

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 21, 1968

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

Safedriving awards were presented to citizens of Tacoma who were selected by Council members, Mr. Finnigan, Mr. Bott and Dr. Herrmann, during National Police Week for their driving ability and following the rules of the road.

Mayor Rasmussen, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and members of the Council congratulated the participants.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 7th, 1968 be approved as submitted. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the N. E. corner of So. 84th and Hosmer Sts., from an "R-2" to a "C-F-V" district, submitted by Mobil Oil-Corporation.

Mr. Russell Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that this site fronts Hosmer St., a State freeway frontage Road, and So. 84th St., an arterial, also abuts an existing developed "C-F-V" District, located to the south. The applicants have requested the reclassification in order to construct a gasoline service station.

Dean Tibbitt, representing Mobil Oil Corp., was present. He pointed out that the Company has purchased this property and if it were to be abandoned at a future date, it would be their policy to remove the facility.

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

Mr. Bott asked the status of the service station ordinance which was referred back to the Planning Commission for further study.

Mr. Cvitanich, a member of the Planning Commission, explained that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on Monday, May 20th with representatives from industry. The Commission will recommend to the City Council that it endorse the original ordinance with recommendations that the performance standards be more stringent and a special-use permit be required in a "C-1" and a "C-2" zone.

b. This is the date set over for hearing on the appeal filed by Ronald Wire, etal, on the denial of the request for rezoning of the area between So. 84th & 96th Sts. from Park Ave. to So. G St. extended from an "R-2" to an "R-3" district.

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Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, pointed out that the location of the rezone is between So. 94th and So. 96th Streets from Park Ave. to So. G Street extended. The Commission felt the "R-3" reclassification was not logical since the area to be developed is bordered by single-family developments on all sides. Furthermore, a residential plat was recently recorded for the adjoining property to the east. This plat is developing with high quality homes and the Commission felt that if the proposed rezone was granted, it would tend to discourage development.

Mr. Keith McGoffin, Attorney representing the petitioners, presented communications from surrounding property owners, some withdrawing their names from the original petition against the rezone, or new property owners favoring the construction of the six duplexes in this area.

Mr. McGoffin reiterated the various hearings held on this request and stated they still felt it would not be economically feasible for private dwellings to construct private lanes, sewers, water mains, etc. He pointed out on a map the proposed development and its design to meet all the City standards.

A number of property owners objected to the proposed rezone as they felt it would increase traffic and definitely hinder their privacy. It was their understanding when they purchased their homes, it would be an area free of multi-family dwellings and felt any rezone would be an injustice to all concerned.

Mr. Chet Morris, developer of the adjoining plat, explained he has tried to develop his property in better single-family dwellings. He hoped the City Council would concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny this proposed rezone, as he definitely felt it was not good planning.

Dr. Herrmann felt if these duplexes were allowed to be built, it would certainly be 'spot' zoning and would not be good planning.

Mr. Murtland reminded the Council that the persons who have recently withdrawn their names on the petition, are property owners a block or more away from the rezone in question.

Mr. Wire, petitioner stated it was his intention to build these duplexes to rent and he had no intention of selling the property.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above rezone. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Roll call was taken on the motion. Ayes 7; Nays 2, Bott and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion carried.

c. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition of Rev. Carl Laursen for rezoning of the N. E. corner of So. 76th & Sheridan from an "R-2" to an "R-3-PRD" District.

No appeal filed.

Mr. Murtland moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above rezone. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

d. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition of Glen R. McKinnon for rezoning of the west side of Thompson Ave. between So. 37th & So. 38th from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District.

No appeal filed.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above rezone. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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e. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition of R. W. Beyer for rezoning of the south side of So. 66th between Huson & Orchard St. extended from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

No appeal filed.

