" District.

A communication was received from Geo. D. Poe & Co. re-
questing that this hearing be postponed until Oct. 13, 1965.

Mayor Tollefson stated this is a second request for a
postponement and a number of people are present since they had been
notified the hearing was to be held today.

Mr. Buehler said the petitioner has asked for a postpone-
ment for the reason he is negotiating for the acquisition of addi-
tional property.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said in the event additional
property is acquired this would amend the petition, therefore the
petition would have to be referred back to the Planning Commission
for a new hearing.

Mayor Tollefson explained to the people present that
they will be notified if the petition is referred back to the planning
Commission prior to October 13, 1965.

Mrs. Price moved to postpone the hearing on the petition submitted by Geo. D. Poe for the rezoning of property on the north side of No. 33rd St. west of Shirley, until October 13, 1965. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c. This is the date set for hearing on the amendment to the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Streets & Bridges.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the amendment will allow the improvement of South Cedar Street from So. 19th southerly and includes the acquisition of certain additional right of way for re-alignment of Cedar St. He added, the Six-Year plan is flexible and as other projects develop they can be called to the attention of the Council.

Dr. Herrmann moved to amend the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program to incorporate the improvement of Cedar Street. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Petition of Ernest Yerbick requesting the rezoning of property located on the north side of 56th St. between the alley west of Oakes extending east to the alley east of Prospect.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18437

Fixing Monday October 25, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6859 for street lighting on Sea Shore Drive from 6th Ave. to So. 19th; Walters Road from 6th Ave. to So. 19th; So. 18th from Crystal Springs Road to Walters Road and other streets.

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

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

Resolution No. 18438

Awarding contract to Munson-Smith Motors, Inc. on its bid of \$3,845.25 incl. tax for the furnishing of one Truck Chassis for the Fire Dept.

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

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

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Resolution No. 18439

Awarding contract to McCabe-Powers Body Co., on its bid of \$5,400 incl. tax for the furnishing of one aerial ladder for the Fire Dept.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

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

Resolution No. 18440

Authorizing the expenditure of \$30,000 or so much as may be necessary from the Street & Bridge Construction Fund of 1958 for the purpose of engineering, planning & constructing a turn-off lane on the westerly end of the existing bridge located at So. 30th & A Sts.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

Mr. Rowlands stated, this project had been discussed for some months. There has been considerable fill material placed in the gulch area by the State Highway Dept. and this will help eventually in constructing a turn-off lane on the west end of the So. 30th St. Bridge at A Street.

Mr. Robert Anderson, City Engineer, explained the present 30th St. bridge extends almost to the centerline of A St. The bridge has sidewalk sections and guard rails. The corner is very dangerous for the heavy traffic coming westerly on 30th St. when attempting to negotiate the turn onto A St. He added, the plan is to move back the guard rails 40 feet to provide a minor concrete approach to replace the guard rail.

Mr. Haley and Mr. Cvitanich questioned the need for the work in relation to other city projects.

Mr. Haley moved to postpone the Resolution for two weeks, until September 28, 1965. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18441

Authorizing the purchase of 7.2 acres of land by Mr. Karl Kluge at Alder Lake which is between Alder and Elbe east of Eatonville Cut-off Road, for the sum of \$400.00 per acre.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

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

Mr. Johnson moved to Suspend the Rules to consider Resolution No. 18442 that did not appear on the agenda. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18442

Authorizing the Tacoma Housing Authority to proceed with the proposed housing project for an apartment house for the elderly, located between So. 12th & 13th between M and the alley lying between M and Sheridan Ave. and for an off-street parking variance.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

Mr. John Reha, attorney, representing the Tacoma Housing Authority, introduced John Quinn, attorney, who is the attorney of record for the Tacoma Housing Authority. He added, they are before the Council in hope of obtaining a variance for off-street parking on a project on South 12th and M Street.

Mr. Quinn stated they are requesting (6) parking spaces for each 10 units rather than one space for one unit. The Tacoma Housing Authority intends to build an apartment building for low-income senior citizens. The reason for seeking this variance is that usually the elderly persons who live under fixed incomes do not have automobiles. The Board of Adjustment has granted the variance to the Tacoma Housing Authority but it has been challenged by Mr. John Paglia, attorney, under the grounds that the Board of Adjustments did not have the authority to grant the variance. He added, that Council action was sought to allow the developer to avoid an impending delay in construction due to legal action and if the Council passes this resolution it would avoid the legal question.

