CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
October 15, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Nalley.

Mayor Johnston moved to recess into an executive session to discuss a labor matter. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. Council recessed at 5:12 p.m. Council reconvened at 5:32 p.m.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed Thursday, October 24, 1974 as "United Nations Day" in the City of Tacoma.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of October 8, 1974.

PETITION: TOM E. HAWKINS of HAWKINS PONTIAC INC., requesting the rezoning of the area between the flume line right-of-way and the Tacoma City Limits and 150 feet east of South Tacoma Way from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District.

For referral to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23047 — Fixing Wednesday, November 13, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5547 for water mains and a fire hydrant in South 79th Street from "D" Street to Pacific Avenue and in South "D" from Spooner to South 79th Street.

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

LID 8006 - Permanent paving on No. Monroe from No. 10th to No. 11th St.; No. Mason Ave. from No. 9th to No. 10th St. and other nearby streets; also from North 22nd to North 24th St.;

alley between No. 21st and No. 22nd from Lawrence St. to Dead End East; also, storm drain lines in No. 10th from No. Tyler to No. Monore; and end of alley between No. 21st and No. 22nd to No. 21st and Alder Street.

Fixing Wednesday, November 13, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

a. Minutes of Board of Adjustment meeting of September 12, 1974.
b. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of September 25,1974.
c. Minutes of Human Relations Commission meeting of September 26, 1974.
d. Monthly towing report, September, 1974.
e. Monthly financial report, Light Division, Water Division and Belt Line Division, August 31, 1974.
f. Monthly report, I & R Division, August, 1974, Police Dept.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 23047, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20230 Creating and establishing a Department of Community Development.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20232 Accepting a grant in the sum of $241,122.00 from U. S. Department of Labor and appropriating said funds to continue operation of the Public Service Employment Program.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20233 Amending the pay and compensation plan relative to wages and salaries of certain Local #483 Water Division employees.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20234 Fixing the ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 1975.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20235 Appropriating the sum of $8,845.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from Law and Justice Fund No. 588 for the purpose of providing additional funds for the Computer Assisted Dispatch System.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20236 Appropriating the sum of $38,900.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the County-City Public Health Pooling Fund for the purpose of carrying out certain programs in the Health Department.

In the absence of a representative from the Health Department to answer questions of Council members, Mayor Johnston moved that the ordinance be continued for one week. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

After first reading of Ordinance No. 20238, a representative of the Health Department appeared and Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to reconsider Ordinance No. 20236. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Herb Kuzniczci, Health Department, explained the breakdown ofthe funds and answered questions of Council members.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20237 Amending the pay and compensation plan to fix the rate of wages and salaries of certain Police and Fire Department Personnel effective January 1, 1975.

Hugh Judd, Labor Relations Director, advised Council the Ordinance is consistent with the recommendations of the fact finder who also conducted the fact finding for the 1974 agreement between the parties.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20238 — Authorizing the transfer of the sum of $5,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund and appropriating said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of implementing the agreement authorized by Resolution No. 23012 between the City and Metro to increase the subsidy to Metro for 1974.

Severo Esquivel, Assistant to the City Manager, explained the agreement between the City and the Seattle Metro and answered questions of Council members regarding the transit service and cost.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20239 — Appropriating the sum of $25,239.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Joint County-City Public Health Pooling Fund for the purpose of carrying out certain projects in the Health Department.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20240 — Repealing Ordinance No. 20224, authorizing an agreement with the Comprehensive Mental Health Center, creating a new fund to be known as the "South End Youth Center Fund No. 538", transferring $9,728.00 from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund and $768.00 from the General Fund and $6,912.00 from the National Institute of Mental Health to Fund 538 and appropriating $17,408.00 from said fund for operation of a South End Youth Services Bureau Center and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20241 — Accepting a grant in the amount of $657,474 from the U.S. Dept. of Labor for continuing and maintaining the operation of the Public Service Employment Program under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973. (CETA).

