

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, March 26, 1968

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Switonich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Mantland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the minutes of the meeting of March 12th, in the 4th paragraph from the bottom of page 5, be amended to show that the \$2,311.42 is fixed rent plus two cents per gallon on all aviation fuel sold.

Mr. Bott moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Fred W. Shaw of the Public Works Dept. was the recipient of a \$25.00 award for suggesting widening of the 11th Street entrance to the County-City Building parking lot.

Mr. Lawrence Stahl, Sr. of the Public Works Dept. was the recipient of a \$25.00 award for suggesting larger fuel tanks for the pump motors on Flushers 664 and 665.

Mr. Shaw and Mr. Stahl were congratulated by Mayor Rasmussen, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and members of the City Council.

HEARINGS & APPEALS

a. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of Chandler Street between So. 28th and a point approximately 243 feet south thereof, submitted by Doris M. Swanson.

Mr. Russell Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that Mrs. Swanson intends to utilize the proposed vacation for additional yard space as well as consolidating the property abutting the east and west sides of the requested vacation. The right-of-way is unimproved and extends over a steep bluff, he added. The only objection voiced was in a letter from property owners below the hill on which the fill will be made and they wanted in the record that the Swansons' will be held responsible for any dirt slides caused by said fill or trees that might fall onto or damage their property in any way.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of So. 29th St. between Delin & So. D Street, submitted by Art Stolen.

Mr. Buehler explained that So. 29th St. between Delin St. and So. D. St. has never been opened and the petitioners intend to utilize the proposed vacation to allow for the development of an apartment complex.

Mr. Buehler continued, there are conditions to be met by the developer, that an easement for sewers be retained over the north 20 feet of the south 34 feet of the street to be vacated, and that the petitioner at his expense close the street return on Delin St. at So. 29th vacation. Also including any street repairs or

other changes or repairs made necessary by the street closure.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Buehler when a report will be forthcoming in regard to the costs of future vacations.

Mr. Buehler said various meetings have been held and they hope to move along as quickly as possible.

Mr. Cvitanich explained, there was a State Law passed relative to this matter and he felt that the Planning Commission should make their recommendations to the City Council as soon as possible.

After further discussion, Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission to approve the vacation subject to the conditions outlined, and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by Alsbury & Olson Construction Company for rezoning of the south side of So. 56th St. between Mason Ave. & So. Manitou Way from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L-PRD" District.

The last day to file an appeal was March 18th, 1968 and no appeal was filed.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission to deny the rezoning. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

a. William Edwards requesting rezoning of the south side of 6th Ave. approximately 400 feet west of Pearl St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

b. Jack E. Anderson requesting rezoning of the east side of Jackson St. approximately 300 feet north of So. 19th St. from an "R-1" to an "R-3" District.

c. Oscar Hokold requesting rezoning of the north side of So. 91st St. east side of Interstate 5 and approximately 900 feet west of Hosmer St. from a "C-F-P" to an "R-4-L" District.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the petitions be referred to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

d. Petition bearing the signatures of 164 residents in the vicinity of So. 72nd & Alaska Sts. requesting that the problem of excessive traffic on Alaska St. be resolved.

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Mr. Buehler explained that discussions have been held with the property owners in the area relative to this problem and a number of suggestions have been presented, and the staff has worked out procedural steps to follow. No. 1. Interested residents will meet with the City staff to discuss the problems and alternative solutions. No. 2. When a petition is circulated and submitted to the City Clerk it will be referred to the City Council. No. 3. The City Council then refers the petition to the Planning Commission for their study and recommendation. No. 4. Subject to review by various City Departments, the Planning Commission then holds a duly advertised public hearing and forwards its recommendations to the City Council. No. 5. The City Council at a duly advertised public hearing, takes such action as it deems appropriate.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the petition relative to the problem of excess traffic on Alaska St. be referred to the Planning Commission for their study and recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

e. Petition for Annexation submitted by Tacoma Realty, Inc. of the S. W.

corner of East 72nd & Portland Ave. representing in excess of 75% of the property owners.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, to explain the proceedings of the annexation petitions. He understood that any petition for annexation would go before a Boundary Review Board.

Mr. McCormick stated that was correct under State Law. However, any annexation that was filed prior to the effective day of the State Act would not come under this Act. He added, it was his understanding that the original 10% petition was filed prior to the passing of the State Act. This particular annexation is under the old law.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the County Commissioners had withdrawn their opposition to this annexation.

