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City Council Chambers 7:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, December 20, 1960. 573

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Steele, Mr. Steele coming in at 7:25 P. M.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of Dec. 6, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Bott said at the top of page 10 of the minutes there is a statement beginning "The reason for requesting" which is attributed to Mr. Ketler, he said he thought this was a misquote and asked that the minutes be checked as he felt some one else made that statement.

Mayor Hanson asked that the minutes be checked to correct this error and that the approval of the minutes be postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. Porter then moved that the approval of the minutes of Dec. 6, 1960 be postponed for one week. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote then taken resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele.

#### HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date to which the hearing on the vacation of a 5 ft. strip on either side of So. 18th St. from the west line of Walters Road, submitted by N. A. Hansen, et al has been continued. 528

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, said as the Council will recall, this vacation hearing had been postponed from the meeting of Nov. 29, 1960 in order that more information could be obtained on the legal question, to whom the property to be vacated would revert, because of unrecorded plats, inaccurate lines, etc. After checking into the matter, he said, it is the opinion of the City Attorney that the vacated property would go to the abutting property owner to the north, Mr. Hansen and Mr. Jacobs on the south. 52:4

Mr. Bott asked if it could be determined from which property this original dedication came.

Mr. Buehler said the records were found very conflicting because of the early zoning, land claims, unrecorded plats, and also some of the lines are inaccurate, therefore in their opinion the land would revert to the abutting property owners on each side.

Mr. Bott asked if this would clear the City.

Mr. McCormick said the Legal Department tried to check into the matter and found the property descriptions were not accurate, they seem to be overlapping. As far as the City Council is concerned, they can vacate this area and according to State Law the property will go to the abutting property owners.

Mr. Bott asked if it would be necessary to obtain a letter of agreement from both property owners.

Mr. McCormick said that was entirely up to the property owners.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an Ordinance be drafted vacating the 5 foot strip on either side of So. 18th from the west line of Walters. Road. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele. Motion carried.

This is the date set for hearing on the petition of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for the vacation of Warner St., between So. 18th to 19th, alley between So. 18th and 19th from the west line of Warner to the west line of Lawrence. 55-202 516

This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by the First Assembly of God Church for the vacation of So. 17th, Warner St., and adjacent alleys. 515

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Mr. Rowlands, City Manager explained that he thought it would be well to consider these two hearings at the same time as they are in the same general area.

Mayor Hanson said he felt it would be proper to consider the two petitions and recommendations at this time.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, said the petition of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, requested the vacation of Warner St. between So. 18th and So. 19th Streets, the alley between Union and Lawrence and the South 20 feet of So. 18th between Union and Lawrence. He explained that at the meeting held by the Planning Commission on Oct. 3, 1960 the Commission recommended exclusion of the So. 20ft of So. 18th between the proposed new alignment for Puget Sound Avenue and the west line of Warner as well as the alley between these two points, until such time as the proposed new alignment for Puget Sound Ave. is approved as part of a one-way couplet with Union Ave. However, he added, at the meeting on Dec. 19th, the Planning Commission indicated they would see no objection of including these portions back in the vacation if the dedication for the realignment of Puget Sound Ave. is made a condition to the vacation and agreed to by the petitioners.

He said the First Assembly of God Church had petitioned for the vacation of So. 17th and the No. 20 feet of So. 18th and also certain alleys situated between Puget Sound and Lawrence Sts, So. 18th to So. 16th. He explained that on Oct. 3, 1960 the Commission had recommended that the petition be amended to provide only for the necessary consolidation of the Church property between Puget Sound Ave. and Warner St., where improvements were planned for the immediate future. In addition the north 10 feet of So. 18th was recommended for vacation. He said the Planning Commission had felt it was a little premature to vacate the entire area as no formal plan for the one-way couplet, of which it would be a part, had been approved by the Planning Commission of the City Council. However, he added the Commission indicated at its meeting on Dec. 19th that if deeds were accepted for the right-of-way as a condition to the vacations, for which the petitioners did not object, the Commission could see no objection to the vacation, provided that before Puget Sound Ave., is constructed as a one-way couplet with Union Ave. a public hearing be held and a recommendation obtained from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Nelson, Architect for the Assembly of God Church, said there seems to be some confusion on the part of his clients on the question that they have agreed to the couplet for Puget Sound Ave. He said, after the Planning Commission's meeting his clients analyzed the situation and they now feel that it will be a detriment to them and they are objecting to the couplet, for the reason they own all of the land from Union to Lawrence and from 18th to 16th. If the couplet goes in it will cut through a good deal of the church property which has real value along Union Ave. He said they are objecting to this as they feel the property they are receiving from the City will not compensate for what they will be required to relinquish. He said his clients do not object to the other recommendation.

Mr. Rowlands said there was a difference of opinion between the Public Works Department and the Planning Commission on the suggested right of way involved and an attempt was made to resolve the difference of opinion. The Public Works Dept. had recommended that a condition to the vacation necessary right of way realigning Puget Sound Ave., be dedicated by the petitioner. The purpose of the realignment is the designation of a one-way couplet system utilizing Union Ave. and Puget Sound Ave. r/o/w/ between So. 19th and the Puget Sound University Campus. The Planning Commission felt that as this plan for a one-way couplet has not yet been studied or approved by the Planning Commission or the City Council it was premature to begin the acquisition of the r/o/w at this time. At the late meeting held, the Commission stated it could see no objection if deeds were accepted for the right of way as a condition to the vacations, provided however, that before Puget Sound Ave. is constructed as a one-way couplet with Union Ave. a public hearing be held and a recommendation obtained from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Rowlands said this may or may not be used but it is thought that if this could be earmarked now more or less, in exchange for this vacation, there may be a considerable saving at some future date trying to acquire property.

