

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
September 10, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Warnick.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed September 10, 1974 as "Edwin Terrill Day" relative to the handyman program.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of September 3, 1974.

PETITIONS:

William Hocking requesting the rezoning of the property located at the northwest corner of South 49th and Ferry Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-2T" District.

For referral to the Planning Commission.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Director of Public Utilities presents the Assessment Roll for the following:

L.I.D. 5530 - constructing water mains in East 60th Street from East "L" Street to East "M" Street.

Fixing Wednesday, October 16, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration meeting of July 31, 1974.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma Model Cities Program Land Use Review Board meeting of August 19, 1974.
- c. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of August 26, 1974.
- d. Monthly Report, purchases and sales of investments during August, 1974, Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.
- e. Emergency Services Dept. filing Personnel & Administrative Claim for July, 1974.
- f. 85th Annual Report, 1973, Fire Department.

Dr. Herrmann moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS: Planning Commission submitting Shoreline Management Permit Application No. 141.090 - Tacoma Boatbuilding Company, Inc.

Mayor Johnston moved to approve the action of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Roll call vote was taken resulting in Ayes 9 and Nays 0.

FINAL READING OR ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20205 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the northeast corner of North 21st and Alder Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (Irwin Kimbrough & Dusty Trail)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20206 Vacating the north and south 20 feet of Wright Avenue from East "D" Street west approximately 120 feet to State SR-7 freeway. (Shaw House Corporation, et al)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20207 Amending Chapter 6.89 of the Official Code relative to the taxing of gambling activities and declaring an emergency making necessary the taking effect immediately upon publication.

Richard Newman, Acting Director of Tax & License, explained the ordinance permits the City to levy an excise tax on card rooms and provides for penalties.

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After discussion, Mrs. Egan asked Bill Donaldson, City Manager, to bring in an ordinance that does not allow card rooms in the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Moss suggested that if the ordinance is adopted, language be incorporated in the ordinance to provide for a review of card rooms and taxation of same at the end of six months.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20208 Repealing and reenacting Chapter 2.02 of the Official Code, to be known as the Building Code.

Ron Button, City Engineer, advised that the ordinance would update the Building Code. He also advised that the Home Builders Association has been contacted regarding the changes.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20209 Amending Title 7 of the Official Code by adding Chapter 7.20 establishing a Police Reserve Force in the City of Tacoma.

Police Chief, Lyle Smith, reviewed the history of the Auxiliary Police and advised that a committee had been formed to study alternatives. A suggestion was made that a police reserve unit be created to be directly responsible to the Chief. He commented this would be an aid in recruitment for the Police Department. He explained that it is not intended the reserve force would reduce the existing number of regular police officers.

After discussion, Mr. Hudson moved that first reading of the ordinance be continued for 30 days in order that the Chief could review the ordinance with Police Officers who had not attended the organizational meetings. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Nick Nickolas, President of Police Local #224, advised that the members voted to oppose the creation of the reserve force. He distributed to the Mayor and Council members a communication of Local 224 dated September 10, 1974.

L. H. Pederson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Labor Council, commented that if additional police are needed, citizens should authorize the moneys for the hiring of same. He advised the Central Labor Council would be willing to work with the City Council, Police Chief and the Union to come to an agreeable conclusion on the subject.

Mr. Moss moved to continue first reading of the Ordinance for 30 days and that in the interim a study session be scheduled on the subject. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

First Reading was continued to October 8, 1974.

Ordinance No. 20210 Authorizing the issuance and sale of limited tax levy general obligation bonds in the amount of \$2,000,000 for construction of the Tacoma Bicentennial Pavilion.

Gary Sullivan, Director of Urban Renewal, explained the ordinance and the fact that Resolutions had been passed by Council for the negotiation of a contract with the Bond Counsels.

After questions by Council members regarding the particular costs of construction which the bonds would cover and the proposed Hotel-Pavilion complex, Mr. Sonntag moved that first reading be continued for 30 days until it is definitely determined the hotel adjoining the pavilion is going to be built. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Bill Donaldson, City Manager, advised that the ordinance does not provide for selling the bonds, it merely permits the architect to design a pavilion and determine the cost. The ordinance does however limit any bond sale to not more than two million dollars.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20211 Appropriating the sum of \$2,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Baseball Park Revolving Fund for costs of correcting lighting deficiencies at Cheney Stadium and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20212 Authorizing acceptance of a grant from the National Institute of Health in the amount of \$72,440, creating a new fund to be known as "Employee Assistance Services Federal Grant Fund" and appropriating said funds for the development of an Early Identification and Referral Model.