Mr. Buchler explained to the best of his knowledge they had not, however, there had not been any further comments relative to this for six months.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the annexation petition for 75% of the property owners be referred to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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f. Petition submitted with the signatures of 23 residents protesting the closing of 38th & Wilkeson Street.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that the Public Works Dept. is in the process of preparing a letter advising the residents of this matter. They expect to have staff members from the Department contact the residents prior to holding a hearing before the City Council. He added, before the Department had an opportunity to notify them, someone in the area contacted his neighbors to sign the petition which is before the Council at this time. He said it would still be their suggestion that notification be sent to the residents notifying them that a hearing will be held before the City Council for their determination.

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Mr. Critanich moved that the above matter be referred to the Director of Public Works for disposition. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mrs. Banfield requested that the notice of the hearing be put in the City newspaper so that all of the people in the area would know of the hearing.

Mr. Schuster stated this could be accomplished if the Council so desires.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication from Clay Patterson, President of the Washington Disabilities, Inc., asking that the City Council give earnest consideration of an enactment of City ordinance for employment of the physically disabled including the blind and partially blind residents of Tacoma.

Mr. Clay Patterson explained that physically disabled persons including the blind and partially blind are able to utilize the skills and vocational ability which are required. He noted that the institutes of higher learning have accepted for the last several years physically disabled persons. He asked why disabled personnel could not be placed as radio operators in the Police Dept. and telephone operators. He urged the Council to earnestly consider such an ordinance amending the requirements for City employment to include disabled persons.

Discussion was held as to whether a police officer in the Police Department, if disabled, could legally continue working if he does not request a disability pension.

Mr. Marshall McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the Supreme Court of

Washington in a case has held that, when a policeman is permanently disabled pursuant to the provisions of the state law pertaining to policemen's pensions, he, after the expiration of six months, must be retired by the Pension Board for disability, and once retired he cannot be forced to return to work for the Police Department against his wishes to perform duties in the Police Department of a limited nature, inasmuch as a policeman is disabled according to the Supreme Court unless he is able to perform all of the acts and duties required of a policeman. However, Mr. McCormick further explained that, by the mutual assent and agreement of such disabled policeman and the Chief of Police, he could legally perform work which he was capable of doing and, in this event, he would, of course, be carried on the payroll as an active policeman. He, however, stated that, apparently, these positions were very few and that he understood the Chief was filling such positions when there were such openings.

Mr. McCormick further emphasized that, in the event there were no such positions open, the Pension Board had no alternative at the end of the six months period of disability but to retire the policeman on disability pay.

Mrs. Banfield asked why some of the policemen that were now on desk jobs could not be replaced by qualified disabled persons other than policemen and that such persons be put on the police force.

Chief Zittel remarked that all police officers are required to pass mental and physical examinations and these are regulated by a pension program. Furthermore, many of the inside desk positions are promotional from patrolmen. However, at this time the police clerks and radio operators have been transferred from commission status to civilian status.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the proposal that Mr. Patterson has suggested has a lot of merit.

Mr. McCormick explained that all the rules pertaining to Civil Service originate from the Civil Service Board and he felt this undoubtedly falls within that classification. He suggested that this be referred to the Civil Service Board for their recommendation to the Council.

Mr. Dott moved that this communication be referred to the Civil Service Board for their recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, if the City is now accepting the G. E. D. equivalent test in place of a high school diploma for applications for positions in the City service.

Mr. Rowlands stated that was correct.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19639

Fixing Monday, April 22, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 3668 for sanitary sewers in Ea. "C" and "D" Sts. from Ea. 80th St. south approximately 400 feet and other nearby streets.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19640

Fixing Monday, April 22, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3670 for sanitary sewers in Madison from So. 69th to So. 72nd St.; So. K from So. 92nd to So. 94th St.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19641

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, on its bid of \$232,717.50 for L I D 3650-Unit 3.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19642

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$39,025.55 for IMP. No. 4819.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19643

Awarding contract to Morris Construction, Inc. on its bid of \$40,959.40 for L I D's 3663 and 3666.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19644

Awarding contract to Atlas Building Wreckers & Terminal Transfer, Inc. for W. O. 55399 on its bid of \$35,433.93 for the demolition of the City Hall Annex at 617-21 Pacific Ave.

Mayor Rasmussen stated there is a substitute resolution to be submitted, correcting a typographical error.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the substitute resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would be in favor of having the building demolished, but he felt there are priorities to be considered. He thought the Police personnel should be increased and there are many programs within the City that should be taken care of first.

Mr. Zatkovich said he believed the cost of the demolition was too high. He said he had favored the project when it was first bid which was a lower bid and was rejected on a technicality.

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Mayor Rasmussen remarked, it had been suggested that this building be torn down by the unemployed and youth corps personnel.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, thought this would certainly be a dangerous undertaking to allow inexperienced persons to demolish a building of this size. He hoped the Council would not approve such a suggestion.

Mr. Bott felt it was a professional job and he suggested that it be demolished immediately.

Roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Zatkovich. Absent 0.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19645

Approving the final plat of Enemark Addition on the west side of Orchard St. between No. 41st and No. 42nd Sts.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19646

Authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$98,325.00 from the L. I. Guaranty Fund to the Urban Arterial Street Fund for certain construction projects.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19647

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute for and on behalf of the City of Tacoma quarterly allocation project agreements for Urban Arterial projects.

Mr. Johnson moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19648

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the State Department of Institutions providing for the care, custody and maintenance of certain prisoners engaged in the Work Release Program.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the rate of \$3.50 per day per prisoner for the cost to the City will be sufficient.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated this particular rate had been discussed with Chief Zittel. They do not know exactly how many prisoners will be in this particular category. If this rate does not take care of the costs for the federal prisoners, it can be adjusted.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any complaints on the meals. He noted that the County had a large number of complaints, and changes had been made.

Mr. Rowlands and Chief Zittel suggested that the Councilmen stop in any day at meal time in the jail, without announcing they are coming.

Chief Zittel explained that a man in one of the State institutions has a job waiting for him in Tacoma but he can't work on the job because of the location of the institution. This would allow him to be committed in the City jail. This program shortens the bridge for the man from prison to civilian life. It is a part of his rehabilitation. He would be housed and fed in the jail, however, he would be able to go to his work. The State reimburses the City for this program.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18532

Adopting the American Standard Safety Code for Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators and Moving Walks - 1965 Edition.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18533

Adopting the Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1965 Edition.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18534

Appropriating the sum of \$45,823.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of hiring additional personnel and for the purchasing of additional equipment for the Tacoma Police Dept.

Mayor Rasmussen moved that the Salaries and Wages category in the amount of \$29,700.00 for additional personnel be deleted from the ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the Budget for 1968 was set up for the full amount of authorized patrolmen and for the past three months the police force has not been up to capacity. It was his feeling that there is sufficient money in the budget to pay the salaries if these officers are authorized.

Mr. Cvitanich felt they should consider the overall ordinance before making any amendment.

Mr. Zatkovich agreed with Mr. Cvitanich, that if the Council deletes the \$29,700.00, the ordinance might as well be voted down.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, pointed out that there is \$29,700.00 in the budget at the present time, but by the end of the year, there might be a deficit of approximately \$55,000 for overtime, so at that time a request for a transfer of funds will have to be made.

Mr. Rowlands explained that at last week's meeting Chief Zittel and he mentioned that they expected to take these individuals off the existing rolls for the summer program.

Chief Zittel said they had inquired of the remaining applicants relative to the summer program and nine men have stated they would accept summer employment. He also said he had spoken to a Professor at Washington State University and he indicated he had fifteen men whom he would recommend for such a program. These temporary officers would be teamed up with experienced officers at all times, as they have in the past. He felt they would be a precautionary force against the possibility of civil disturbances in the summer.

Mr. Finnigan felt the ordinance as drafted should be passed at this time and would certainly not be in the least detrimental to the development of the Police force in the future.

Mr. Zatkovich could not see the advantage of hiring temporary officers and he advocated full time employees without exception.

Dr. Herrmann felt this was an excellent program and if in the future the Council sees fit to budget more positions for the Police Dept., perhaps, the summer recruits will come back and wish to apply for a permanent position.

Mayor Rasmussen, with the consent of his second, withdrew his motion to delete the item of \$29,700.00 for Salaries and Wages from the ordinance.

Detective Sgt. Ed Cutler, President of the Tacoma Policemen's Union, remarked they had an executive board meeting and voted unanimously to oppose the hiring of temporary officers who would be assigned to duty after one week's training. He remarked that regular members of the Police force did not want to work with college students who would be leaving Tacoma after three months. He stated they would prefer to ask for five regular police officers.

