

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, November 1, 1960

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call: 8, Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland, Olson Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Easterday.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Cvitanich has requested that Ordinance No. 16662 relating to Off-street parking facilities be considered at this time, as he has a very important meeting that he must attend. Ordinance No. 16662 was then taken up at this time. 479

Ordinance No. 16662:

Specifying and adopting a plan for the acquisition, construction and installation by the City of off-street parking facilities and the financing thereof. Read by title.

Mr. Porter moved that the Ordinance be postponed for two weeks until November 15, 1960 for final passage. Seconded by Mrs. Price: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

Mrs. Steele brought up that at the last Council meeting, Resolution No. 16327 pertaining to Parking Garages failed to pass by a vote of 5 to 3. He added that having voted on the prevailing side and giving notice at that time that he would move for reconsideration of this Resolution at the next meeting, he now moved that Resolution No. 16627 be reconsidered. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote: Ayes 5; Nays 3; Bott, Cvitanich and Olson; Absent 1, Easterday. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16327:

Accepting the gift proposal made by the Downtown Parking Corporation pursuant to their offer under date of August 23, 1960, to the City of Tacoma in respect to the Downtown Parking Garages. 477  
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It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mayor Hanson said that this Resolution has been thoroughly discussed and called for roll on the Resolution which resulted as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 3, Bott, Cvitanich and Olson; Absent 1, Easterday.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Cvitanich was excused at this time.

Mr. Bott again mentioned that he was not opposed to the Parking Garages, but he was opposed to the method in which they were being financed.

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The regular order of Business was then resumed.

Presentation of Suggestion Award to Reginald Rogers, mechanic, in the Public Dept.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that Reginald Rogers, a mechanic in the Public Works auto repair shop is being awarded a check for \$25. for his suggestion of design changes, necessary to convert an Allen Test Stand to use in checking automatic transmissions before they are put back into motor vehicles after repairs. He added that this will eliminate extra labor and possible breakdown in use, if additional repairs or adjustments are needed. It is felt a minimum of \$150 to \$200 a year will be saved by this suggestion.

Mayor Hanson and Mr. Rowlands both congratulated Mr. Rogers for his suggestion.

#### HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date to which the hearing on the vacation of Roosevelt Avenue between East 68th Street extended and 71st Street, has been continued from the meeting of September 13, 1960.

Mr. Rowlands said the Planning Commission has requested that this matter be postponed to the meeting of December 13, 1960 as additional information is necessary.

Mrs. Price then moved that this hearing be postponed to December 13, 1960. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich, and Easterday.

This is the date set for hearing on the Assessment Roll for SCF No. 60 for the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks in various locations in the City.

Mr. Rowlands said this is the final hearing on the assessment for the 1960 Sidewalk Construction Program

No one appearing to be heard on the assessment, it was moved by Mr. Bott that the proper Ordinance be drawn approving and confirming the assessment roll for SCF No. 60. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication from Mr. Roger A. Guilmett requesting permission to address the City Council on Tuesday, November 1, 1960 for the purpose of discussing the Civic Auditorium Proposition which will appear on the November 8, 1960 ballot.

Mr. Guilmett explained that he represented a group of voters who feel that the people should be allowed their right and privilege to vote on a location should the voters approve the November 8th Auditorium Bond Issue Proposition. He said he was aware of pressure being applied to select a downtown location. This pressure will be eliminated if the voters are allowed their constitutional privilege to also vote for a site at the next election.

Mr. Guilmett said the group he represents is in favor of a Civic Auditorium, however, he added, they would like it located in the hub of Tacoma and "that is not in the center of the downtown area." The 35 acre site which he proposes at the South 38th Street freeway cloverleaf is centrally located to the City and to all major transportation. He asked for an expression from the Council if they were in agreement of a site being put before a vote of the people at the next election.

Mayor Hanson said if the Bond Proposition is approved the Council can always consider that approach. However, he said, the Council has indicated its present opinion that it should be located close to the downtown area.