Ron Skaggs, Assistant Personnel Director, explained the ordinance would authorize the acceptance of a federal grant for the referral program, which would be used to refer employees whose job performance has been adversely affected by alcohol or other problems.

Richard Barnwell, Employee Assistance Services Director whose offices are in the Medical Arts Building, answered questions of Council members regarding the operation of the Employee Assistance Services Program.

The ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 22993 Awarding contract to Cascade Asphalt Paving Company on its bid of \$56,441.08 for L.I.D. No. 8039 and Work Order No. 91190.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22994 Authorizing the purchase of certain systems analysis training materials for data processing education from Deltak, Inc. at a cost of \$3,600.00.

Mr. Nalley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 22995 Appointing Norman R. Anderson as a member of the City Planning Commission for a term expiring June 30, 1977.

Mr. Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22996 Authorizing execution of a lease with Arnold W. and Marcella M. Katler for parcel of land at Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

Arnold W. Katler, prospective lessee, advised Council he has objection to paragraph 41, which provides that within one year he must be prepared to operate as a fixed-base operator. After questions by Council, Mr. Sonntag moved to continue the resolution for one week. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Resolution was continued to September 19, 1974.

Resolution No. 22997 Authorizing the removal of blackberry vines, lumber and debris on the following properties: 8231 East Sherwood Street, approx. 934 East 61st Street and approx. 4054 East "E" Street.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

This is the date set for hearing the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to the definition and regulation of group care homes and detoxification centers. (Planning Commission)

Rod Kerslake, Planning Department, advised that the Planning Commission held two hearings on the proposed changes which they recommend.

Dennis McLarran, Planning Department, reviewed the present and proposed definitions and regulations. He also commented on the survey conducted throughout the United States in order to determine the practices of other cities.

Samuel Green, Planning Commission member, urged approval.

Speaking in favor of the text amendments were:

James Anderson, Regional Administrator, State Department of Social and Health Services;

Robert Hart, Supervisor of Licensing, State Department of Social and Health Services;

Barbara Mondau, 10101 34th Street East;

Mrs. Ahrens, 6019 South Wapato Lake Drive;

Barbara Fisher, Progress House;

Barbara Plante, 1017 North Anderson, Staff member of UPS Group Home;

Jack Cameron, Goodwill Industries

Sherri Swain, Director, Pierce County Homes for Youth;

Dr. Paul Gergen, Director, Narcotics Center

Dr. Alan Radcliffe, Director, Pierce County Mental Health;
Lynda Bennion, Placement Officer, Rainier State School;

Speaking against were:

James Mason, Attorney representing a number of citizens and himself;
Wolfram Abicht, 1215 North "J";

On Mr. Hudson's suggestion that the ordinance contain the language which would require the neighbors be allowed to meet with the managers of the group homes a minimum number of times a year in order to overcome fear, Mr. Chapin, Assistant City Attorney, did not know whether this would be legal in an ordinance pertaining to land use.

After discussion, Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston commented that next Tuesday being election day, Council Rules provide that the meeting be held the following day; however, Wednesday is Tacoma Day at the Fair. He moved that the next regular meeting be changed to Thursday, September 19, 1974. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston appointed Mr. Hudson to represent the City on the Puget Sound Governmental Conference, replacing Mrs. Egan.

Mrs. Egan advised that the Planning Commission wishes to close out two rezones which have been pending a long time. Mrs. Egan moved to close out rezone request 1.20.545 - Ronald M. Brown. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mrs. Egan moved the streetvacation request 1.24.414 be returned to the Planning Commission for action. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

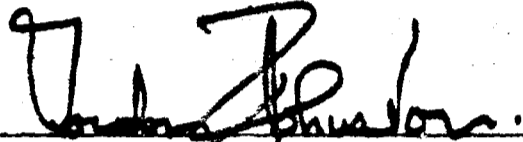
Mrs. Egan said it has been brought to her attention there are differences of opinion regarding the contract for services with Metro of Seattle and asked the City Manager to bring to Council a resolution next week extending the contract until the differences are resolved.

Mr. Nalley referred to meetings of the Council where the public has been barred due to adjournment to Executive Session, and asked that the City Council follow the Charter and have all Council meetings in public. He advised that he would not be attending Executive Sessions. He commented there is still time to place on the November 5th ballot a charter amendment to delete the requirement that all Council meetings will be public, if the people wish this done.

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Mr. Sonntag referred to the proposed Police Reserve and commented he felt if the ordinance is adopted the uniforms and cars should be distinctive in order to avoid being mistaken for regular Police Officers.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR



ATTEST:

H. E. BOND - CITY CLERK