Attorney Gene Godderis, 3407 No. 24th St., representing the Policemen's Union, referred the Council to a New Jersey Supreme Court Case, stating that a reserve Police officer was called to duty on limited training, and in the course of his duties he injured a child with a firearm. He noted, if any accident such as this occurred, the City of Tacoma would be liable. He also mentioned that emergency appointments spelled out in the Personnel Rules, state that these appointments can be held for only thirty days. The Council, if they passed this ordinance, would be in direct violation of the Personnel Rules. He also noted that Tacoma's Police Dept. is one of the finest in the nation and should not be jeopardized with an ordinance such as this.

Col. Burton C. Andrus, now a Professor of Economics and Geography at the University of Puget Sound, stated there would be no better source from which to select law enforcement personnel than college students.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 3; Nays 6; Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18535

Appropriating the sum of \$31,700.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Tacoma Transit System Fund for the purpose of constructing a parking area and for the purchasing of bus benches.

Mr. Elden Williams, President of the World Wide Advertising, Inc. of Seattle, informed the Council that his company is in the bus bench business. He noted that his company would gladly pay any license and business occupation tax requirements and felt a City the size of Tacoma could have 500 benches rather than 225. He remarked that the benches they have carry advertisements but no questionable advertising would be allowed.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that this ordinance be postponed for two weeks so that Mr. Williams could make a presentation to the Civic Arts Commission. No Second.

Mr. Finnigan who previously served on the Civic Arts Commission, stated he could practically assure the Council that this proposition would not be acceptable to the Civic Arts Commission. It was the Commission's recommendation to the Council that no advertising be allowed and after a lengthy study the Commission proposed a design to be used by the City in assembling benches.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, suggested that the bus bench portion of the ordinance be deleted so the other portion regarding the parking area can be acted upon.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the amount of \$6,400.00 for the purchase of materials for 100 bus benches be deleted from the ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland felt the ordinance should be voted down in its entirety as he felt there were many other areas in the City where parking is a great problem.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, remarked that the expansion was necessary because the City intended to prohibit parking along So. Sprague next to the Transit System's office yard and garages. Without off-street parking some 100 transit employees and patrons would have to park elsewhere. Since the City does have the property, room should be made available for off-street parking.

Mayor Rasmussen remarked that he and the County Commissioners are working together to join forces in the motorized field and, perhaps, a joint facility maybe in the offing. Therefore, the Sprague St. location would not be in use too much longer.

Mr. Douglas Hendry, Director of Transit, stated the maintenance of transit is so great that combining it with the regular shops of the City is not feasible. The transit facility requires a tremendous amount of inspection and the shop is built for this particular type of work.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance as amended, resulting as follows:

Yeas 5; Nays 4; Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0. The Ordinance was declared LOST by the Mayor as an emergency ordinance requires six votes for passage.

Ordinance No. 18536

Authorizing the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways in six locations in the City. - S. C. F. #68.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich (temporarily). The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18537

Amending Title 11 and various sections of the Official Code of the City relating to Traffic.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

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Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Cvitanich (temporarily).
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18538

Amending Chapter 1.06 of the official Code of the City relating to Formal Contract Procedures.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Cvitanich (temporarily).
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18539

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official Code of the City by adding two new sections 13.06.055-6 and 13.06.155 to include property on the west side of Mildred St. from So. 12th to So. 19th St. in an "R-P" Planned Research Park District. and an "R-3-PRD" District. (petition of Weyerhaeuser Properties, Inc.)

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 18540

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.120-54 to include property on the west side of Oakes St. between So. 47th & 48th Streets in a "C-1" District. (petition of Marvin E. Boys)

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0. Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for L I D 4810 for widening and paving 6th Ave. from Orchard to Shirley Sts.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, May 13, 1968 at 4 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 4810. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Director of Finance for the month of February 1968.
- b. Personnel report for the month of February 1968.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Rasmussen remarked that a financial listing on the Tacoma Industrial Airport is in the Council's Agenda. He asked that the Council members study the

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cost estimates and how much is being paid for the work. This will probably be discussed at a study session, he added.

Mayor Rasmussen also asked that the Karl J. Beaty communication of March 23rd, 1968 be studied by the Council to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that in the minutes of the Park Commission dated March 11, 1968 it was noted that the cost of the supplemental summer recreation proposal is an estimated \$30,000.00. He asked if the Park Board's request to the City Council for the supplemental appropriation of \$30,000.00 had been received.

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Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated the request has been received and an ordinance will be prepared for an appropriation for this amount.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the Legal Dept. prepare an ordinance appropriating the \$30,000 to the Metropolitan Park District to assure that the summer recreation program is successful for the agenda at the next meeting.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that he felt the City could afford the expenditure due to the fact the recreation program involves employment of young people. The late Tacoma Area Conference on Community Problems had informed him that eleven jobs have been available which, of course, is a small percentage of the fifteen hundred positions they had hoped to obtain.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had talked to Mr. Glundberg of the Metropolitan Park Board relative to the communication from Western Washington Forest Industries Museum, rebilling the City of Tacoma for \$5,000 for the completion of the nestle, track and bunkhouses at the Western Washington Forest Industries Museum at Point Defiance Park. Mr. Glundberg explained that the Park Board had furnished them the site only. It was understood that the Camp #6 Committee was to raise the money to finance the project.

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Mrs. Banfield stated she had received a letter from the Jr. League stating that after furnishing the movie projector for Camp #6, their project had been completed.

Mr. Fred VanCamp, 7415 So. Prospect, Business Representative to the Civil Service League, reported that at the last meeting of the Trainee Evaluation Group they reported that twenty members are working in the field. It is felt that they are moving along rapidly.

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Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. Hodges, Director of Human Relations, bring the Council up to date in regard to job opportunities.

Mr. Hodges noted that about twenty persons have been placed and some of the larger companies are in the process of studying their employment situation to see how many positions they can fill.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Hodges of his relationship with a coffee house that

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in opening in the downtown area.

Mr. Hodges stated he was not on the board of this coffee house. He said at times he makes announcements for various organizations on his radio program.

Mayor Rasmussen said the question has been raised whether a Director of one of the City's departments should be advertising over the air for any particular institution in the City.

Dr. Herrmann felt the Council should read their own rules more carefully and note that commenting on personalities during a discussion or debate is prohibited.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the City Manager should have informed Mr. Hodges that department heads were not expected and, perhaps, prohibited under the rules from advertising any particular store or establishment.

Mr. Rowlands stated he had not been contacted by the Mayor on this problem. He noted he would be happy to discuss the matter at any time.

Mr. Fott felt the whole subject should be discussed among Council members as it was possible for the radio program to involve a conflict of interest.

Mrs. Banfield wished Mr. Hodges to submit minutes of the Human Relations Commission to the City Council. She stated also that she had not received minutes from meetings of O. E. O. D. I. or any of the other organizations. She said the Council had passed a motion that they would receive minutes from these organizations.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated that as the minutes are prepared they will be forwarded to all the Council members.

Mayor Rasmussen said that it is no longer possible for Tacoma to participate in O. E. O. funds as they are limited only to cities of 245,000 population. This directive is under the Green Amendment, he added. If applications have to be made, the City will have to participate under the County.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Cvitanich for a report on the Ball Park Committee.

Mr. Cvitanich stated that Mr. Finnigan and he are in the process of appointing other members to the committee and he would report to the Council on the progress from time to time.

Mayor Rasmussen asked for comments by Mr. Rowlands, City Manager.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated that the deadline for the presentation for the Model Cities application is April 15th, 1963. He requested authorization from the City Council to retain the consulting engineering firm of Walter Isaac & Association of Seattle to assist the City in correlating the application. The charge would be approximately \$1000.00 and these funds are already budgeted.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Walter Isaac & Association of Seattle be employed for \$1000,00 or less to assist the City in correlating the Model Cities application. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands mentioned the Camp #6 program and said that representatives will be meeting with the Metropolitan Park District to arrange the financial details. He thought there would be further reports on this project at a later date.

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Mr. Rowlands stated he was very proud of the operations of Mr. Hodges and of the entire City staff and he would appreciate having the Council check with him on personnel matters.

Mr. Rowlands brought to Council's attention a request from the Town Affiliations Association Inc. of the United States, urging the Council to join their organization which is an affiliation of the National League of Cities. He noted that Mrs. Lloyd Sass was one of the twenty-one persons in the nation elected to the Board last fall.

Mrs. Lloyd Sass residing at 9124 Lake Steilacoom Pt. Road, S. W., explained she had worked with the Tacoma Sister City program for approximately eleven years. The Town Affiliations Association coordinates Sister City programs existing between American and foreign communities. She asked that the City of Tacoma approve a sum of \$300.00 for dues in the Town Affiliations Association. She mentioned there are only three representatives from the Northwest and they assume their own expense at all meetings or conventions.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated he objected to the City paying any dues to additional associations that do not have a real purpose in the City's operation. He noted that the Chamber of Commerce is interested in the Sister City program and, perhaps, they will be able to donate the \$300.00.

Mayor Rasmussen stated this would not prevent the City from being a part of the Sister City Program, however, In fact, he added, he had sent a letter to officials of Kitakyusu in Japan telling them Mrs. Sass is his official emissary when she visits Japan in April.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the City Council designate Mrs. Sass as Tacoma's delegate to the City of Kitakyusu, Japan. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. No action taken.

Mr. Murtland moved to amend Mr. Cvitanich's motion to pay the \$300 to constitute Tacoma's dues for the year 1968 for the Town Affiliations Association. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, with the proviso that the City will not refuse to accept the \$300 if the Chamber of Commerce chooses to give it to the City. No action taken.

Mr. Finnigan thought the Council should try to establish better relationships with other cities. He felt that the entire Council should try to gain advise, information and knowledge from other communities. He felt if the City of Tacoma demonstrates to the rest of the United States that they are not interested in what they are doing, he felt they were doing a disservice to Tacoma.

After further discussion, Mr. Bott moved to postpone action the Sister City discussion for one week. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 5; Nays 4; Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich asked for information as to what portion of the \$700 that is paid to the National League of Cities goes toward the Sister City Program, or whether the City has to contribute \$300 more to keep up the program.

Mr. Bott asked the Mayor to re-activate the Sister City Committee by making the necessary appointments.

Mr. Cvitanich stated that one of the things that has generated controversy in the City of Tacoma is Urban Renewal. He felt that Urban Renewal should be discussed 'pro' and 'con' at meetings during the summer. Then the City Council could submit a resolution to have a proposition on the November ballot asking whether or not the City of Tacoma in the future would have urban renewal. He felt the Council should consider this suggestion.

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Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, submit a proposed resolution for the Council to study. This would be a resolution submitting the matter of urban renewal to a City wide vote.

Mrs. Banfield asked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, to supply her with statistics on the Center and Fawcett Street projects.

Mrs. Banfield said she would like to amend Mr. Murtland's motion of March 5th Council meeting relative to screening letters before they were submitted to the Council.

On March 5th Mr. Murtland moved that the Council appoint a committee of not less than three to consider communications received by the Mayor and/or City Council to the effect as to whether or not they should be made public. Mrs. Banfield thought the motion should be amended to appoint a committee of not less than three or that all of the Council review the communications, and if they are not related to City business be screened out. She felt that any matter concerning City business from requests of citizens should be placed on the agenda.

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Mrs. Banfield therefore moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three members or the entire Council to review communications sent to the Mayor and the Council, and if they are not related to City business they should be screened out. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mrs. Banfield said that Mr. Beaty's letter mentioning a \$5,000,000 discrepancy in City funds should have been put on the agenda and it should be looked into.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated about two months ago a letter was sent to Mr. Beaty minutely answering his questions. Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, and also the State Auditor have taken a considerable time checking into this matter.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had advised Mr. Beaty to talk with Mr. Gaisford, Mr. Lewis the State Auditor and Mr. Sankovich, City Treasurer.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, explained there are two methods of operation. He did not believe there has ever been any such discrepancy. He noted that Mr. Beaty is continually mentioning the General Fund and he is not speaking about the General Governmental operation. On one hand he is speaking of an actual audited financial report, on the other hand about an adopted budget, which is nothing more than a plan for the ensuring year. These are entirely two different matters, he added.

Mr. Gaisford continued, that Mr. Beaty has come to his office and he has proven to him that his charges are in error. At that time Mr. Beaty said that he was sorry that he had made such a statement.

Mr. Gaisford further added, the City has a State Auditor that continually checks the books. The Finance Dept, is open to anyone for inspection.

Mayor Rasmussen stated the question now is on the motion by Mrs. Banfield relative to the Mayor appointing a committee of three Council members or the entire Council to review communications sent to the Mayor and Council, and if they are not related to City business they should be screened out.

Mr. Bott amended the motion that a copy of any communication be sent to the Council and then if anyone has any objection, it can be considered by the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. No vote was taken on the motion or its amendment.

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Mayor Rasmussen moved that this matter be held over until the next Council meeting. No second.

Mr. Johnson moved that the motion and amendment be tabled. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich called the Council's attention to a theater in the northend of Tacoma that is forbidding youths sixteen years of age and under to attend. Since this is a neighborhood theater it did not seem quite fair to him that this be allowed. Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, to check the proprietor's license to see if he is in his right to enforce such a ruling.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

A. L. Rasmussen

MAYOR

Attest: *Josephine Metton*
City Clerk