Mrs. Price remarked that should this Bond Proposition pass, she was sure that any and all persons or groups who wish to be heard in regard to sites would be given every consideration by the Council.

Mr. Porter said it seemed to him the most important point now is for the people of the City, by their vote, to decide whether or not they want an Auditorium and then to decide on the site later.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

##### Resolution No. 16328:

Fixing Monday, November 28, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4671 for permanent pavement on So. 52nd from Park to J; So. 54th from Park to So. I and from So. K to So. M and in So. L from So. 48th to So. 56th Street. 52:18

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

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

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

##### Resolution No. 16329:

Fixing Monday, November 28, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5326 for cast iron water mains in the area bounded by No. 9th, Highland Street; No. 11th and Baltimore Street produced. 552

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

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

##### Resolution No. 16330:

Fixing Monday, November 28, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5327 for cast iron water mains in No. 25th from Cheyenne to Orchard Street. 553

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

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

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16331:

Fixing Tuesday, November 29, 1960 at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property located at So. 18th between Seashore Drive and Walters Road. (Petition of N. A. Hansen, et al)

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16332:

Accepting the bids of Pacific Iron & Metal Co., the Northwest Pipe & Salvage Co., Tacoma Junk Co., and John Koski, which were the highest bids received for certain salvage items.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16333:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to Mrs. W. A. Bracken, a local improvement assessment deed upon payment of the sum of \$150.00, for property located on the N. E. corner of So. 11th and Orchard Street.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16334:

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

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:****Ordinance No. 16663:**

Amending Sec. 2.04.1030 of the Official Code of the City relating to electricity and repealing Sec. 2.04.010. Read by title.

Mr. John D. Ferguson, City Light Superintendent, said this Ordinance modifies the electrical code which was passed in 1948. This proposal is updating and improving the present Ordinance to comply with the provisions of the National Electric Code and recommended practices.

Mr. Murtland asked if there was anything more restrictive in this Code as to who will install or do this type of work. In other words, he added, will it restrict anyone presently engaged in the work from continuing in the same manner.

Mr. Ferguson said this Ordinance is no more restrictive than the present one.

Mrs. Price asked if the people directly concerned with this Ordinance have been supplied copies, or have they been informed that there are changes contemplated in the present Code.

Mr. Ferguson said many meetings were held with the people concerned and letters have been received from most of them indicating that there is no opposition to the contemplated revisions.

Mr. Bott asked if a period of more than a week could be had between the first and final reading so as to allow sufficient time for everyone to be familiar with the Ordinance.

Mayor Hanson said the Ordinance could be set over for two weeks if the Council wished.

Mr. Bott then moved that Final Reading of this Ordinance be held over for two weeks until November 15, 1960. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.

**Ordinance No. 16665:**

Amending sec. 2.15.330 of the Official Code of the City in reference to delivery tickets for Fuel Oil. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said each Council member has been given an amended copy of this Ordinance tonight. He said an addition has been made inserting Section D which was inadvertently omitted from the original sent out in the agenda.

Mr. Rowlands said as he understands, these changes were recommended to coincide with the State Law.

Mrs. Price moved that the Ordinance be amended to include Section D. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Bott said he thought that "Section D" was too restrictive in that many gas stations sell fuel oil and gasoline from barrels in small quantities and to invest in a metered fuel pump for these products would be too costly, he added.

Mayor Hanson said the purpose of this Ordinance is to record the amount of fuel delivery to a place of business or resident and not for the purpose of regulating the selling of the same when picked up at a vendor's place of business.

Mr. Bott said "Section C" states that "if the purchaser carries away his purchase, the vendor shall be required only to give to the purchaser at the time of sale a delivery ticket stating the net weight or liquid measure of the fuel delivered to him."

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Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the difficulty here is that State Law provides this identical provision and cannot be changed unless it is changed in the Legislature.

Mr. Bott said he felt that further investigation should be made on this Ordinance before it is passed.

Mrs. Price said the Council has no choice since it is part of the State Law.