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

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Resolution No. 23048 — Awarding contracts to: (1) Gordon L. Jones Concrete on its bid of $6,204.25 for Work Order 58629 - sidewalk removal and replacements; (2) Tonnesen Bros. Construction Co. on its bid of $459,961.06 and supplemental of $36,101.10 for L.I.D. 3746 - sanitary sewers.

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

Resolution No. 23049 Appointing Winona Jamison, Maria Clare Donaly and York Wong to three-year terms on the Commission on Human Relations to expire on September 30, 1977.

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

Resolution No. 23050 Authorizing the sale of certain surplus property located near Alder, Washington to Richard Shaw.

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

Resolution No. 23051 Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for operation of MALS/RAIL lighting system at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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. 23052 Authorizing an increase in local contribution to the 25th and Sheridan Mini-Park and decreasing the amount requested from the State of Washington.

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

Resolution No. 23053 Correcting the salaries of project positions established under Resolution No. 23031.

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

Resolution No. 23054 Authorizing execution of a contract with the Tacoma Urban League to operate an On-the-Job Training Program and appropriating the sum of $84,933 from the "Title I Comprehensive Manpower Services Fund" to operate the program.

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

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to hear the proposed City Waterway Policy Plan prior to considering Resolution No. 23055. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: b. This is the date set for hearing on the proposed City Waterway Policy Plan. (Planning Dept.)

Ron Nelson, City Planning Department, advised that Council had a study session at which they took a trip to the City Waterway and that all of the responses have been considered. He reviewed for Council the entire waterway, pointing out with slides each piece of property along both sides of the waterway, describing what now exists and what the future plans are for the area. He called attention to Section 4, page 11, and felt that Council may want to amend that section.

Mrs. Egan moved to amend Section 4 on page 11 to strike the words "develop a plan" and insert the words "explore the possibility of". Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Speaking in favor of the waterway plan with some alternate suggestions for certain portions of the waterway were: Lester Bons, representing the West Coast Grocery, Joe Martinac, President of Martinac Shipbuilding Corporation, Hervey Petrich, owner of property on the waterway next to the 11th Street bridge. Also speaking was Judy Johnson, 2522 South Yakima Avenue, who had a question about the mechanical people movers.

After further discussion, Mr. Nelson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission as amended. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23055 Adopting the proposed City Waterway Policy Plan.

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

Dr. Herrmann moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution 23056. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23056 Rejecting all bids submitted in response to the RFP for the installation of a CAD system and authorizing the Chief of Police to solicit proposals and negotiate a mutually acceptable contract, subject to approval of the City Council.

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

Mr. Hudson moved to suspend the rules to reconsider Resolution No. 23045. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 4 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Warnick

Nays: 4 - Herrmann, Nelson, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Absent: 1 - Nalley

The Resolution was declared failed.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. This is the date set for the continued hearing on a proposed amendment to an existing open space current use classification on the property located on the east side of Cedar Street between South 19th Street and SR-16 Freeway. (Tacoma Lodge No. 174 B.P.O.E.) (9-4-74 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0, 1 absent)

William Barker, Assistant City Attorney, reviewed for Council the State laws governing open space classification and advised that the Assessor's Office is designated as the one to determine what taxes are due on the portions removed from the open space classification. In order that there be no misunderstanding, he suggested that Planning Commission conditions read that the three parcels involved be subject to whatever administrative determination the Assessor's office might make regarding the taxes.

Mrs. Egan moved to strike paragraph "b." of the Planning Commission recommendations and insert that the disallowance be subject to the administrative determination by the assessor as to the taxes and penalties to be assessed. Seconded by Mr. Nelson.

Voice vote was taken and carried.

Floyed Oles, representing the Elks, advised that this would be agreeable with the Elks.

Mr. Warnick moved to concur in the amended recommendations of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Voice vote was taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston acknowledged the presence of Mr. Moss's mother and father who are visiting from Detroit, Mich.

Mayor Johnston announced he will be out of town next week attending a conference and asked to be excused from next week's Council meeting. Mr. Sonntag moved that Mayor Johnston's request be granted. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Sonntag commented on Tacoma's rising crime rate and urged that the Police force not be reduced in the process of balancing the budget.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:

H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK