

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
July 15, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Mayor Johnston, Moss, Nalley, Nelson and Sonntag. Absent: 1 - Warnick.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Hudson.

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C O N S E N T   A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 1975.

P E T I T I O N S :

John C. & Janice S. McCracken requesting the rezoning of the property located on the southeast corner of South 38th and "K" Streets from an "R-3" District to a "C-1" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

R E S O L U T I O N S :

Resolution No. 23457

Fixing Monday, August 11, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D 5557 for water main in Orchard Street from South 56th to 58th Sts.

Resolution No. 23458

Fixing Monday, August 11, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5558 for water main in East 57th Street from McKinley Avenue to East "F" Street.

Resolution No. 23459

Fixing Monday, August 11, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5559 for water main and fire hydrant in East 55th Street from Portland Avenue to East "N" Street.

Resolution No. 23460

Fixing Monday, August 11, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 7703 for underground residential electrical power in Miller's Sheridan Second Addition along 83rd Street extending east from Sheridan Avenue.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS

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

LID 3754 - sanitary sewers in East "F" Street from East 7th Street to approximately 700 feet north of East 3rd Street.

Fixing Monday, August 11, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of June 16, 1975.
- b. Minutes of City Beautification Committee meeting of June 18, 1975.
- c. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of June 23, 1975.
- d. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of June 25, 1975.
- e. Monthly report, Traffic Violations & Court Cases, June 1975, Municipal Court.
- f. Dept. of Emergency Services filing Personnel & Administrative Claim for May 1975.
- g. Monthly report, May 1975, Police Department.
- h. Monthly Towing Report, June 1975, Bill's Towing & Garage, Inc.
- i. Dept. of Community Development filing Physical Progress Report HUD 6000 Fawcett Project Wash. R-3 and NDP Wash. A-3 for period ending June 30, 1975.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda including Resolution Nos. 23457, 23458, 23459 and 23460 be approved. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Legislative report to the City Council by Mel Gaumer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

Mr. Gaumer advised that Governor Evans has called the Legislators into a special session beginning Friday morning to consider only school financing. However, there is a possibility the matter of transportation financing might be considered. He also advised that Substitute House Bill 827 amends the Disclosure Laws and that new forms for incumbents and candidates would be mailed to the City-Clerk's Office next week.

- b. City Manager Erling Mork submitting ambulance rates survey data and recommendation for rate increase.

Dr. Herrmann raised a question on the ancillary costs and felt they should be investigated and an agreement be arrived on the charges. He felt the mileage and base charges do not reflect the whole cost of ambulance charges.

Mayor Johnston moved that the matter of ambulance rate increase be referred back to the Administration for appropriate research in the ancillary rates area so action may be taken on the total subject. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20482 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by changing the classification of the area between Portland Avenue and East "N" Street from East 54th to East 56th from a "C-P-N" to an "R-2" District.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20484 Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Washington State Employment Security Department, appropriating the sum of \$9,334.00 from the Public Service Employment Fund and a temporary loan in the sum of \$3,000.00 and establishing the position of Police Documentation Analyst.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20486 Amending Chapter 1.34 of the Official Code to establish a working fund in the office of the Manpower Planning Director.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20487 Authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$3,760.90 from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund account of the Personnel Department and appropriating said funds for the purpose of paying costs incurred in the Civil Service Board hearing in June 1974 and Superior Court hearing in 1975 relative to the dismissal of certain police officers.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20488 Vacating a portion of the alley between Winnifred and Highland Streets from 6th Avenue to 175 feet south. (William M. Busch)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 1 - Egan.

Absent: 1 - Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20489 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to change the classification of the South side of 6th Avenue between Winnifred and Highland from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (William M. Busch)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 1 - Egan.

Absent: 1 - Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Mrs. Egan moved to suspend the rules to ask for reconsideration of Ordinance No. 20483. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. Mrs. Egan moved to reconsider Ordinance No. 20483. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Ordinance No. 20483 Repealing and re-enacting Section 2.05.275 of the Official Code relative to regulation of display of political signs.

Mrs. Egan moved to continue the reconsideration of Ordinance No. 20483 for one week. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. Reconsideration of the Ordinance was continued to July 22nd, 1975.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20490 Accepting \$2,398.00 from the State of Washington and \$2,398.00 from the Pierce County Drug Alliance for the purpose of carrying on the Dorcas House Program and appropriating from the Law and Justice Fund No. 181 the sum of \$4,796.00 for said program.

Dick Hayes, Human Development Department, explained this was an additional grant for the operation of Dorcas House. John C. Frai, 1423 South 43rd Street, asked questions.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20491 Authorizing execution of an agreement with the State of Washington for \$5,262.00 and transferring \$293.00 from the General Fund to the Technical Training Law Enforcement Fund and appropriating said funds for Police Technical Training and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20492 Appropriating the sum of \$4,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for equipment, tools and materials in connection with the Tacoma Artists Corps Project (CETA) of the Tacoma/Pierce County Civic Arts Commission.

Ellida Kirk, President, Tacoma/Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, reviewed the Arts projects and introduced the artists.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20493 Appropriating and transferring funds, the amount to be determined, to the Metropolitan Park District for the purpose of implementing security patrols in the public parks.

After discussion, Police Chief Smith confirmed that City police would increase their surveillance at Pt. Defiance Park to assist in combating vandalism.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Ordinance be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was removed from the agenda.

Ordinance No. 20494 Amending the pay and compensation plan to adjust Municipal Court Judges salaries to conform to State law.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20495 Amending the pay and compensation plan to implement the collective bargaining agreement with Transit Local #758 regarding extra drivers.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20496 Amending the pay and compensation plan providing for salary changes to conform to the collective bargaining agreement with Electrical Workers #483.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20497 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by changing the classification of the west side of Wilkeson Street between South 76th and South 74th Street extended from an "R-2" to an "R-3-PRD" District. (Conifer Developments, Inc.)

Robert Backstein, Hearings Examiner, advised that he held a hearing and has submitted his report and recommendation for a reclassification to an "R-3-PRD." He also advised the hearing was conducted under the Rules of the New Hearings Examiner Ordinance, therefore no testimony is to be taken from anyone at this time.

Don Hundven, 7349 South Wilkeson Street, asked that he be advised of any changes made prior to final reading of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over to an undetermined date for final reading.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23461 Awarding contract to Morris Construction Company on its basic bid of \$91,769.27 and supplemental bid of \$9,670.50 for L.I.D. 3752, sanitary sewers in Brown's Point.

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

Resolution No. 23462 Authorizing the purchase of Scotchlite ReflectORIZED Sign Material from Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company through the period ending January 31, 1976 and waiving the provision of competitive bidding.

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

Resolution No. 23463 Authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement with I.B.E.W. Local #483 Light Division to be effective from April 1, 1975 through March 31, 1976.

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

Resolution No. 23464 Accepting the contribution of \$100.00 from R. J. McKim and Edyth McKim for use in the home repair program of the Department of Human Development.

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

Resolution No. 23465 Authorizing execution of an Affiliation Agreement with the Comprehensive Mental Health Center of Tacoma-Pierce County for funds for the operation of a South End Youth Service Bureau.

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

Resolution No. 23466 Authorizing execution of an amendment to an agreement with the State Department of Employment Security to act as payment agent for the Offender/Ex-offender Program.

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

Resolution No. 23467 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to negotiate with the firm of Jerauld/Douglas/Miller, Inc. for management of the Broadway Plaza.

Mr. Nalley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

Rohn Burgess, President, Broadway Plaza Advisory Committee, reviewed the process taken for accepting proposals for management of the Plaza. He advised that three proposals had been received, two of them making oral presentations to the Committee. Also, that a communication was received from Glen Graves and Associates who made a personal presentation to the Committee giving their views on the approach which they felt should be taken in promoting the downtown area as a whole.

After discussion, Mr. Moss moved that the Resolution be continued until after a study session has been held. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston instructed the City Manager to schedule a study session and invite Glen Graves and Associates and the Chamber of Commerce to attend. The Resolution was continued to a date after the study session.

Resolution No. 23468 Changing the class of Clerk Stenographer III to Administrative Secretary in the Technology Transfer Division.

Mr. Sonntag 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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PUBLIC HEARINGS  
& APPEALS:

- a. This is the date set for hearing on the assessment roll for sidewalk construction Fund No. 74-1 in various parts of the City.

Harry Weiske, Public Works Dept., explained the costs and how they arrived on allocating costs.

Mr. Moss moved that the recommended assessments be approved and that an ordinance be prepared. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote taken and carried.

- b. This is the date set for hearing the request for vacation of the west two inches of Fife Street between South 38th and 39th Streets. (Betas Investment Corporation)

Russ Buehler, Planning Dept. Director, reviewed the request for Council and advised that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote taken and carried.

- c. This is the date set for hearing the request for vacation of the alley lying west of Circle Way and approximately 130 feet south of Sixth Avenue. (Phillip F. Jacobs, et al)

Russ Buehler, Planning Dept. Director, reviewed the request for Council and advised that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Mr. Moss moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote taken and carried.

- d. This is the date set for hearing the request for vacation of the alley between Alaska and Asotin Streets from South 74th to South 76th Streets. (Tobe & Motoko Owens et al)

Russ Buehler, Planning Dept. Director, reviewed the request for Council and advised that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Mr. Owens was present and asked that Council approve his request. Mrs. Egan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote taken and carried.



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REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:

Erling Mork, City Manager, asked for a motion by the Council to clarify a date on a contract with the State Planning Community Affairs Agency for the Progress House. He asked that a motion be made to have the contract effective upon the expiration of the prior contract which would be March 15, 1975.

Mr. Sonntag moved to concur in the recommendation of the Administration. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston advised that the County Commissioners have suggested a dinner meeting with the City Council. Mayor Johnston felt this would be appropriate and moved that the joint meeting with the County Commissioners be rescheduled to a dinner meeting and that the City Manager work out an appropriate date. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote taken and carried.

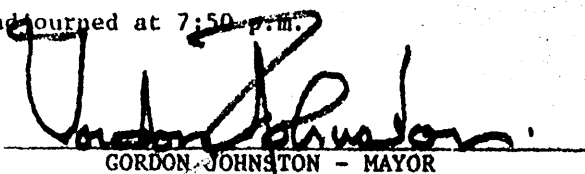
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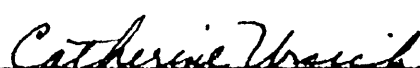
CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD:

John C. Frai spoke regarding the Sewer Utility Assessment and suggested the City place the monthly Sewer Utility and Garbage Utility charges on the September ballot or else finance them on the same basis as the Fire and Police services.

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Upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
CATHERINE URSICH - DEPUTY CITY CLERK