

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, December 5, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson.

Mr. Murtland moved that the minutes of November 21, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by the Southcenter Corp. for vacation of streets and alleys within the area generally bounded by Pine St., So. 43rd, the Tacoma Freeway and So. 48th Street.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, said the matter before the Council at present is the hearing for the street vacations as required by State law. Ordinance No. 16949 which comes up later on the Agenda for first reading is the zoning of this property for a regional type center. He added, that the zoning Ordinance and the hearing on the street vacations should be completed at the same time. He suggested that the final reading of the zoning Ordinance be held up until the final reading of the street vacation. 225

Mr. Buehler further stated that representatives from the Southcenter Corp. are present to answer any questions. The deeds and conditions of realignment of Ferry Street and other conditions will be submitted to the Planning Commission immediately after this hearing and before the final reading of the Ordinance on the vacation.

Mr. Shidler, attorney representing the Southcenter Corp., said that the Planning Commission has recommended the vacation of these streets which is essential in connection with the rezoning for the regional shopping center.

Mr. Rowlands explained that it is very important that the representatives of this project submit the plans to the Public Works Dept. as soon as possible. He said the Council has authorized several months ago the improvement of 38th Street, and before that contract is let, and in view of the fact that this particular shopping area will generate additional traffic, it would seem logical that they should submit suggestions for improvement of the widening of 38th Street before the City proceeds with the letting of the contract, in the event they will need additional lanes of traffic to serve their needs. He also stated this information can be incorporated in the contractual agreement so there will be no misunderstanding as to whom is responsible for what improvement.

Mr. Shidler said they should have all of the matters cleared up in that respect within the next 30 days.

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Mr. Rowlands said that will work out very well as the contract for the 38th St. improvement will be let sometime in January.

Mayor Hanson said this will close the hearing on the vacation of the street.

Mr. Easterday moved that the proper Ordinance be prepared and considered at the same time as the final reading of the rezoning of the area. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Motion carried.

Mr. Leo McIlvenna, 2105 S. 43rd, who owns the first four lots West of Ferry St., said he wanted to know how his property was zoned.

Mr. Buehler said his property was zoned Class-2 Residential.

Mr. McIlvenna then wanted to know why his property was not purchased along with the rest of the property by this company.

Mayor Hanson stated he would not know as that would be up to the developers as they have only made application for this certain area.

Mr. Bott suggested that Mr. McIlvenna talk with the Southcenter Corp. representatives in reference to his property.

Mr. McIlvenna said he would be landlocked if this rezoning were to go in as he and another property owner are the only two residents left that were not bought up by the developers.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Buehler if he could explain Mr. McIlvenna's situation.

Mr. Buehler said he could not give any light on the subject as this has not come up before the Planning Commission, therefore, he would have to get their recommendation before making any comment on the matter. Mr. Buehler, further stated, that Mr. McIlvenna probably would not be landlocked as Ferry St. will remain open and he would have access to Ferry St.

Mr. McIlvenna asked if 43rd St. will be left open.

Mr. Buehler said one-half of the vacation of the right-of-way of 35 feet will go to Mr. McIlvenna's property as the abutting property owner.

Mayor Hanson pointed out to Mr. McIlvenna that by vacating the street he is retaining access on Ferry St. which will be improved and he will also have three building sites instead of two on account of getting half of the right-of-way.

Mr. Murtland said he thought that Mr. McIlvenna should talk to the developers on the matter.

Mayor Hanson said the question is whether Mr. McIlvenna will have adequate access to his property as he has now, even though this street is vacated. It looks now as though the lots are running one way on the map; they will have to be replatted so they will all face on Ferry St.

Mr. Buehler said it would take a fill to reach Ferry Street.

Mayor Hanson stated he thought before final action is taken on the vacation Ordinance, the Planning Commission and the developers should get together to work out an agreeable plan with Mr. McIlvenna.

PETITIONS:

- a. Petition submitted by the Major Investment Corp. requesting the rezoning of property located on the southside of 100-176 So. 38th St.