Mr. Rowlands said perhaps a change could be made in the Administrative Rule, which is done in many agencies.

Voice vote was then taken on Mrs. Price motion to amend the Ordinance to include Section D, which resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.

Mayor Hanson said in order to give the staff sufficient time to check into the matter perhaps the amended Ordinance should be postponed for two weeks.

Mrs. Price then moved that this Ordinance be held over for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.

Ordinance No. 16666:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to condemn (19) pieces of property for the development of the Peninsula Airport site. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this Ordinance authorizes the City Attorney to proceed with condemning 19 pieces of property on the Peninsula for a municipal airport. It is vital that the property be acquired at the earliest possible date if the City is to meet deadlines established by the Federal Aviation Agency.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16650:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to Parking meter stalls and Parking meter control by amending Sec. 11.24 and 11.28 and 11.28.200 and adding a new section 11.24.180. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said MC-323 was distributed with the Agenda giving a break down on the number of meters to be 5 cents and 10 cents. He said that Mr. Bott had also requested that the Staff determine what would be involved in the change over of some of these meters.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that in MC-324 there were areas proposed for 5 cents for 30 minutes with a 2 hour limit. The recommendation is that 127 new Duncan Miller meters be installed, which will include the cost of installing the meter posts, in the amount of \$7,140.

Mr. Rowlands said also listed in the MC are several streets, which could justify, on a long range program, installation of meters with a 2 hour limit. At the present time there are 480 meters for 5 cents an hour in the area. In order to change them to a two-hour limit at 5 cents an hour with the possibility of using either nickels or dimes in the mechanism at an approximate cost of \$21.50 per meter, the total expenditure would be \$10,320. To replace only the timer exchange would cost approximately \$11.66 per unit. However, for more efficient operation the head assembly should also be changed, he added.

Mr. Rowlands explained that before authorizing such an expenditure, the City Council might wish to observe the results of the present parking meter program,

with the addition of the 127 meters referred to above, before proceeding with this additional expenditure of \$10,320.00

Mr. Robert Medved, president of the private parking lot and garage operators group, questioned whether a two hour limit was wise. He said it seemed to him that cutting down parking time would aid shoppers and create a more rapid turnover.

Mr. Rowlands said some of the new meters would be for 15 minutes, some one-half hour, one hour, and two hours in an over-all plan.

Mayor Hanson said this is not regarded as an absolute answer. He said this is relatively new at the present time and is designed according to standards that have been accepted and found satisfactory in many other areas. He said this is a matter of trying to find the one best to serve our community.

Mr. Porter said since Mr. Cvitanich had requested MC-323 and is not present this evening, he would move, out of courtesy to Mr. Cvitanich, that the ordinance be postponed for one week.

Mr. Rowlands said he has discussed this MC and also the entire program with Mr. Cvitanich who said this was acceptable to him.

Mr. Porter then withdrew his motion.

Mr. Bott asked what was the plan on upper Broadway.

Mr. Rowlands said at the present time the meters are one hour limit and as suggested perhaps this could be given further study. The Ordinance can always be amended at a later date, he added.

Mayor Hanson said perhaps the City Manager could submit a report as to the lowest possible cost to bring this into effect.

Roll call on the Ordinance resulted as follows:

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

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16661:

Repealing Sec. 6.36.050 of the Official Code of the City, relating to the hours of operation of pool or billiard halls or places where shuffleboards or automatic baseball or bowling alley games are played. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that this Ordinance will permit the operation of pool or billiard tables, shuffleboards, automatic baseball games and bowling games to remain open and in operation as long as the place of business is open.

Roy McLean, Director of Voice of Christian Youth in Tacoma, said by permitting pool halls to remain open all night is unhealthy and dangerous for your youth. He said he regards this as loosening present closed town policy and that it would be a law enforcement hazard and moral problem. He suggested that the Council defeat the Ordinance on these grounds.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. McCormick what restrictions were placed on minors.

Mr. McCormick said this Ordinance does not change the present regulations as to minors. He said those under 18 are not permitted in pool halls or taverns at any time.