Mr. Steele coming in at this time.

Mr. Buehler said the Planning Commission recommended the vacation of that area

but did not put any condition on the dedication for the transition of Puget Sound Ave. It was the desire of the Public Works Dept. that they have that right of way for future possibility therefore the Planning Commission decided to present this to the Council with the alternative that the Public Works Dept. still desires to have this right of way for a couplet.

Mr. Rowlands said this is strictly a matter of economics. From the standpoint of good traffic engineering and planning, they would like to continue to use Union Ave. as an arterial. He added, it is not necessarily good planning to move over one block into a residential street but it is a matter of the City having enough money to widen Union Ave. at the critical spots when the traffic volume demands action.

Mr. Steele said he is puzzled as to why this was not resolved by the Planning Commission, rather than having the Council make a recommendation. He asked what the recommendation of the Planning Commission was.

Mr. Buehler explained that the Planning Commission's recommendation was that the property be vacated, but not to dedicate this transition. The Public Works Dept. still desires to present their argument that the dedication is needed for the future.

Mayor Hanson said this is merely presenting the matter to the Council to consider as one of the aspects before taking final action. In one respect, the Public Works Dept. is appealing the request.

Mr. Buehler said that was correct and as he has already stated the Planning Commission did not object if the abutting property owners were willing to meet the condition of the right of way. He added, that the property owners did not object altho they did not like the condition set forth but would go along with the conditions if it were for the best interests of the City.

Mr. Feist, Chairman of the Planning Commission said their original recommendation as stated, did not include the provision for the couplet. At a later date the couplet proposition was further explained to the Commission and they took the stand that they had no objections, if it was necessary for the city traffic pattern but they took no formal action.

Mayor Hanson said in effect then this aspect of the vacation comes to the Council without a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Calkins said if the portion were to be vacated in exchange for the desired dedication, the Assembly of God's property would be consolidated and would give them an additional amount of property, so that in effect it would add a rather substantial piece of property to the site. Also it would make very little difference in access, as the street is not open at the present time.

Mr. Steele said then in order to accomplish this couplet, some land would have to be dedicated.

Mr. Calkins said that was correct. The Assembly of God would have to dedicate one portion and the Scottish Rite next to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, would dedicate the other portion.

Mr. Rogers, Attorney representing the Scottish Rite explained that since this matter was only presented to them very recently he could not definitely say that this was agreeable with the organization on such a short notice. However, he did say, that he felt his clients would agree to this dedication if the City were not asking for a great deal of property. Altho, he added he could not speak officially.

Mr. Buehler said he felt that Mr. Nelson, Architect for the First Assembly of God Church was objecting to this dedication on the grounds, if this were a one way couplet they would have two streets to cross to get to their property.

Even if Puget Sound Ave. were vacated from 17th to 18th it would not jeopardize the circulation of the development of the property if at a later date they decide not to use that couplet and vacate it, the street coming in at 18th and also 17th would give access to the abutting property.

Mrs. Price said in other words all that is being done here is moving Puget Sound Ave. over a little.

Mr. Murtland said as far as the proposed couplet is concerned there would not be a limited access in any way-anyone going north could turn off into the Church property,

Mr. Nelson said it is not just the matter of moving the street over. It is a question of turning a quiet thoroughfare into a busy highway, which is not good in front

of a church.

Mr. Bott said inasmuch as the Planning Commission was presented with this coup proposition only recently he wondered if the matter should not be discussed by them thoroughly and a recommendation submitted to the Council.

Mr. Feist said the proposition was gone into quite thoroughly and he could see nothing gained by delaying the matter as the Planning Commission has no objection if City wants to retain that piece of ground.

Mr. Bott said, then in essence that would be the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Feist said that was correct.

Mayor Hanson said, in effect the Planning Commission is asking that the Council make the decision with reference to whether Union Ave. will be widened or whether Puget Sound Ave. will be used. Mayor Hanson said he did not think that any member of the Council could say with any certainty that this was going to happen one way or the other, but it did appear to him that to keep the alternative available the Council should go along with the recommendation of the Public Works Dept.

Mr. Riconosciuto, member of the Planning Commission, said this same problem was raised at the public hearing of the Planning Commission, he thought this should have been resolved at that time. He said he felt this was a difference of opinion between the Planning and Public Works Dept. as to whether this one-way couplet should go in here. The question was raised at the hearing that this matter should be resolved before submitting it to the Council. He said it seemed to him that the one-way couplet would represent a change in the major street plan, and should have been determined at the Public hearing held by the Planning Commission in order to expedite the matter.

Mayor Hanson said he feels this has been discussed sufficiently by the Planning Commission and that nothing would be gained by referring it back. However, he added, he did not regard it as a change in the street plan as the decision is yet to be made. It will only open an alternative method.

Mrs. Price said as she understands the matter was again brought before the Planning Commission yesterday, and wondered why the Commission did not make a recommendation at that time.

Mr. Feist said no official action was taken because this was not a public hearing. However, as stated before, the Planning Commission indicated that they would not object if the Council determined this dedication was needed for a future street.

Mayor Hanson said in order to resolve this matter, he would ask for a motion accepting the recommendation of the Public Works Dept.