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from an "R-2" to an "R-4" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

b. Petition submitted by Edward G. Hitt requesting the rezoning of property near No. 53rd St. extended and Pearl St. from an "R-2" to a "C-2" and "R-2" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 16840:**

Awarding contract to Calabrese & Sons of Mercer Island for the construction of the Tacoma Industrial Airport Project No. 1 on their bid of \$899,348.87 including sales tax which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that a communication has been received from Mr. Calabrese stating that they wish to withdraw their bid proposal which they submitted on the Tacoma Industrial Airport, for the reason several errors have been made in computing their bid. Mr. Rowlands stated, this was reviewed very carefully with the City Attorney and it was felt that a substitute Resolution should be prepared rejecting their request. The substitute Resolution is submitted with a copy of Mr. Calabrese's letter attached refusing their request.

Mrs. Olson moved to adopt the substitute Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Voice vote was taken on the substitute Resolution No. 16840.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16841:**

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. and Tucci & Sons for Improv. No. 3033-E-2 on their joint bid of \$94,697.52 plus sales tax which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Voice vote taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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**Resolution No. 16842:**

Appropriating and transferring the sum of \$504.73 from the Cumulative Reserve Fund to the General Fund Urban Renewal Budget for the purpose of acquiring title to properties listed.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this property has L. I. D. assessments as well as County taxes. A fund is available to pay off the L. I. D. assessments, but in order to pay off the County taxes, this procedure has to be followed. He added, when this is accomplished in the final net project cost in the Center St. Project, the value of these lots can be determined at \$2775.00. This amount is one-third of the City's share to the Federal Government on any Urban Renewal Project. This is merely a transfer to make it possible to clear the taxes.

Voice vote taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16843:**

Employing the engineering firm of Worthen, Wing, Seifer, & Forbes as consulting engineers for the purpose of preparing a master plan design study of the maintenance operation & facilities of the Public Works Dept.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted.  
Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Mr. Bott asked when was it determined that this firm should make this study.

Mr. Rowlands said, two or three weeks ago at a study session this was reviewed by the City Council members, and at that time, they were instructed to go ahead and proceed with the preparation of the Resolution.

Mr. Murtland asked if this \$20,500.00 was the amount suggested.

Mr. Rowlands said after a review of the proposal with the three phases involved, and with a certain number of days to each phase, the estimate of \$20,500.00 has been made as the firm's offer to complete the job.

Mr. Murtland asked if the City Engineers had checked this proposal as to whether this was a reasonable amount.

Mr. Rowlands said the Public Works Engineers reviewed all of the points very carefully that are to be developed under the three various phases and their opinion was that the amount of money involved was reasonable for the work to be accomplished. As a result of the research, the staff hopes to have something concrete develop from this project, in that not only the maintenance and operational costs be cut to a minimum but that actual substantial savings be affected by certain consolidations within the operational procedures of the various Public Works operations as well as possibly with the Transit operation.

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Mr. Easterday said he still feels that the City should not have to pay \$20,500.00 for borrowed money for a study of this nature that he feels could be accomplished by utilizing the City's own engineers, therefore, he will vote against the Resolution.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if Lybrand, Ross & Montgomery had not made a similar study, perhaps not as large in scope, on the consolidation of the various motor units in the City approximately six or seven years ago.

Mr. Rowlands said, they did, but on a limited scale and not where they could consolidate two or three facilities into one. Another example of their work was a year or two ago in regard to the consolidation of the personnel records and other records through the I B M data processing. As a result of that study, it is hoped it will save at the end of a three-year period between \$40,000 and \$50,000 annually because of the reduction in personnel. Although this amount of \$20,500 might seem like a sizeable amount, it is conceivable that the consolidation of changes in procedures, realignments of operational procedures, could conceivably save this much in one year, after the consolidation takes place.

The question was raised that if the Public Works Dept. were given more personnel in the Engineering Dept. would it be possible for them to achieve the same result as an outside firm.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that it would take additional personnel to do this work. One of the reasons that this firm was recommended for this type of study was the fact that the associates with this firm are management consultants in that phase of the work which deals with intricacies of procedures and adjustments, which could come only from a qualified firm who has done this work in many other areas and from years of experience which could be of valuable assistance to the City.