Mr. Haley asked how this space would be used if it were not used for parking.

Mr. Harald Bergerson, Executive Director of the Tacoma Housing Authority, stated it would be landscaped and beautified and would allow the addition of some 20 units to the 40 originally planned.

The Resolution was unanimously passed. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17926

Repealing Chapters 6.02 thru 6.82 of the official code and revising and re-enacting Title 6 to reflect certain technical changes in the administration of the chapter to the Director of Tax & Licenses.

Dr. Herrmann moved that Section 6.48.010, 020, & 030 and 6.68.390 be amended. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

a. Puget Sound Regional Transportation Study.

Mr. Rowlands stated that Mrs. Price and he attended the meeting of this group in Everett last Thursday.

He pointed out that in 1961 practically 20 per cent of the trips to downtown Tacoma were made by transit. It was also pointed out that Transit service should not be permitted to deteriorate below present levels but should be extended into growing suburban areas, as this should be considered a public service, since a substantial portion of the total population lacks any other means of transportation. He added the study indicates that transit usage in the region is insufficient outside of the immediate Seattle area to warrant use of other than bus Transit Systems.

Mr. Rowlands quoted the Study recommendations in regard to Pierce County: (1) A freeway from the Federal Way area through the Tacoma industrial district to downtown Tacoma. (2) The Hanna-Pierce Freeway between Bantz Boulevard and FAI-5 south of Tacoma. (3) An extension of PSH-5 (SR7) Freeway southerly to the Roy "yn" area. (4) A freeway connection between the North Bank Freeway and the proposed industrial district freeway.

Mr. Rowlands added this again brings to the attention of the Council the need for massive aid to the urban area. The findings of this study show the capital cost of providing the recommended system of transportation facilities by 1990 will be \$1,500,000,000. This includes the recommended freeways and expressways, together with other needed arterials, transit facilities, additional ferries and parking facilities.

Mr. Haley stated the access into the industrial area has become inadequate and he felt that definite plans should be made for a bridge within the area.

Mr. Johnson said, perhaps, the City could go ahead on its own with a bridge as the City has an obligation to provide access for people to and from work.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Public Works staff has had meetings recently on this problem, and asked that Mr. Robert Anderson, City Engineer, make a report.

Mr. Anderson stated the staff had met with the State consultants who are submitting six alternative routes, utilizing 11th St., Lincoln Ave. and routes around the waterways, for the proposed expressway. He added, this study should be completed by the first of next year.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the State is committed to help finance the route since they have asked for a consultant study.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would try to set up a meeting with the Council and representatives of the State Highway Dept. later this fall.

Mr. Finnigan felt this should be given number one priority in the six-year Program.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City can't make definite plans on the bridge until it knows exactly where it should be located and how it is going to be financed.

Mayor Tollefson stated that the tideflats traffic problem is primarily due to a lack of planning in the past, and the City should not compound the problem by inadequate planning now. He added, that the nation's cities must work on Congress to get more federal highway aid for urban areas.

Mayor Tollefson thanked Mrs. Price for contributing her time and energy in attending the Puget Sound Regional Transportation committee meetings.

b. Actuarial Report for the Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund submitted by Marsh-McLennan, Inc.

Mr. Clar Gaisford, Director of Finance, stated that this report was submitted to each Council member and it is recommended that 1.67 mills be levied for the Firemen Pension Fund for the year 1966. This would be \$317,000, however, only \$314,000 would be sufficient for the fund for 1966.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

a. Report from the Director of Finance for the month of July 1965.

b. Light Division report for the month of July 31, 1965.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Cvitanich brought up a condition that exists at the corner of Center St. & Union Ave. He said a Richfield service station on this corner has been vacated for months and the windows have been broken by vandals; also a station on 11th & J Sts. is in the same condition. He asked if this could be checked into. He further stated the Council has rezoned some property on 15th and Union Ave. for the Time Oil Co., and he wondered what was the status of that property.

Mr. Finnigan asked if it could be possible to check on these rezonings and if the petitioners have not started work within 3 or 4 months that they be contacted.

Mayor Tollefson said there is an ordinance being discussed by the Planning Commission to present to the City Council along that same line.

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

Att est: Josephine Nelson
City Clerk

W.M. Tollefson
Mayor of the City Council