Mrs. Price moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Public Works Dept. that a condition be placed on the vacation that the necessary right of way for the realignment of Puget Sound Ave. be dedicated by the petitioners, with the corresponding reciprocal granting of the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mayor Hanson said the motion before the Council merely disposes tentatively of this particular aspect of the total problem and upon further examination anyone voting upon the prevailing side can move for reconsideration. Voice vote was then taken on the motion to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Dept., that the necessary right of way for the realignment of Puget Sound Ave. be dedicated by the petitioners, which resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Hanson said the motion just made is in reference to both petitions and the Gloria Dei Lutheran petition is now to be considered.

Mr. Buehler said in reference to this petition it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the south 20 feet of 18th St. from Warner to the proposed new alignment from Union Avenue to Puget Sound and the alley from Warner to the new alignment between South 19th and So. 18th be included in this vacation.

Mr. Bott moved that the above described property be included in the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mrs. Price moved that the vacation of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church be approved according to the recommendation of the Planning Commission and as requested by the Public Works Dept. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Mr. Steele asked if it would be permissible to record a vote in absentia to reflect some confusion of the manner in which this has been presented to the Council by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Hanson replied that it would be his prerogative.  
Mr. Steele answered that he would so record his vote.

The vote then recorded was Ayes 8; Nays 1, Steele, Absent 0.  
Mayor Hanson said personally he felt the matter was rather clearly presented.

Mayor Hanson said the matter of the First Assembly of God petition was now before the Council as amended by the recommendation of the Public Works Dept.

Mrs. Olson moved to approve the petition of the First Assembly of God as recommended by the Planning Commission and as requested by the Public Works Dept. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 1, (Steele agains voting in absentia due to confusion) Absent 0.

Mrs. Price said she would desire that the next time the Planning Commission and the Public Works Dept. have a matter to resolve, it be resolved before it is presented to the Council.

#### COMMUNICATION:

Communication from John H. Current, Executive Director of the Washington State Research Council requesting permission to present their report to the City Council at their regular meeting on December 20, 1960.

Mr. Current said he would like to make a brief comment after which he will present Mr. Strong who will then outline the report prepared by the Washington Research Bureau.

Mayor Hanson said an introductory resume of the study will be presented this evening; however, the staff of the Research bureau will be available to answer any questions the Council may have as the Council studies the report more thoroughly.

Mr. Current said the report in brief is strictly a summary and the documents, etc., are in the back of the booklet. He thought most of the questions would actually be answered as the report itself is read. However, he added the staff will still be available should any questions arise.

He said the City Council passed Resolution No. 15588 in December of 1958 requesting the Washington State Research Council to review its financial operations, presenting such facts, conclusions and recommendations as in its judgment, were warranted as a result of its findings. This report included a review of the City's operations in the areas of General Gov't. and tax supported bonded debt. He said they would like the Council to understand their point of view as they looked at the operation of Tacoma, and he added, the Council's conclusions, of course, are entirely their own.

Mr. Current said all of the factual material in this report has been from published and unpublished records of the City of Tacoma and has been submitted to the City Manager and his staff for verification as to its accuracy.

Mr. Current said in addition to the objectives of providing for a better understanding of Tacoma's operations and making suggestions as to improvements, it is also the objective of this study to measure, to the extent possible, the adequacy of the City's existing revenue structure. It must be emphasized that all findings and conclusions concerning revenue adequacy, pertain to the City of Tacoma and are not necessarily applicable to other Washington Cities. No attempt has been made in this report to evaluate the adequacy of service, other than police and fire, provided over the past ten years. In other words he said they are not making a massive study of the operations of Tacoma's Government.

While this report deals primarily with those areas of the City's government that can be improved, it is their firm conclusion that the City's governmental affairs are generally administered competently by a group of dedicated individuals. Perhaps the best indication of this is their willingness to subject themselves to outside appraisal and their complete cooperation in providing the Research Council with all and any information requested and in discussing candidly all matters that have arisen in the course of this study.

Mr. Current said Mr. Strong will now brief the report and also explained that the paragraphs in the report with a black dot constitute a recommendation in one form or other.

Mr. Strong explained as Mr. Current indicated he thought the best way to give the Council a comprehensive idea of the material contained in the report was to discuss "The Report in Brief" comprised of 6 or 7 pages beginning on page iii. He said he would like to emphasize that "The Report in Brief" simply summarized in very brief fashion material that is discussed in much greater detail in the following sections of the report.

Mr. Strong said "The Report in Brief" simply provides a historical review of the City's financial operations over the period of 1950 through 1959. This review was made, not with the purpose of determining whether or not actions or judgments exercised in that 10 year period, were necessarily good or bad, but simply to obtain a factual record of the financial history of the City over the past 10 years. Basically on the first few pages of "The Report in Brief" the highlights of the financial history of the City over the period of 1950 through 1959 are reviewed.

Mr. Strong said the Council may be interested in the first two paragraphs in which the Research Council indicates that accumulated expenditures over the ten years exceeded accumulated income by about \$900,000. He said he would emphasize the word accumulated as they are not talking about current deficit of anywhere near this proportion of \$900,000. The attempt here is simply to show the accumulated effect of yearly operations over this ten year period. The result has been that the accumulated expenditures exceeded the accumulated income by approximately this amount of \$900,000. This \$900,000 was provided through the use of cash and securities on hand at the beginning of 1950 as the City of Tacoma at that time, as did many other governmental units, that had a fairly substantial surplus. Another method was to use non-recurring income to finance recurring expenses. In this report recurring and non-recurring expenses and income are spoken of a great deal, he added, and briefly to explain the terms, a recurring item, whether it be expenditure or revenue is one that occurs with a reasonable degree of certainty year after year, while a non-recurring item is one that is not predictable - it may occur one year and may never occur again.