Mr. Murtland moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above rezone. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann moved for reconsideration of the hearing on the Palmer Peterson request for rezoning of the east side of Pearl St. between No. 15th & No. 18th St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District which was defeated at last week's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Dr. Herrmann explained since there wasn't an attendance of the full Council, the hearing was denied. He had changed his vote to the prevailing side last week so he could bring this up for reconsideration at this time as he felt this was good zoning for the City.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to reconsider. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland asked that the reconsideration be continued for two weeks since he was not at the Council meeting on May 14th when it was considered.

Mr. Murtland then moved that reconsideration of the hearing be set over for two weeks, until June 4th, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

a. Forrester Realty Company requesting rezoning of the S. E. corner of No. 9th St. extended and Mildred St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

b. W. H. & W. T. Ostruske requesting rezoning of the east side of No. 11th and the north & south side of D Street vacated from an "R-2" to an "R-5-" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19707

Fixing Tuesday, June 4th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the S. W. corner of So. 54th & "L" Sts. (Petition of Alvin Morris & Sons, Inc.)

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

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

Resolution No. 19708

Fixing Tuesday, June 11th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing on the establishment of a limited access highway to extend from So. 23rd St. to So. 19th St. lying parallel to and west of the existing Sprague Ave.

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

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

Resolution No. 19709

Fixing Monday, June 24th, 1968 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on
I D 4837 for paving on So. Cedar from 47th to 48th and So. 90th from Ash to
Alaska St.

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

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

Resolution No. 19710

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co., Inc. on its bid of \$55,951.39 for
I D 4820, Unit "A".

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland (temporarily).

Resolution No. 19711

Awarding contract to Transport Equipment Co. on its bid of \$11,746.85 for the
furnishing of a Refuse Body and to Irwin Jones Motor Co. for the furnishing of a
Cab & Chassis on its bid of \$12,298.79 together with optional equipment.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland (temporarily).

Resolution No. 19712

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to grant a quit claim deed to
Lewis County for roadway purposes for the Blue Creek Game Fish Hatchery at the
Cowlitz Project.

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

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, explained this resolution
authorizes the granting of a quit claim deed to Lewis County for County road im-
provement purposes and an essement to the Northern Pacific Railway Co. which grants
the company access over roads within the Cowlitz Project boundary to portions of the
N. P. ownership outside the project boundary which have no access.

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

Mr. Cvitanich remarked that the News Tribune had quoted Mr. Johnson as stating that a pending rate increase was in the offing for the City of Tacoma. He felt if this were the case, the Council should be informed on the matter.

Mr. Johnson explained the Council had received a report from the Utility Board sometime ago which indicated that in the near future the Council would be faced with increasing rates within the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Benedetti, said he had no knowledge of such an increase in rates.

Mr. Cvitanich stated he did not want the Council to be accused of a rate increase since they are advocating underground wiring.

Mayor Rasmussen reminded the Council that a meeting has been arranged with the Utility Board on Monday, May 27th, 1968 at 6:30 P. M. at the Utilities building.

Resolution No 19713

Approving and providing for the execution of a proposed contract for the Community Renewal Program Grant between the City of Tacoma and the Federal Government pertaining to the preparation of Community Renewal Program No. Wash. R-19 (CR).

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

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained, this resolution would reaffirm the Council's approval of the proposed contract for a Community Renewal Program grant between the City of Tacoma and the Federal Government. He outlined the different sections of the contract and their purposes. Mr. Rowlands said, this resolution calls for the reaffirmation of its prior approval only. The CRP is a method for assessing in broad terms the community's overall needs for urban renewal and developing a staged program for action to meet these needs, commensurate with the resources available to the community. The CRP covers the entire community, including both residential and non-residential areas and also renewal activities which may be undertaken either with or without federal assistance. He noted that this program would involve restoration rather than demolition. The CRP study is not only an intensive study of community needs, but also a specific program for action to meet these needs.

Mr. Rowlands further added, the CRP shall not attempt to establish exact project area boundaries or designate specific types of urban renewal action or establish the precise timing of such action. The recommendations that emanate from this program will be reviewed by the City Council and appropriate action will be taken.

Mr. Johnson moved that debate on this resolution be limited to ten minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen remarked that the federal grant would be \$185,851.00 and asked how much the City would have to contribute.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this is a grant which involves two-thirds from the federal government and one-third from the City. Money has already been budgeted for 1968 for the personnel.

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, spokesman for the Hilltop Citizens Association, felt if the City Council accepts this federal grant for a community-wide planning study, it would place all of Tacoma under urban renewal. She thought the Council would be accepting federal control of land and the federal minimum housing code, which is retroactive.

Mayor Rasmussen pointed out, it has been noted that HUD has held up funds for a federal grant which had been approved. He was concerned, that perhaps, it could happen here.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, if under Sec. 104 of the

contract relative to competitive bidding, if it conformed with the State Law.

Mr. McCormick explained, the only law that covers this is the State Urban Renewal law which required competitive bidding as far as cities are concerned. The City's provision on competitive bidding is contained in the City charter and the City's administrative code. The City Council does have a right to award contracts to the lowest and best bidder, and on many occasions, the Council has awarded a bid to a higher bidder, but it was based on other considerations.

Mayor Rasmussen said, in the event the study shows that an area is blighted and could be demolished through urban renewal, and the City Council at that time feels that the area was not blighted, he believes this would give the federal government grounds to terminate payment of any funds.

Mr. McCormick said this resolution has reference to the carrying out of this contract only, relative to the planning study. After that is completed and the report is submitted, the City will receive the money for this grant. Then the next step, the Council will have the right to determine from that study, whether urban renewal will be used or some other method. The Council has the responsibility for deciding the use of urban renewal and also to establish boundaries for any projects. Public hearings are also held by the Council on these matters.

Mr. John O'Leary, 5101 McKinley Ave., asked that the Council renew their policy to pass a resolution that the people be given the opportunity to vote on any proposed urban renewal in any certain area of the City.

Mayor Rasmussen said he felt it was very important that the Council have a positive expression from the people of the City if they desire to have urban renewal in residential areas. It would be his opinion that a resolution be brought before the Council relative to the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. McCormick if the citizens voted on urban renewal and it was rejected, what effect would it have on the CRP.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, remarked, what is before the Council now, is whether or not the Council would accept an offer of a grant for preliminary planning to determine if there is to be any urban renewal or not. He pointed out as far as the State laws are concerned relative to urban renewal, the government is powerless to place the City under urban renewal as the City Council is the only determining body in that respect and the Council has to follow a State law, which specifically provides for a public hearing and then a passage of a resolution. The City Council at that time, if not before, could refer it to the vote of the people, if they so desired.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that the CRP is not going to involve the entire City in an urban renewal project.

Mr. Rowlands further stated that the Department of Housing and Urban Development, working with the City, would not allow a model cities program to duplicate efforts of the CRP. He felt a waste of time and funds would not be permitted.

Mrs. Banfield requested that a resolution be brought to the Council next week so the people can vote on urban renewal.

Mr. Cvitanich stated, it would be an advisory vote as there is no pending urban renewal project, at the present time, but he felt the result of the vote would indicate what the people wanted in the residential areas. He also felt the community was split down the middle and this would be an excellent opportunity to have a positive vote.

Mr. Finnigan thought the Council members decided sometime ago that they would wait until the decision was made on the Model cities program so any action of the Council would not jeopardize the opportunity for the City to participate in the model cities program.

Mr. Cvitanich said this was true, and if and when such a resolution would not jeopardize the model cities program, he would again sponsor such a resolution.

Mr. Finnigan remarked, the decision to be made now is whether the Council is going to accept this offer of a contract from the federal government on the CRP, it has nothing to do with urban renewal at this time. It is up to the Council whether they wish to accept the contract to proceed with the study, and the study will reveal whether urban renewal is recommended or not.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he was going to vote against this resolution for the following reasons: (1) There is already a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Tacoma projected until 1973. (2) He felt a sum of approximately \$443,000 which is the total of this grant and the Model Cities grant, would well go to alleviating the shortage of low-cost housing in the City of Tacoma. (3) Urban Renewal was instigated to improve the living conditions of the low-income people, and in particular, the Fawcett area which has been cleared of a number of low-income houses and nothing has been replaced. He further stated, he felt the time has come where the City officials should be patriotic and relieve some of the financial pressures on the federal government.

Mr. Finnigan reiterated the progress that had been made under the Urban Renewal projects. He felt the Council would be remiss in their duty as representatives of the people of Tacoma if they turned their backs on these programs that emanate from the Congress of the United States. He said he will vote for the CRP program.

Mr. Cvitanich stated he has not objected to urban renewal, per se, but merely the way it has been applied.

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

Ayes 6; Nays 3, Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19714

Accepting a sealed bid for the purchase of land in the Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1 from Jacobson & Wall Architects for the sum of \$8,750.00 for property in the area of 28th and I Streets.

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

Mr. Joe H. Baker, President of the H. D. Baker Co. Inc. explained, their firm is located at 915 Center St. This property was purchased from the City under the Urban Renewal Program and now they find they do not have adequate parking space. He added, sometime ago they were approached by the Urban Renewal Dept. with the suggestion they buy the property that is being considered under this resolution. Six weeks ago he found this property was up for bid, and was bid at the price of \$8,750. He wished the Council to know this piece of property was vital to their Company in order that they have room to expand to take care of their growing business. Their Company bid on this property at a price of \$9,500 which is \$750 higher than the Jacobson & Wall Architects' bid of \$8,750. Mr. Baker stated they have a firm offer in writing for a lease of 750 sq. ft. office building and they propose to commence construction immediately for a warehouse. He hoped that the Council would award the purchase of this property to his Company which is so badly needed.

Mayor Rasmussen moved that the resolution be amended authorizing the sale of the property to J. H. Baker, the highest bidder. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich.

Mr. Johnson asked that Mr. McCormick, City Attorney give the Council a legal opinion on the matter.

Mr. McCormick explained that this matter had been brought to their attention and it is the staff's opinion that the bid failed to meet the required specifications under Part B of the specifications and instructions to bidders. Neither did the bid comply with the evaluation criteria of Section 14.06.010 of Ordinance 18225 relating to land disposition policies within an urban renewal project. Specifically, the bid did not include adequate preliminary site drawings prepared by an architect indicating orientation of the office and warehouse on the loan, means of egress and ingress to the property, or indication who the architect will be or demonstration of his skills and ability as required by the Ordinance. Forms included in the bid packet were signed but not filled out with the necessary information upon which an evaluation could be made. The questions in the redeveloper's statement of qualification and financial responsibility have not been answered in their entirety. Mr.

McCormick explained, however, it would be the Council's prerogative to reject all bids and call for new bids.

After further discussion, Mr. Finnigan moved that the Council reject all bids at this time. No second.

Mr. Norman Wall, Partner in the firm of Jacobson & Wall Architects, explained that they propose immediate development of a building for their new offices if their bid is accepted.

Mr. Zatkovich stated he is in sympathy with both bidders. He asked why Mr. Baker had not meet the full specifications.

Mr. Baker stated he knew about the bids about four weeks before the due date of the opening which was not sufficient time to complete the specifications. However, he said, when he bought the property originally he did not submit architectural plans, etc., therefore, he did not think it was necessary to submit them at this time.

Mayor Rasmussen withdrew his motion with the consent of his second.

After further discussion, Mr. Finnigan again moved to reject all bids submitted in Resolution No. 19614. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 5; Nays 4; Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion carried.

The Resolution was lost by roll call.

Ayes 5; Nays 4; Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

Mrs. Banfield asked that Mr. Wright, Director of Urban Renewal, supply her with the demolition costs of this property.

Resolution No. 19715

Accepting an offer to sell real property situated within the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-14 from Victor E. J. Cozza for the sum of \$15,000.00 for property at 1146 Market Street.

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

Mr. Wright, Director of Urban Renewal, explained this was a parcel of (50) front feet at 1146 Market St., owned by Victor E. J. Cozza. At the present time a coconut processing plant is in the building.

Mayor Rasmussen contended the structures should stand as long as possible to keep them on the tax rolls.

Mr. Wright explained, an owner may sell to the City and remain as a rent-paying tenant until he is relocated or goes out of business.

Mayor Rasmussen wondered if it would be possible to have the purchases held up so that a gentlemen's agreement could be reached with a number of property owners before the demolition of the buildings.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he would like to speed up the redevelopment of Tacoma noting that Spokane has made great strides without reliance on federal urban renewal funds.

Mr. Rowlands explained that if it had not been for the garage agreements, many other improvements in the downtown area would not have been contemplated.

Mayor Rasmussen moved that the resolution be postponed for a period of four weeks. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Johnson asked if postponing this resolution would hinder negotiations.

Mr. Wright said since they have already discussed this with the property owners and negotiated on a price, this would create some problems.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to postpone the resolution. Motion lost.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

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

Resolution No. 19716

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated within the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-14 from J. E. Manley for the purchase price of \$28,350.00 for property at 1336 Market St.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

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

Mrs. Banfield asked for a tax report on this property.

Mr. Wright stated he would submit that information.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that in the future the tax on the properties be included on the information sheet.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18587

Vacating the alley between Baltimore & Bennett Sts. from No. 33rd to No. 35th Sts. (petition of City Planning Commission)

Mr. Zatkovich could not understand the necessity of vacating this alley as there are many alleys within the City that have been vacated.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the vacation of the alley was shown on the final plat. The Title Co. has requested that a separate vacation be processed to clear any legal cloud that may arise on the adjoining residential lots regarding the alley right-of-way.

Mr. Murtland proposed that the Council not vacate alleys just because someone wishes another ten foot of ground.

Mr. Cvitanich stated the committee revised the vacation ordinance so that the Council will be provided with information as to whether or not the City paid for the property to be vacated. He felt streets and alley vacations are increasing all the time.

Mr. Bott asked that the Planning Commission indicate on the maps that are submitted to the Council, whether the streets and alleys are open.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that the Planning Commission, when they make their recommendation, designate in a block in the heading of the letter whether a petition is denied or approved.

Mr. McCormick stated this could be done.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18588

Vacating the north side of So. 90th St. between Asotin & Ainsworth Sts. (petition of City Planning Commission)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18589

Appropriating the sum of \$5400.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Tacoma Transit System Fund for the purpose of purchasing bus benches.

Mayor Rasmussen moved that Ordinance No. 18589 be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Finnigan remarked that more elderly people are using the buses since the Council passed the ordinance for transit passes, and this is why he had requested this particular ordinance so more benches could be provided.

Mr. Zatkovich was concerned relative to the maintenance of the benches, he thought, perhaps a company should negotiate to maintain the benches.

Mr. Finnigan noted that the Civic Arts Commission had recommended that the City supply and maintain benches rather than contracting a franchise to an advertising company.

Mr. Hendry, Director of Transit, said his department had been receiving (30) to (40) requests a month from residents for benches.

Mr. William Hull, Union business agent, stated they had also received calls from the elderly.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the City could make money by accepting the offer of the World Wide Advertising Inc.

Mr. Elder Williams, President of the World Wide Advertising, Inc. explained to the Council that he could supply at least (100) benches in the next ten days free of charge and a total of (500) over a period of time. He said he would pay an annual franchise fee of \$10 per bench and that no morally objectionable advertising would be sold.

Mr. John P. Wallerich, a Civic Arts Commission member, urged the Council to approve the resolution for benches without advertising.

Roll call was taken on the motion to remove the ordinance from the agenda. Ayes 5; Nays 4; Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Motion carried.

The ordinance was removed from the agenda.

Ordinance No. 18590

Amending Chapter 6.20.050 of the official code of the City to amend the compensation for the Board of Examiners for the Engineer & Firemen's licenses to thirty dollars per month.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18591

Amending Sections 2.04.670 & 830 and repealing and re-enacting Section 2.04.930 of the official code relative to the Electrical Code.

Mr. Al Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, explained this ordinance provides minor revisions to the Electrical Code as it provides for a more economical electrical installation and a change for the installation of single phase welders.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18578

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.050-21 to include property on the west side of Pacific Ave. between So. 76th and Spooner St. in an "R-3" District. (Petition of Wm. G. Veris)

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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. 18579

Vacating the alley between So. 16th & 17th Sts. immediately east of Walters Rd. (petition of John Bourgoize)

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. 18580

Appropriating the sum of \$7,171.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purchase of additional equipment for the Police Dept.

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. 18581

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6892 for street lights on No. Whitman St. from View Ridge Drive to No. 45th St. and No. 46th from Vassault to Frace St.

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. 18582

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6898 for street lights on State St. from So. 39th to So. 41st St.

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. 18583

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5461 for water mains in public roads and rights-of-way within the plat of Prairie Ridge No. 3.

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. 18584

Approving & confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5440 for water mains in Sheridan Ave. from So. 84th to So. 82nd St. and in So. 82nd from Sheridan Ave. to So. "L" St.

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. 18585

Approving & confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5441 for water mains in Taccma Ave. from So. 92nd to So. 94th St.

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. 18586

Approving & confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4809 for paving on So. 19th from Mildred St. to Jackson Ave.

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 the cost of L I D 3660 for storm drains on So. Pine from So. 62nd to So. 70th St.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, June 24, 1968 at 4 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 3600. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MC 526--Grade Separation, So. 38th St. at Pine and at Steele Streets.

Placed on file.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Director of Finance on the 1967 annual report of the City.
- b. Report from the City Planning Dept. for the month of April 1968.
- c. Traffic division report for the month of March 1968.
- d. Tacoma Police Dept. report for the month of April 1968.
- e. Report from the Light, Water & Belt Line Division for the month of April 1968.

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COMMENTS:

Mayor Rasmussen asked about the rising venereal disease rate and stated that the Police Dept. report showed that the arrests of prostitutes was not keeping pace with the rise in V. D.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, remarked that the higher venereal disease rates reflected promiscuity rather than prostitution and the fact that the Health Dept. is collecting more statistics than before.

Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Zatkovich felt the police lacked the manpower to concentrate on the problem.

Mr. Rowlands stated that Tacoma has received a top rating for the control of commercialized prostitution and vice.

Mr. Finnigan noted that the 11th St. & 15th bridges were up twice during the last week which held up traffic into the tide flats.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. Rowlands look into the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Gaisford if the 1967 annual report of the City has been placed in the libraries.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, stated, copies had been placed in the libraries.

Mr. Rowlands requested that a study session be held Monday Noon, May 27th, 1968 in regard to the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

Mayor Rasmussen felt it would not be possible to hold a study session as the Council has scheduled a meeting at the Utilities Bldg. Monday evening at 6:30 P. M.

Mayor Rasmussen informed Mr. Rowlands that the control of the agenda comes from the Council members themselves, too many controversial items should not be placed on the agenda at the same time.

Mr. Finnigan asked that the minutes be checked in regard to the Council agenda committee.

Mr. Rowlands felt this could be worked out.

Mrs. Banfield noted that the Human Relations Dept. is located at the same address as the Urban Coalition. She wondered how much time Mr. Hodges, the Director of Human Relations Dept., spent on the Urban Coalition matters, as compared to the Human Relations Dept.

Mr. Rowlands stated that many of the activities of the Human Relations Commission are directly related to the Urban Coalition Committee.

Mrs. Banfield explained that the Council did not give Mr. Hodges permission to act for the Urban Coalition. The City is paying him as being the Director of the Human Relations Commission. If that commission is not doing anything, it is high time the department is disbanded.

Mr. Rowlands stated, everything that is being done by the Coalition relates directly to the activities and possibilities of the Human Relations Commission. There has been about (120) persons placed in jobs in industry through their cooperation.

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Mr. Epps, a member of the Human Relations Commission, stated the Negro community felt too much emphasis has been placed on Mr. Hodges, which really is not the issue. The issue is to do away with whatever effort that is being made for better relationships in human relations.

Mrs. Banfield remarked, Mr. Hodges has been going out of the City of Tacoma to speak and she felt this was not right.

Dr. Herrmann felt Mr. Hodges was a credit to the City in the way he was explaining the human relations' problem among the people.

Mr. Cvitanich stated that the West Coast Airlines is not servicing the Tacoma Industrial Airport as the Council was led to believe a number of years ago. He requested that better service be made available.

Mr. Rowlands stated this has been a problem and it should be checked again.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, file a complaint with the Federal Aviation Administration relative to the service given by the West Coast Airlines.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the Poor People's March on Washington was one of the reasons for the failure of Tacoma's school propositions to pass at the polls tonight. He felt the voters were expressing their opposition to demonstrations and the demands of people who have nothing coming to them. He indicated he would not want any such agitation around the grounds of the County-City Bldg. He assured everyone that he was not casting any reflection on the wants or needs of local minority persons.

Mrs. Charlotte Medlock asked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, to supply her and the press with a copy of the letter written to Mr. Hodges on May 14th, 1968 in regard to the sensitivity program.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands to also obtain copies for the Council.

Mr. John P. Wallerich, a Civic Arts Commission member, explained that the Commission has a continuing study underway for the Old City Hall Annex Bldg. On May 3rd, 1968 he had sent a letter to Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, regarding the purchase of this building for a minimal figure. He added, it would be his intention to restore this building to some of its former glory. He said he would appreciate if the Council would give him a determination with whom he could discuss the matter of the purchase.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that three week's ago the Council awarded a contract for the demolition of this building and asked what was the status of the building at present.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated the only thing that is holding up this demolition is a copy of their insurance policy. The performance bond and everything else has been signed, and he felt a binding contract is in order for the demolition of the building. If the Council determines that it should be sold and not torn down, the contractor would have to be notified immediately.

Mr. Rowlands felt, perhaps, if the contractor would be willing to hold plans in abeyance for a couple of weeks, this could be checked into further.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Mr. Wallerich, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, Mr. McCormick,

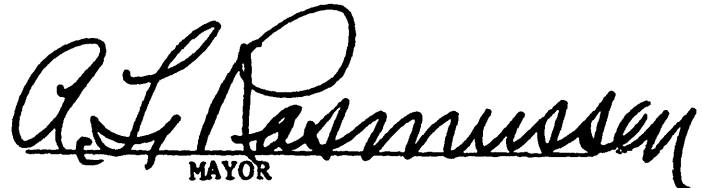
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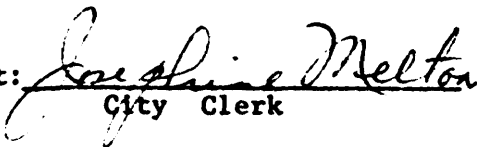
City Attorney, a Planning Dept. member and a member from the City Council meet within two weeks to discuss the matter and bring a report to the Council relative to renovating the Old City Hall Annex. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the contractor should have started on this demolition by this time, but nevertheless he felt it would be wrong to stop now after the contract has been awarded.

Voice vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 P. M.


MAYOR

Attest: 
City Clerk