

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
Thursday, April 3, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4 P. M.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that the Council meeting was adjourned from Tuesday, April 1st, 1969 due to a lack of a quorum to this date. He added, that only three resolutions will be acted upon at this time with the remainder of the agenda to be set over until April 8th, 1969.

Present on roll call 6: Banfield, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 3: Bott, Finnigan and Johnson.

The Flag Salute was led by Dr. Herrmann.

No minutes were submitted for approval.

Mayor Rasmussen explained, the regular Council meeting of April 1st had been adjourned to this day to take up three important Resolutions.

Resolution No. 20135

Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Dept. of Utilities Light Division and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 483 concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor for electrical workers effective April 1, 1969.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Erdahl, Director of Public Utilities, explained approximately (200) persons at the Utility Dept. did not report for work this morning as they did not agree with the wage scale of \$5.28 per hour which was proposed. Mr. Erdahl felt that the Utility Dept. has lived up to its part of the bargain. He stated, however, that this walk out was not authorized by the Union. He urged the Council to pass the resolution which will indicate the City as far as it is concerned has lived up to its part of the agreement. It is hoped that the Union membership will agree that it is a fair and equitable offer when they ballot on it within a few days.

Mr. Murtland asked what was the percentage increase of the wages.

Mr. Erdahl said that it was approximately 8.65%.

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

Ayes 5: Banfield, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 1: Murtland (abstaining). Absent 3: Bott, Finnigan and Johnson.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20136

The City Council of the City of Tacoma does hereby express its sorrow and sense of loss because of the death of Dwight David Eisenhower who passed away on Friday,

March 28, 1969.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

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

Ayes 6: Banfield, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 0: Absent 3: Bott, Finnigan and Johnson.  
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20137

Declaring Friday afternoon April 4, 1969 from and after the hour of 12:00 Noon thereof as a holiday in memory of Dwight David Eisenhower.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

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

Ayes 6: Banfield, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 0: Absent 3: Bott, Finnigan and Johnson.  
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Cvitanich asked that the Legislative Committee be given direction on (4) bills that are being discussed in Olympia. The first one is HB-631 pertaining to the creation of a Puget Sound Airport and Marine Port Authority. He noted that the Chamber of Commerce, County Commissioners and Port of Tacoma oppose such legislation. He suggested that the Tacoma Council also oppose HB-631.

Mr. Cvitanich noted that HB-516 and SB-570 pertain to a Housing Act. He said there has been an amendment proposed by Representative Marzano of Pierce County, so that no authority other than the Legislative group would have the right to condemn property for low-cost housing and that ball point pens will be proper rather than the provision in the Act that calls for indelible ink.

The Council members felt the Council should oppose these bills also as they felt the Housing Authority in Tacoma was capable of handling these problems.

Mr. Cvitanich stated he had been approached by numerous members of the Legislature in terms of the Dog-racing bill. He had been informed that the cities of Seattle and Spokane support it.

Mr. Zatkovich felt Tacoma should derive benefits of such racing if the other cities support dog-racing.

Mayor Rasmussen felt if such a bill becomes a State law, the City would be bound by State Law, however, at this time the Council should not take a stand.

Mr. Cvitanich mentioned SB-490 relative to the 1% excise tax on every motor vehicle owned by a resident of the municipality.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the Council should express their opposition to this bill.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, felt this bill would be of value to the City of Tacoma although it will not become effective until after July 1, 1961. It follows the principle of retaining tax funds in the communities where it is generated to be used for local benefit. Under the provisions, a municipality would receive only those monies generated within that municipality and would not receive more proportionately than any other city. The bill permits cities with publicly owned transit systems to retain up to one-half of the motor vehicle excise tax that is generated if the city is willing to tax itself for transit purposes on a matching basis.

Mr. Cvitanich stated he could see no harm in supporting SB-490.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated he was not in favor of SB-490 as in all probability Tacoma will receive approximately \$800,000 for 1969 from the State and this should help to abolish the transit tax of seventy-five cents which is charged.

Mr. Rowlands felt the Legislature is going to try to be fair with the cities on this bill, and urged the Council to support it.

After some discussion, Mr. Murtland moved that the City Council support SB-490. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 3: Herrmann, Murtland and Zatkovich. Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion lost.

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Mrs. Banfield moved that the balance of the agenda be postponed until Tuesday, April 8, 1969. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Zatkovich moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P. M.

*A. L. Rasmussen*  
A. L. RASMUSSEN, Mayor

TEST: *Josephine Melton*  
JOSEPHINE MELTON, CITY CLERK