On the second page of "The Report in Brief" the history of the income of the City of Tacoma is explored. Some of the changes in the relative importance of the sources of income are pointed out. For example, in 1959 State-shared taxes had become a more important source of revenue for the City of Tacoma than they were in 1950. In 1959, grants to the City had become less important as a source of revenue than they were in 1950. Here again we are not talking about amounts of money but about the relationship or importance of one source of revenue as compared to another.

The amounts received from these sources over a ten year period have increased but the relative importance of the sources have changed over the years.

Mr. Strong pointed out that in the third paragraph it mentions that the property tax is the City's most important revenue producer, but that the annual rate of growth since 1950 has declined to less than an annual increase of 4% a year.

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This is below the average from 1953 to 1959. It is also pointed out in the following paragraph that there has been a continuous but uneven decline in the productivity of the B & O tax on manufacturing, but that this rate of decline has been markedly reduced in 1959. The City's gross receipts, tax on public utilities has also shown a decline in its rate of growth in recent years. The important point to remember, although there may have been a decline in the rate of growth from the revenue from these various sources the amount of revenues has increased every year. It is pointed out that there appears to be no immediate danger of a substantial decline in the rate of increase of annual income, but it is suggested that the City take such steps as are necessary to insure that the productivity of its revenue sources is watched very closely to detect any permanent or extended trend toward declining productivity.

Mr. Strong said there was a recommendation on page 3 which should be mentioned. In this paragraph it is recommended that the City of Tacoma, in conjunction with the use of appropriate reserve funds, undertake to eliminate the financing of recurring operating expenses from non-recurring income. That is if there is to be an expense that is expected to occur year after year with a reasonable degree of certainty they feel that the wisest course is not to attempt to finance this expense from an income source that is not likely to re-occur with the same degree of regularity.

He further pointed out that on page five, first paragraph is presented a picture of what the City may expect in the years ahead. It is found that based upon the City's past experience it appears conservative to estimate that the City can anticipate an annual increase in recurring revenues of 5.5%.

Mr. Strong said on the bottom of page 5 the importance of financing recurring expenses from recurring income and the use of appropriate capital reserve funds into which non-recurring income could be placed, is discussed. Page 6 continues to elaborate in some detail on almost what has been discussed. Perhaps the point to be emphasized is that it is recommended that in financial reports the City do separate recurring and non-recurring expenses in order to permit clearer identification of programs that are proposed and the need for, and desirability of, financing such programs on a recurring or non-recurring basis.

On page 7 a discussion is entered into on the Tacoma Police Dept. Based on a study of the crime rate in Tacoma and also the traffic record for a ten year period which was found that the City of Tacoma has excellent Police protection. It is emphasized that increases in expenditures for the City's Police department cannot be justified in terms of increased population, increased area served and increased value of property to be protected, or increases resulting from rises in consumer or wholesale prices since these records indicate that police protection needs are being met adequately if not better than at any time in the past ten years. It is also pointed out that the fine record of police protection has been accomplished without any significant increase in the number of policemen per thousand population and in the face of increased holiday and vacation time which reduces the number of working days. In view of this record and of the varied factors affecting the amount and type of crime in a community, it does not seem probable that an increase in the police force at this time would in itself produce an effect on the crime rate commensurate with the cost.

The report also indicates it is not logical to attempt to justify an increase in expenditures for the Fire Department simply on the basis of area served or population served although these factors have to be considered in connection with others. In evaluating the adequacy of fire protection service, or for any service the quantity of men engaged in the service, does not indicate the quality of the service. In the case of fire protection, by improving the speed with which well-qualified firefighters reach a fire would do more to improve fire protection services

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than the matter of increasing the number of men on the Fire Department.

Mr. Strong added that on page 8 it is suggested that in seeking to improve both the City's Police and Fire protection, consideration should be given to integrate these two Departments into a new department of Public Safety, making maximum productive use of the total manpower available to cope with both Police and Fire problems. Such a program should offer substantial opportunity to improve not only the quality of the Police and Fire protection services, but also have a material affect on the cost of these services. In making such a recommendation, he said they are well aware that this type of proposal involves serious and difficult details which would have to be worked out. There are legal considerations involving Pension Funds, the rights of the employees presently on the police and fire forces. However, it is felt that the benefits which could be achieved through such a program are so great that every effort and every serious consideration should be given to this suggestion.

Mr. Strong pointed out on page 8 of the "Report in Brief" it is recommended that the practice of using special non-recurring tax levies for the purpose of financing recurring expenses, as was done in the case of the special levy for Fire Dept. purposes in 1959, \$75,000 of which was for the purpose of hiring additional Fire Dept. personnel, be avoided.

Another area of very broad and general interest, he said, is outlined on this page and this concerns the need for additional revenue for Cities in their relationship to the State in that respect. They recommend that cities be given broader authority over revenue sources and the extent to which they may be used. Granting this authority to cities should not be contingent on the inadequacy of existing revenue structures. In other words, this is the privilege cities should have whether or not they are pressed with revenue problems. Cities should be permitted a wide range of discretion in the method which they may select to finance their local services from local resources so that they may consider the economic character of the community and its competitive position with other communities. Failure to grant cities adequate authority to provide the revenues they need to finance City services will result in continuous demands for increased State grants and the sharing of State revenues. It would seem that the State cannot long resist these demands and that if such grants and additional state taxes are shared such sharing will be geared to the needs of the most hard-pressed cities, thus making revenue available to all cities including those where there is less prevalent or non-existent taxes.

Mr. Strong further added that on page 9 there is a recommendation concerning bond forms which is somewhat technical in nature and which should be of interest to the Council. It is also recommended that the City's budgetary, accounting and financial reporting systems be revised to incorporate a system of classification that would permit easy identification of receipts and expenditures that are recurring and non-recurring. Expenditures within these broad classifications should be further identified by a four point breakdown which are listed on the bottom of page 9.

He said in the final paragraphs of "The Report in Brief" some suggestions are made basically concerning the format of some of the City's financial reports - suggestions of changes in the format which was felt will add to the usefulness of these reports. It is also recommended that the existing General Fund, City Street Fund, and Library Fund be consolidated into the General Fund. The final recommendation is that the expenditures now classified as nondepartmental be allocated as expenses of appropriate departments.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to emphasize that this is merely a preliminary presentation of the report and it is not contemplated that all questions that would ultimately arise in an analysis and study of a report will be answered tonight.



Mr. Current suggested that if it be the pleasure of the Council a date could be set in another month at which time members of the Research Council would be happy to meet again with the Council to discuss the report in more detail.

Mayor Hanson said he thought this was a good suggestion and perhaps this can be determined in a few days after it is found out how long it will take to thoroughly study the report.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Current and Mr. Strong for the very fine report and said it should be very helpful in analyzing our present situation and to determine policies for the future.

Mr. Rowlands said it so happens that the Budget is ready for distribution tonight and several of the suggestions mentioned this evening have been incorporated in the Budget; particularly the one about disclosing the costs on a Departmental basis rather than on a Non-Departmental basis. Also the format will be changed more next year along the lines suggested.

Mr. Cvitanich said he had one question he would like to ask. On page 5 of this report it shows that in 1954 the City had a \$365,952 surplus and in 1958 there was a \$649,909 deficit and he would like an explanation of this matter.

Mr. Strong said this table referred to by Mr. Cvitanich is the summary of the first table that appears in the Appendix which goes into great detail and the answer should be found on examination of the more detailed table.

Mr. Current said he thought this question could be answered more fully after a more thorough examination of the entire report.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Smith if he had anything to add at this time.

Mr. Dan Smith, member of the Research Council said he would like to reiterate that this is not a comparative study and it should be emphasized that 1950 was the end of a decade of high revenue and low expenditures as the result of the war limitations. This City as well as every other City is at the end of a 10 year period where virtually every one has used up the surplus and now are facing the very difficult question of how to finance continuing expenses.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

##### Resolution No. 16371

Fixing Monday, January 23, 1961 at 7:30 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3513 for storm drains in the Arlington area, to be held in the Public Utilities Auditorium, ground floor.

It was moved by Mr. Bott that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mrs. Price pointed out that this hearing will be held before the entire Council at the Utilities Building at 7:30 P.M.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

##### Resolution No. 16372

Fixing Monday, January 9, 1961 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing L I D 4676 for permanent paving in the vicinity of So. 73rd to 80th on Wilkeson and in

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various isolated blocks in the vicinity of So. 38th and west of Pacific Ave.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson asked that Resolution No. 16379 be taken up at this time as there were a number of people present interested in that particular Resolution.

Mr. Martland moved that the rules be suspended to consider Resolution No. 16379. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 16379:

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to purchase from the Tacoma Transit Co. and the employees Transit Association of Tacoma, the Tacoma Transit System.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Rowlands said in connection with this Resolution, the Council members have all had the opportunity to read the agreement which has been worked out principally by the City's legal staff and the Transit Company's legal staff. He said it is rather important that this matter be resolved as a meeting is planned by the stockholders back East about the 29th of December. If the Council has any question on this agreement the attorneys of the Transit Company and various staff members are present to answer any such questions, he added.

Mayor Hanson said the terms of this agreement have been the subject of a number of detailed discussions on the part of the Council and so embodies their thinking.

Mr. Rowlands said it should be pointed out that the one area the Council wanted clarified was the fact that any outstanding personal injury claims are to be assumed by the Company.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said the agreement is that the City will pay to the Transit Company the sum of \$750,000. which would be payment in full for all of the assets which the company has, less the reserve account for accident claims. At the appropriate and necessary time, it is his understanding that careful survey will be made of the potential liabilities, and the money that will be necessary to liquidate and pay such claims be examined and a certain amount set aside which is called a Reserve Account in their General Fund. In this agreement it was felt the Company would be in a better position to evaluate and settle those claims as some have been pending for months and years. The Council expressed themselves at one meeting that it was their thinking it would be better to leave the Reserve Account with the Transit Co., in order to consider all obligations that might arise, up to the date of closing this account. It may take a year or possibly more to liquidate this, he added. All of the other assets of the Company will be turned over to the City at the date of closing with the exception of enough assets in the way of money to pay the current obligations that will incur. Within 45 days following closing, the company shall pay such liabilities and transfer to the City any excess of assets so retained.

This will include all monies of the Company except this separate claim reserve account and will include the \$16,000 in petty cash.

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The City also assumes certain obligations such as outstanding tokens, leases on wires etc. and any sum that may be due on other leases which will be taken over.

Mr. McCormick said he thought this was pretty well set forth in the Agreement. He called attention to the three parties to the Agreement - the Employees' Association, the Transit Company and the City. He said the Employees' Association is purchasing stock under a different agreement from the Transit Company. The Council has authorized payment on the 28th day of Dec. of \$300,000 to prevent any chance of foreclosure on the part of any stock holder of the employees' interest, in this contract. He said it was his understanding that a hearing has been set for the stock holders meeting in New Jersey on the 28th of December. He said this Agreement should be approved by the Council prior to that date, which would be December 27th at the latest. As soon as notification has been received from the Attorneys conducting that hearing in New Jersey, the Director of Finance will then be authorized to pay the \$300,000 to the trustees of the Puget Sound National Bank as part payment on this contract. It is his understanding that the proceeds of the bonds will be available around the first of February and the balance will be paid when the cut-off date is scheduled. The City will then be in the Transit business by the first of February.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to compliment Mr. McCormick and the others involved in drawing up this very fine agreement which involved a very complicated matter.

Mr. Bott asked if the counsel for the Transit Company was in agreement with the statements made by Mr. McCormick.

Mr. Carlson, Attorney for the Transit Co., said Mr. McCormick's statements were accurate and they were in agreement with his statements.

Mr. Murtland said he would like to speak against the Resolution. He felt that the Council was aware that he has tried repeatedly, since June, to have more study as to the acquisition costs in the matter of the Tacoma Transit System. He said he seems to be crying alone in the wilderness. He said he feels that this was not studied thoroughly to determine what it could be acquired for, but the City went into it with the idea of how much are we going to pay for it rather than how little can we get it for. He said he recalls the figure the Transit Company employees came in with originally was approximately \$938,000. After some discussion another figure of \$750,000 was presented, \$450,000 to the stockholders and \$300,000 to the employees. He said the City will be running into added expense by having to replace buses etc., and could not foresee this being a money making proposition. He felt that the Council by agreeing to pay \$300,000 to the Transit employees for their equity in effect is "bailing out a lost cause." For that reason he felt that the Resolution as to the amount of the proposed contract is in error.

Mr. Steele said he felt that the best possible Transit system this City could acquire with the funds available has been acquired for the community. There were appraisals estimated from a million three hundred thousand, \$1,300,000, to a \$1,500,000. He thought the figure arrived at was a very fair one and the employees of the Company are to be commended for convincing

Roll call was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Yea 8; Nays 1; Murtland; Absent 0.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

Resolution No. 16373

Awarding contract to Econolite Corp. for the furnishing of Traffic Control Signals on their bid of \$17, 580-91 including sales tax.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Rowlands explained that most of these signals are bought from out of town firms. This particular firm is in Los Angeles. In the future as requested by Mrs. Price, the location of the firms will be specified in the Resolution.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16374

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute non-exclusive easements and right of way for road to be located on the Water Division Property within the Green River Water shed to the Northern Pacific Railway Co., and the United States Forest Service.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16375

Accepting the report of Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, entitled "Survey of Clerical and Accounting Procedures" and recommending the City Manager to proceed to take steps necessary to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16376

Requesting and authorizing the Mayor to form a new permanent standing committee whose membership shall be composed of representatives from various departments of the State, City, County and other agencies, to promote employment within the City and its trade areas.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

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Mr. Cvitanich said he had a substitute Resolution he would like to introduce at this time. He said it contains practically the same language but is put in a softer manner. It is merely asking for cooperation from the other groups of elected officials. In summary, after doing some checking, he said, there were about 750 jobs at the Naval Station, 350 at Kaiser Aluminum, 83 at Cushman, 250 laid off for the second time at Northern Pacific, and Mt. Rainier is in the process of laying off 49 men every 3 months. The Milwaukee Road passenger service is very critical and would probably be project #1 as far as the City is concerned. There is also the threatened merger of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railroad. He thought it behooves the Council to attempt to preserve and protect industry and jobs.

Mayor Hanson said we all agree that additional industry is needed for the future of Tacoma and any action that can be taken to increase the industrial development of the community should be considered. He pointed out that this area has not been overlooked entirely and he was sure that this Resolution was not intended to indicate this, but the purpose of this Resolution is to encourage cooperation between these various bodies.

Mayor Hanson said he has been contemplating a plan which he felt would be very effective in promoting more activity in this area to attract new industries, and was quite encouraged by the interest of several of the prominent industries and citizens with reference to financial participation. He felt this Resolution will not conflict with his thinking.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would like to move the substitution. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was then taken on the motion resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele moved to include the McKinley Avenue Business Club, the K Street Business Club, the South Tacoma Business Club, the 26th and Proctor Business Club, the 6th Avenue Business Club and the 72nd and Park Avenue Business Club to the list of groups to be contacted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Bott asked why were the particular groups listed on the Resolution singled out.

Mr. Cvitanich said most of these are elected officials; Labor and the Chamber of Commerce are also essential; the Utility Board performs an important function as well as the School District; the Park Board's profit is directly related to the type of employment in Tacoma, that is if there are no jobs and no money people are not going to avail themselves of the services offered by the Park; also the Public Library should be represented as 5% of their dollar goes to expenses.

Mr. Steele said these people are all tax supported agencies and they can only hire so many employees; therefore some of these other organizations should also be included.

Mr. Bott said he would like this to be a committee-at-large.

Mr. Cvitanich said he did not think this was restrictive in any way. The intent is merely to get something started in a spirit of cooperation.

Mrs. Price said she saw nothing wrong with the Resolution. It is a starting point and there is no reason why other names cannot be added as they are suggested. There is certainly no limit to it.

Mr. Bott asked if this Resolution would conflict in any way with what Mayor Hanson mentioned earlier about a plan he had in mind, or would we be getting a duplication of groups and somewhat lessen the effect of it.

Mayor Hanson said the plan he had, involved the financial participation of a number of local firms to finance the cost involved in hiring representatives who really know the industrial picture. He said he did not want to go into greater detail until this was worked out more fully.

Mr. Bott asked if this Resolution should be held in abeyance until this was accomplished.

Mayor Hanson said he did not think this was necessary as the Resolution encourages cooperation of the various bodies.

Mr. Porter said he believed he understood fairly well the proposition the Mayor has been working on and he thought it was an excellent one and that Tacoma has needed it for some time. He said it seems to him the type of committee this Resolution sets up could very well work with the proposition the Mayor has in mind and do some good.

Mayor Hanson called for a voice vote on Mr. Steele's motion to add certain business clubs to the group mentioned in the Resolution, which resulted as follows:

Ayes 2; Nays 7; Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murland, Olson, Porter and Mayor Hanson;  
Absent 0. Motion failed.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16377

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver local improvement assessment deed to the Water Division in the amount of \$2,290.98, for property located at the northeast corner of So. 64th & Wapato Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16378

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated within an Urban Renewal Project - designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution as follows;

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16703

Appropriating the sum of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Police Relief Pension Fund for paying the pensions for the balance of the year 1960. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this will be acted upon next week and will require a unanimous vote. When funds are required for pensions it is difficult to anticipate the exact amount, he added. This year an additional \$10,000 will be required.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16704

Amending Sec. 13.06.010 of the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new definition "Frontage Road". (Recommendation submitted by Plan. Com.) Read by title.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16705

Amending Sec. 13.06.260 of the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning by amending the Text of "T" Residential - Commercial Transitional District.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16706

Changing the names of streets located near and west of Primary State Highway No. 1, generally between So. 41st and So. Tacoma Way. Read by title.

Mr. Buehler explained that the Public Works Building Dept., requested that these street names be changed so that the street numbering will coincide with the street numbering system within the City. A public hearing was held before the Planning Commission and all property owners adjacent to the streets, were notified of the hearing date.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16707

Establishing a new fund in the City of Tacoma known as "Tacoma Municipal Transit System Fund." Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that under Final Reading of Ordinances, Ordinances No. 16695 and 16696 pertaining to the Transit System Fund are in for final reading and suggested that the Council vote down these two Ordinances. Originally, he added, the Auditor asked that two funds should be created. Now it seems that there is a difference of opinion and only one fund will be necessary. Therefore this Ordinance was prepared to take the place of the two Ordinances mentioned above.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES;

Ordinance No. 16690

Repealing Ordinance No. 16662 passed by the Council Nov. 17, 1960 in reference to the acquisition, construction and installation by the City of Off-Street Parking facilities and the financing thereof. Read by title. 566

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16691

Condemning property in the Peninsula area for the Airport site. Read by title.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Easterday; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16692

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as 13.06.120 (18) to include property located on the southeasterly and northeasterly corners of McMurray Road at Marine View Drive, in a "R-4" Multiple Family Dwelling District. North Shore Country Club Estates. Read by title. 567 53.127

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16693

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section 13.06.273 composed of two sub-divisions, "C-F-V" and "C-F-P" Districts. Read by title. 567

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Olson; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16694

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section 13.06.273 composed of a "C-F" District. Read by title. 567

Mayor Hanson said it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Council pass either Ordinance No. 16693 or Ordinance No. 16694. Inasmuch as the Council approved Ordinance No. 16693, this Ordinance should be voted down.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:



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Ordinance No. 16695

Creating a special fund known as "Tacoma Municipal Transit System Bond Fund of 1961" providing for the deposit of the proceeds of the sale of the \$850,000 of unlimited tax levy General Obligation Bonds of the City for the payment of the cost of the acquisition and betterment of a system for the transporting and carrying of passengers as specified by Ordinance No. 16682 & Ordinance No. 16633. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said in light of the previous explanation of Mr. Rowlands it is recommended that this Ordinance and the following Ordinance should be tabled.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Ordinance be tabled. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared tabled.

Ordinance No. 16696

Relating to finance & creating & establishing in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma a special fund known as "Tacoma Municipal Transit System Fund" for the purpose of paying any and all costs of operating & maintaining a Municipal Transit System. Read by title.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Ordinance be tabled. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9, Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared tabled.

Ordinance No. 16697

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4490 for permanent paving No. 12th through No. 15th from Verde to Cheyenne Sts. <sup>50,348</sup> Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16698

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5313 for cast iron water mains & fire Hydrants in Ea. 3rd from Ea. E to Ea F; and in Ea. F to Ea. 5th St. <sup>496</sup>

Read by title and passed

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

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Ordinance No. 16699

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 5322 for cast iron water mains & fire Hydrants in No. Bennett & Highland from No. 14th from Bennett to Shirley; Highland to Winnifred Sts.; and in No. 18th from Highland to Pearl. Read by title and passed. 187

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16700

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 6764 for modern lights on So I from So. 21st to So. 27th; So. 21st from Ferry to State and on So. 25th from State to Steels; So. 23rd from Ferry to Steels. Read by title and passed. 496

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16701

Providing for the improvement of LID 4674 for permanent paving in vicinity of No. 12th to So. 17 from Proctor to Spragus. Read by title and passed. 507  
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Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16702

Providing for the improvement of LID 4683 for permanent paving on So. 12th to 19th on Geiger to Meyer Street. Read by Title and passed. 515

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman .

REPORTS:

LID Committee reports that LID 5316 be postponed for two weeks, until Dec. 27th, so that an opinion can be obtained from the City Attorney. 503  
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Communication from Dept. of Civil Defense in reference to an application made for Federal contributions.

Mr. Rowlands said he wanted to emphasize the fact that the City did attempt to secure funds but funds were not available.

COMMENTS

Mr. Easterday said the Council has been presented with a Public Works Dept. 1961 Construction Schedule. He said it is a very fine program but inasmuch as the Department has a mandate from the Council by unanimous vote to proceed with the Leach Creek Impounding Basin he would like to have this Schedule amended so as to include the construction of this Impounding Basin to let the contract early in April of 1961, regardless of cost. After the bids have been received, if they are beyond what the City can possibly finance, the bids could be rejected, but until such time as we have received the bids, he still thinks that that mandate still stands.

Mayor Hanson said he thought this was a matter that should be discussed more fully at next week's meeting.

Mr. Cvitanich said he also felt this should be included in the report as no one has definitely said this will not be built. The determination will be made at a later date.

Mr. Calkins said it was not the intent of the Department to make that decision. The advertising for bids can be called for at any time and can be included in such a schedule at a later date.

Mayor Hanson said he thought the Council could regard this as a recommended schedule and certainly the Council will have ample opportunity to include the Leach Creek Impounding Basin.

Mr. Bott asked if there were any further developments on the Swan Creek proposition.

Mr. Rowlands said the Council will have to more or less make its decision by next week unless they might want to ask the GSA Administrator in Washington to extend the time for 30 days. He said he would like the authority to make that request as there are certain matters he would like to discuss further with the Council concerning the Park's position, and some other matters that might materialize in connection with this. The deadline is the 28th of Dec. He asked if there would be any objection to having a 30 day extension made.

Mayor Hanson said he could see no reason for objecting to a 30 day extension.

Mr. Easterday asked if the money for this was included in the Budget or will it require an emergency appropriation.

Mr. Rowlands said as it stands at the present time, the Council contemplated purchasing that property for the amount of approximately \$19,000 out of the Garbage and Sewer Utility Fund, not out of the General Fund. But of course if there is going to be a change in thinking as to location for a proposed site that will be another subject for a special discussion with the Council. In that event there will be no need to spend money from the Garbage and Sewer Utility Fund for the Swan Creek area. There are certain things developing and he would like more time for consideration on the matter.

Mr. Bott moved that the City Manager be authorized to request an extension of 30 days on the Swan Creek matter. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 0.

Mr. Berto, a property owner, said he owned property on So. 18th and So. 19th Streets outside the City limits and is desirous of hooking up to the City's sewers. He asked the Council what procedure they would recommend in order that this be accomplished.

Mr. Easterday suggested that Mr. Berto circulate a petition for annexation of the area to the City.

Mrs. Price said she thought this was a policy matter that the Council has recently been discussing about serving citizens outside the City limits and the Council as yet has come to no decision on this matter.

Mayor Hanson said he did not think it would be proper to impose such a

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large responsibility on Mr. Berto as to get a petition for annexation from a vast area, as annexation can be taken in small pieces. If there is any interest in that regard Mr. Berto can meet with the City Manager and discuss the matter. The Council at this point is certainly not imposing this as the only method, but it would certainly be a method that would answer the problem, he added.

Mr. Steele said it appears that next week he will be conducting a research in an Off Street Parking Program in Houston, Texas and he proposes to be in Los Angeles the following week, therefore he would like to be excused from the Council meetings of December 27th, January 3 and possibly the 10th.

Mrs. Price moved that Mr. Steele be excused from the meetings of Dec. 27th, January 3 and possibly the 10th. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Cvitanich remarked that the Pierce County Central Labor Council AF of L and CIO favor an Airport at the site selection of the experts.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to express appreciation to the Teamsters Union and Mr. Hatfield, who is the business agent for the Teamsters, for endorsing the Airport as being vital for Tacoma's Industrial Development.

Mr. Steele said he would move that Mr. Hatfield be commended for his aggressive alert action in bringing about the recommendation. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Bott said whoever was responsible for the beautiful Christmas decorations on the tower of the building should be commended.

Mayor Hanson explained this was a joint venture of the County and City. Mr. Devish and his men worked very hard on the project and did a very fine job.

Mrs. Price mentioned what a fine job the merchants of the City of Tacoma have done in decorating the various centers for the Holiday Season. She said Tacoma should be very proud of the work being done in our City during the holidays.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how the Century 21 program was progressing.

Mayor Hanson said he believed a report would be ready shortly. Mr. Sass has been working with a number of people gathering general information for proposals and alternative proposals for consideration. A meeting of the Council Committee and Mr. Sass will be held in the near future.

Mr. Rowlands said there were several matters to discuss with the Council and he would like to set up a meeting with them during the week. After a short discussion the meeting was set up for 8:00 A.M. Friday, December 23, 1960.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk