

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 7, 1963

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of April 23, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition submitted by the Merit Company for the rezoning of property located in the area bounded by Yakima Ave., No. 21st and Oakes and Fife Street. 34

Mr. Steele moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the rezoning of property located in the area bounded by Yakima Ave., No. 21st, Oakes and Fife Street. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Reed introduced to the City Council Miss Gayle Yuckert, who was selected "Miss Tacoma" at the Tacoma Pageant, Monday, May 6, 1963. 126

Mrs. Jaenicke accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Sass, presented a plaque containing a certificate from the Readers Digest Foundation to the City of Tacoma in recognition of its contribution to International understanding through its community affiliation with Kokura, Japan. This citation was won on a brochure of Tacoma Sister City activities with Kokura, Japan.

Mayor Tollefson accepted the award for the City of Tacoma, saying he appreciated the work the Sister City Committee had done to earn the award.

PETITION:

Petition submitted by Major Investment Corp. requesting the rezoning of property located at No. 7th St. between Pine and Junett St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4" District. 177

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17449:

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated within the Fawcett Urban Renewal project No. Wash . "R-3".

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17450:

Accepting certain offers to sell Real property situated within the Center St. Urban Renewal Project designated project No. Wash. "R-1"

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17451:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. for L I D 4715 on its bid of \$139,055.19 which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17452:

Fixing Monday June 10, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4723 for paving in the alley between Cushman Ave. & Ainsworth from So. 11th to So. 13th Sts. and other nearby alleys.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Voice vote taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17336:

Vacating the area near the intersections of No. 26th & Narrows Drive. ¹³²
(Petition - E. P. Miller) ₁₅₅

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17337:

Amending Chapter 12.08 of the Official Code of the City and adding a new section 12.08.095 relating to Sewage Disposal - Connection Charges in Lieu of Assessments.

Mr. Rowlands said this will enable the property owner to make a connection to the trunk sewer line in the future.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17324: (postponed from the meeting of April 30, 1963.)

Changing the name of Lawrence St. between So. 19th and Ruston Way to University Avenue.

Mayor Tollefson stated a communication was received from Dr. Thompson, President of the University of Puget Sound, requesting that action on this Ordinance be postponed for two months.

Mr. Shaw, one of the petitioners residing at No. 25th and Lawrence, stated he was in favor of the name change. He felt the street should be called University Avenue out of respect to the University, as it is a great asset to Tacoma.

Mr. Jamison and Mr. Seifert, residents of Lawrence Street, stated they were opposed to the name change as it would cause confusion to everyone concerned, having to change addresses, maps, signs, stationery, etc. They didn't think the expense would justify the name change.

Dr. Herrmann said he considered himself a friend of the University, however, he did not see where a delay would change the views of the people who are for and against the change. He preferred to act on the matter tonight.

Mr. Finnigan and Mr. Murtland felt by changing the name of Lawrence Street to University Avenue, it would be one way in which to pay tribute to the University for what they have contributed to the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Tollefson said all arguments have been heard pro and con. He then called for a roll.

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Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 3: Nays 6, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson.
Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17333:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.120-32 to include property adjacent to the southwest corner ¹³⁷ of No. 26th & Stevens St. in the "C-1" Commercial District. (petition of Healy Bros., Inc.)

Mr. Rowlands submitted MC 415 on accident accounts at the intersection of North 26th and Stevens Streets, as requested by Mr. Cvitanich.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17334:

Amending Ordinance No. 17211 vacating the area in the vicinity of ⁵⁵⁻⁴⁵⁹ East 26th & M Streets. (petition of Fred Berto)

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. 17335:

Amending section 12.06.200 of the Official Code of the City relating ⁵⁵⁻³² to Wholesale Power Rates. (amending Ordinance No. 16979)

Mr. Haley said, this Ordinance is not in the City's best interest and thought the Ordinance should be voted down as it is a method to make available a lower rate structure to outside users of this Community. He added, that the Chairman of the Utility Board, explained to the City Council a few weeks ago, this Mutual, which gives away 1/12th or one month of its power as rebate to its users every year, had not qualified under the rules and regulations as applied to the other communities in the area. This Ordinance would change the rules to allow this Mutual to qualify.

Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, stated the Utilities Dept. is trying to apply the 3 percent formula fairly and equally. The Dept. thought it should get the same consideration as others. Lakeview Mutual had informed the Utility Board that they had contributed in lieu of taxes approximately \$6000 to \$6500 to

the school district. He added, no other mutual or co-op. in the County pays nearly that amount.

Mr. Murtland said, in the event they didn't contribute \$6500, would they be taxed \$6500, or is this just a gift, goodwill or public relations.

Mr. Erdahl replied, this is something they have entered into sometime ago, where they have provided the service free of charge to the County, in lieu of taxes.

Mr. Haley said, in that event, by making this rate schedule, in effect, the City of Tacoma is subsidizing Lakeview Mutual in providing these services to the County.

Mr. Erdahl said, the Utilities Dept. is only trying to get Lakeview Mutual the same 3 percent which the others received when they signed up. They pay approximately \$10,173.12 in real and property taxes, franchise tax and free work for the local school district in lieu of taxes.

Mr. Murtland said he thought the wrong terminology is being used as they are not contributing "in lieu of taxes" as no one has yet said they are going to have to pay a tax.

Mrs. Price stated, when this 3 percent was set up originally, the City allowed the 3 percent to be absorbed by the General Government. This was done in order to keep the customers outside of the City, rather than have them buy directly from Bonneville Power Administration.

Mr. Erdahl said the Dept. felt in fairness to Lakeview Mutual by contributing to the school district, to the County, plus their real and personal property tax, that this would be a fair way to approach this 3 percent in "lieu of taxes."

Mayor Tollefson said he did not know how one group could be treated different than another as their rate structure should be the same. He didn't see how they could keep from going along with the recommendation of the Utility Board.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 3, Finnigan, Haley and Murtland; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment roll for the cost of L I D 5356 for cast iron water mains in Asotin St. from So. 78th to So. 80th for hearing on Monday, June 10, 1963 at 4:00 P. M.

Mr. Steele moved that Monday, June 10, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date of hearing for the assessment roll of L I D 5356. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

The members of the City Council commented on the fine work of the firemen and policemen in controlling the fire last Tuesday, which destroyed the Music Box Theatre downtown.

Mr. Rowlands stated a letter of commendation had gone to the Departments.

Mr. Rowlands said Capt. Charles Zittel has been appointed as Chief of Police to replace Chief Donald Hager who is retiring.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like the Council to approve a deferred claim of Councilman Bott.

Mr. Steele moved that the claim be approved. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson reported on his trip to Washington D. C. with Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities and Mr. Murray, Chairman of the Utility Board ¹³⁰ 57.55

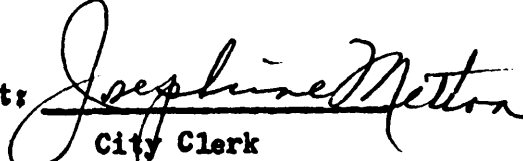
He said at their request he had not mentioned federal financial aid to the staff of the Federal Power Commission. Some staff members seemed to indicate that, perhaps, there wasn't any problem as far as the extension of time for the completion of the Mossyrock Dam. However, other staff members indicated that the City of Tacoma should go ahead and do some preliminary work on the Dam, and when the time was up then to ask for an extension.

On the way back to Tacoma they stopped at Harza Engineering Co. in Chicago to explain to them what had transpired in Washington D. C. and asked them to come up with a schedule for the program in two weeks time for the building of Mossyrock. When the construction schedule is received from Harza Engineering Co. the Council and Utility Board can make an application to the Federal Power Commission for an extension of time.

Regarding the matter of federal aid, he stated, he had explored it with the Army Corps. of Engineers, Bureau of the Budget and other officials and all had thought it would be a legitimate request. He said the Federal Government had paid \$6,500,000 of the cost of a non-federal Oklahoma Dam which benefited flood control. He added, further data would be forthcoming, and he would then make a more complete report. He felt at that time the Board and the Council should sit down and have another discussion to decide when to submit an application for federal aid; however it should be done as soon as possible.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 
City Clerk