Roll call was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

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

Resolution No. 16844:

Establishing a ten-minute parking zone in front of Slipp's Food & Hardware Store at 2702-04 No. 21st Street.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Rowlands said something of this nature comes up every four or five months and it was felt this 10-minute parking zone was in order.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16845:

Appointing 36 members to the Kokura Sister City Committee for a one-year term ending Dec. 31, 1962 and 34 to serve until Dec. 31, 1963 and reappointing Dr. John A. Moore as Chairman and appointing Mrs. Lloyd Sass & Tom Takemura to the Executive Board for a one-year term ending Dec. 31, 1962.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Mayor Hanson said this Resolution is to continue the operation of the Sister City Committee so that half of the terms of the membership will expire annually. He urged the Council to come forth with any additional names of any one who might indicate particular interest in this program so their names can be added to the list.

Mayor Hanson pointed out that every year there are 36 members appointed for one year and 34 members for two years. Every year the members are reviewed and the people who have been active will be retained and the others will be given an opportunity to take the place of those who were not too active.

Mrs. Olson asked who was on the Executive Board other than Mr. Lloyd Sass and Tom Takemura.

Mayor Hanson said the other member is Dr. John Moore.

Mayor Hanson explained the Resolution setting up the Sister City Committee provided for an Executive Board of three members who could act in the interim between meetings so that it would not be necessary to have continual meetings with the vast organization on matters that did not require action.

Mrs. Olson asked how often does the organization meet.

Mayor Hanson said there has been a great number of meetings with the committee and also various meetings with the subcommittees, but could not say precisely how many meetings have been held, although the Resolution requires that quarterly meetings be held. Voice vote taken.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mrs. Olson moved that the rules be suspended in order to take up Resolution No. 16846 that does not appear on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16846:

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to join with the Governor of the State of Washington and Pierce County Commissioners in endorsing a survey to develop tourist facilities at Paradise on Mt. Rainier. (Survey to be made by George Prescott, Dept. of Commerce - Tourist Div.)

It was moved by Mrs. Olson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mrs. Olson said she thought the Resolution spoke for itself as the

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Council has not taken official action in endorsing the development of the building of high level facilities at Paradise.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16940:

Amending (12) sections of the Official Code of the City in reference to the Compensation Plan for 1962. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a substituted page 9 was sent out to the Council members reflecting a change in Classification No. 0091 reducing the salary range from 43 to 42. He also pointed out the memorandum dated December 1, 1961 reflected that the Bus Operators salary spells out the hourly rate of \$1.25 for student drivers.

Mr. Steele moved to substitute the amended page 9 in the Ordinance No. 16940. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland said, as he has stated, he thought the salary increase should be set up on a one-half range step and believes that at least 9/10 of the personnel involved in the proposed plan are on a one range increase for 1962 over 1961. He thought some changes could still be made in attempting to save approximately one-half of the increase that is proposed in salaries, even though the Council has adopted the 1962 Budget. He said, if this were accomplished, certain increases in taxes proposed to various firms would not have to be made to increase revenues in order to achieve the budget figure. His suggestion was that the employees receive a one-half step increase in 1962 and one-half step increase in 1963.

Mr. Ketler, Secretary to the Civil Service League, pointed out these salary increases were negotiated through the various unions. He said the unions were cognizant of the City's circumstances, otherwise, there would have been a lot more feeling by the labor unions that more increases should be granted. He personally felt that the unions were very liberal in dealing with the City in that manner.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16947:

Vacating the alley north of So. 30th between Gunnison and Madison Sts. Petition of Harvey R. Cofield. Read by title.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 16948:

Vacating a portion of So. 7th St. between Orchard and Shirley Sts.  
Petition of William M. Busch. Read by title.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16949:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section 13.06.117 to include property in the area generally bounded by So. 43rd, the Tacoma Freeway, So. 48th and Pine St. in a "C-P-R" Planned Regional Shopping Center District. Read by title.

Mr. Buehler said this Ordinance should be set over until such time as the final reading of the Ordinance on the vacation.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that this Ordinance be held over for two weeks, until Dec. 19, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands urged the Southcenter Corp. to submit their information to the Public Works Dept. as soon as possible so as to expedite the contractual agreement.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16941:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4693 for widening and pavement on North Stevens St. from 11th to No. 35th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16942:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4696 for paving within the area bounded by No. 38th St.; Highland; So. 19th and Alder also including storm drainage where required. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.



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Ordinance No. 16943:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5334 for water mains in 58th Avenue, N. E. from 29th N. E. to a point 730 feet south of the Center line of 25th St. N. E. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16944:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5339 for water mains in Cedar, Alder and Lawrence Sts. from the south line of Oakwood Cemetery to So. 56th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16945:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2315 for an oil mat surface on East 62nd from East I to East K Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16946:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2278 for grading and oil mat surface in the vicinity of 49th St. N. E. from Browns Point Blvd. to Harbor View Drive. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16930: (For determination of the final vote)

Amending the Official Code of the City by adding a new Chapter 8.12.015 relating to public safety and morals. Read by title.

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Mrs. Price explained that last week she had requested to change her vote after the outcome of the Ordinance had been announced by the Chairman, and an opinion was requested from the City Attorney on whether or not she would be allowed to change her vote. The attorney's opinion was that she could not change her vote after the final vote on the Ordinance had been announced by the presiding officer, unless permission is granted by the Council.

Mr. Steele moved that Mrs. Price be permitted to change her vote. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

Mr. Porter said he thought that motion should have been made last week.

Mr. McCormick said that it was his understanding that it was the agreement of the Council that the vote be held in abeyance until this meeting and the determination be made by the Council.

Mayor Hanson said, the motion before the Council now is to permit Mrs. Price to change her vote.

Roll call was taken. Ayes 5; Nays 4, Cvitanich, Easterday, Olson and Porter. Motion carried. Mrs. Price has been recorded as voting in opposition to the Ordinance.

Mrs. Price moved to reconsider the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mayor Hanson said, they now have the motion to reconsider the Resolution before the Council.

Roll call was taken on the reconsideration of the Resolution. Ayes 5; Nays 4, Cvitanich, Easterday, Olson and Porter. Motion carried.

Mr. Easterday still maintained this Ordinance is unnecessary for the reason that means could be found in handling these situations without giving any one person special legislation.

Mr. Bott said he didn't think the Ordinance was created just for one individual. He added, if this Ordinance isn't passed, they probably would continue to interrupt the meetings without recognition from the presiding officer.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 4, Cvitanich, Easterday, Olson and Porter. Absent 0.  
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Mr. Cvitanich wanted to know for the point of clarification what the policy would be of the Council in the future on reconsideration, so there will be no doubt on any issues that will arise.

Mayor Hanson said on terms of reconsideration, the person voting on the prevailing side must move for reconsideration at the same or the following meeting. The matter of the changing a vote after the vote has been called for, if there are objections from the Council, will take an affirmative vote for permission to change the vote after the results have been called by the Chair at the same meeting.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Public Works Director presents the assessment rolls for the following:

L I D 2326 for the cost of an oil mat surface on East "E" from East 84th to East 86th Street.

L I D 6749 for modern street lights at intersections on existing wooden poles in the vicinity of East 40th and "C" Streets.

Mr. Easterday moved that January 22, 1962 be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 2326 and L I D 6749. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. George McCaffery, a citizen, suggested that the Tacoma high schools be supplied with copies of the City Charter so that students could be well informed of City Government.

Mayor Hanson said he has met with Civics classes in the high schools and the students are very well informed on the philosophies of local government, and the teachers do have copies of the City Charter.

Mr. Murtland recommended that copies of the City Charter be distributed in the various high school libraries if they do not already have them.

Mr. Rowlands said in addition to copies of the City Charter, copies of the Budget and the City's Annual Report could also be included for distribution to the school libraries.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.