Mr. Porter said as long as minors are not permitted in these establishments at any time, he personally did not feel that the Council should have the right to say that anyone wanting to play pool, etc., will have to stop at 12:30 A.M. He felt it is a man's right to spend his money and time, where he wants and when he wants.

Mrs. Olson said as she understands this, even though the present law requires these games be stopped at 12:30 A.M., a tavern can continue serving beer un-

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til 2 A.M.

Mr. McCormick said that is correct.

Mr. Bott said he could not see where the passage of this Ordinance would affect anyone adversely. It would simply give these places of business the privilege of having the entire establishment open for their customers.

Mayor Hanson said he did not see how it could affect the youth under the age of 18 as they are not allowed inside pool halls or taverns.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.  
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works and Director of Utilities presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

LID 6764: for street lighting at intersections on wooden poles in various streets in the south end.

LID 5313: for cast iron water mains and fire hydrants in East 3rd Street from East E to East F and in East F from East 3rd to East 5th.

Mr. Steele moved that Monday, December 12, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 6764 and L I D 5313. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.

#### REPORTS:

MC - 320 - Fire Department Operations.

Mr. Rowlands said this MC has been prepared to explain the Fire Department Operations in more detail and to clarify some misunderstandings which may have developed at the recent meeting of the City Council during a discussion of this matter.

Mc - 321 - International City Managers' Conference, San Francisco, Calif. -Oct. 15 - 20, 1960.

Mr. Rowlands called the Council's attention to the sections in the MC on the pedestrian mall in Kalamazoo, Michigan and the Fire grading and Rating program. He said the ICMA and the American Municipal Association are trying to work with representatives of the National Board of Fire Underwriters to the end that a more equitable and realistic fire grading program for cities can be devised.

Report of L I D 2308 .

Mayor Hanson said additional protests have been filed bringing the total amount of protest to 87% which automatically kills the L I D. It also means that Ordinance No. 16638 passed by the City Council on September 27, 1960 providing for the improvement in L I D 2308 is also killed.

#### COMMENTS:

Mr. Bott said he noted both with sorrow and pride that Tacoma is losing George Smith, Assistant City Manager, who has been appointed City Manager of the City of Yakima. He said he was sorry to see him go, but wishes him well in his new position.



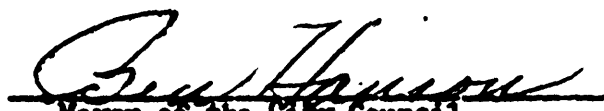
Mayor Hanson said he thought Mr. Bott spoke for every member on the City Council. He said it has been a privilege to work with Mr. Smith and all of us regret him leaving.

Mr. Rowlands said Mr. Cvitanich has requested that a Resolution be brought in commending Mr. Smith for his fine service to the City of Tacoma.

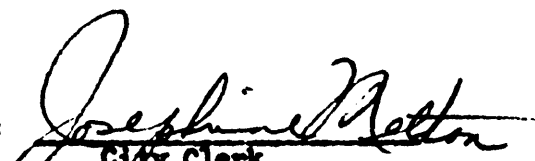
Mr. Porter said he has given much thought to the matter of the American Municipal Association convention in New York City to be held from November 26 through the 30th, which he had planned on attending with the Mayor and Mr. Rowlands. He said he feels he would do more for the City by spending his time and money at the next session of the Legislature in Olympia. However, he said, he realizes that Tacoma should have its full representation at that convention in order to gain the maximum benefits. Mr. Porter then moved that Mrs. Ellen Price be nominated the third member of Tacoma's delegation to attend the convention. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Easterday.

Mr. Rowlands said the convention will be extremely important to all cities. A program will be formulated to present to the new Congress, looking toward the needs of the Cities as well as to the needs of the agricultural groups. He said the Federal Government gave the cities approximately \$450,000,000 million dollars for overall Urban Renewal whereas the farmers received approximately \$6 billion dollars.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk