

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, March 7, 1967

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Cvitanich and Haley. Mr. Cvitanich arriving at 4:15 P. M.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 21, 1967 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by Lester E. Schneider on the denial of the request for rezoning of property located on the east side of Vassault between No. 22nd and the Transmission Line R/W from an "R-1" and "R-2" to an "R-3-PRD" District.

Mr. Lester E. Schneider, the petitioner, explained that the development proposed for this site is designed for retired couples and individuals who cannot and do not desire to maintain a house. This will be a 68 unit cooperative apartment, to be developed on the north side of No. 23rd St. between Vassault and Defiance. The tenants will be provided with full outside maintenance and landscaping of the building. Such a building would retain their spirit of independence and enjoy pride of ownership in a well kept park-like atmosphere. The need for this development is evident by virtue of the fact that over one-third of the apartments have already been spoken for by people who have not seen the plans but have heard of the proposed project from friends or relatives who are owners in the apartment they have completed in Puyallup.

Mayor Tollefson explained that this property is bounded by Truman School, a Church, a nursing home and with the Cushman transmission line in between, and on the south side by residential property.

Mr. Bott asked if the people could sublease these apartments.

Mr. Schneider remarked the people would have the right to do anything they wish, the same as if it were their own home. The developers do provide, however, in the agreement, that if they do make any change they must submit their requests to the Board of Directors, who are selected from the apartment owners, for approval.

Mrs. Price asked what would be the price range in this development.

Mr. Schneider said it would be termed low cost housing. The apartments would cost approximately \$9,000 excluding the price of the ground. After the apartment is paid for it would cost a tenant approximately \$33.00 a month.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained to the Council, that in August of 1966 Mr. Schneider requested an "R-4-L" zoning in this area which was denied by the Planning Commission. At that time Mr. Schneider waived his right to appeal. However, the City Council at their meeting of October 18, 1966 referred the petition back to the Planning Commission to determine whether an "R-3-PRD" would be feasible, which would cut down the number of units that was originally proposed.

Mr. Buehler continued, that this proposed development has some characteristics of a retirement home development, but it would still be classified as a multiple family development. The Commission felt the location was definitely a single-family location, since there is not an arterial street and also that a school is located in the area. A small portion of the applicant's site abuts the Cushman transmission power line, but the property located directly across this 80 foot wide section is developed by a nursing home. A corner of the Westgate Shopping Center business district is located approximately 300 feet from the applicant's site. The applicant contends that the overhead power transmission lines, together with the City Light Substation would make the sale of homes difficult. However, these utilities are considered essential for residential development and many areas of the City have been developed with single-family homes under the same conditions.

Mr. Buehler further added, the Commission feels that apartments on the whole should not discourage adjoining single-family developments. Such locations should be along arterials where they border single-family dwelling districts. In these types of outlying locations, the apartment development is serving as a transition or buffer for a single-family area. In this location the development under question would be substantially within an existing single-family area rather than along the boundary of such an area. A development of this nature would tend to have an adverse effect on the future growth of this area for single-family development. The Commission feels there is ample apartment zoning in the area.

Mr. Murtland was concerned with the traffic pattern.

Mr. Finnigan asked if there were any property owners near the site that objected to this rezoning.

Mr. Buehler said there was no one present to object at the Planning Commission hearing.

Mr. Cvitanich said he could not see why a development of this kind should be required to be constructed on an arterial as it would generate more traffic.

Mayor Tollefson said he felt it should not be classified as a condition that multiple family dwellings be on an arterial street.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above rezone. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if there would be a study of areas for retirement homes in the near future.

Mr. Buehler stated, none was anticipated, however, he wished to make one point clear, Mr. Schneider's petition has not been classified as a retirement home rezoning.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to amend Dr. Herrmann's motion that this appeal be set over until April 11, 1967 to allow the Planning Commission time to report to the Council regarding areas for rezoning for retirement homes. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Roll call was taken on the motion. Ayes 6; Nays 2, Bott and Johnson. Absent 1, Haley. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Schneider if this postponement would have any effect on the Church's plans.

Mr. Schneider said he did not believe it would.

Mayor Tollefson stated this would not signify that there will be a hearing on April 11th because if the study has not been completed by that time, it might be set over again.

Mayor Tollefson stated that the Council wishes to investigate this more closely as some other plan might be submitted.

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b. This is the date set for hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment on the "T" District.

Mr. Buchler explained, this text amendment would allow the "T" type district to be placed on a frontage road and provide for one free standing sign structure for each property which would be limited in size to 12 feet square for advertising, profession or service rendered, on the given premises.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the petition and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19065

Fixing Monday March 27, 1967 as the date for hearing on L I D 3641 for sanitary sewers in No. 38th from Baltimore to Shirley and in Shirley from No. 38th to No. 37th Street.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1. Haley.

Resolution No. 19066

Fixing Tuesday, March 21, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of property located on the S. E. corner of So. 19th and Lawrence St. extended, from an "R-2TM" to an "R-2-T" district. (petition of Comfort, Dolack, Hansler & Billett)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1. Haley.

Resolution No. 19067

Fixing Tuesday March 21, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment change for Retirement Homes in an "R-4-L", "R-4" and "R-5" District.

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. Haley.

Resolution No. 19068

Fixing Tuesday, April 4, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of property located on Division Lane and adjoining alley between East B St. and Freeway #5 located to the east. (petition of Washington State Highway Commission)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 19069

Fixing Tuesday April 4, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property located on Wilkeson St. between So. 92nd and 96th Street. (petition of Vincent Pontani, et al)

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, Haley.

Resolution No. 19070

Awarding contract to Slead's Septic Systems on its bid of \$28,411.97 for L I D 4802.

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, Haley.

Resolution No. 19071

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons on its bid of \$105,749.50 for Improv. No. 3555-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, Haley.

Resolution No. 19072

Awarding contract to Preservative Paint Company on its bid of \$13,756.48 for the furnishing of white traffic paint.

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, Haley.

Resolution No. 19073

Awarding contract to Cook Concrete Construction Co, on its bid of \$9,597.92 for L I D 4803.

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, Haley.

Resolution No. 19074

Rejecting the bids of G. C. Casebolt Company & Spragues, Inc. for the landscaping of Urban Renewal Open Space, Contract U. R. 11651 for the reason they exceeded the architects estimate.

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, Haley.

Resolution No. 19075

Accepting a sealed bid for the purchase of real property situated within the Center St. Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-1.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 19076

Providing for the sale, issuance and delivery from time to time of preliminary loan notes to aid in financing the Urban Renewal Projects in the Center Street, Fawcett and New Tacoma area.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Haley.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18240

Amending Section 1.12.160 of the official code providing for straight time pay for required attendance at off-duty training programs.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18241

Appropriating the sum of \$15,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of the City's participation in a joint engineering study with Pierce County for design studies and costs in connection with the expansion of the County-City Building.

Mayor Tollefson explained that the City has an agreement with the County whereby the City pays for the City's share for which the County issued bonds. At the end of the 20-year period which is the length of the bonds, the City will have undivided ownership on a percentage basis of the entire buildings and the land. The City will then pay only the maintenance charges on the same prorated basis. At this particular time when a study for expansion is being considered, it is only proper that the City pay its proportionate share of the study.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18227

Amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 18055 passed by the Council on April 26, 1966 lto correct a clerical error.

Mr. Finnigan left at 4:30 P. M.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18228

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-62 to include property on the north side of No. 26th St. between Alder and Cedar Streets in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Forrester Realty Co. )

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

Ayes 6; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 2, Finnigan and Haley.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18229

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3569 for sanitary sewers on Union Ave. from So. 23rd to So. 29th; So. 30th from Puget Sound Ave. to Center and in Center from So. 30th to Cedar Street.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18230

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4800 for paving and widening Union Ave. from So. 12th to 300 feet north of So. 28th Street.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18231

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6882 for street lights on So. 86th from Thompson to M St. and other nearby streets.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18232

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4806 for alley paving between L & K Sts. from No. 9th to No. 10th and other nearby alleys.

The City Clerk reported since the hearing on Feb. 27, 1967 the remonstrance against the alley between Sheridan Ave. and Cushman Ave. from No. 8th to No. 9th Street has increased to 75%.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, stated at the time of the hearing before the L I D Committee, there was less than a 50% remonstrance on this alley. Since the hearing the remonstrance has increased to 75%.

Mrs. Price moved that the alley between Sheridan Ave. and Cushman Ave. from No. 8th to No. 9th Street be deleted from L I D 4806 since the remonstrance now amounts to 75%. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, as amended.

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

Ordinance No. 18233

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5413 for water mains in So. 12th from Pearl to Hawthorne and So. 12th from Oxford to Meyers St.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18234

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3597 for storm drains and trunk sewers from East 15th and St. Paul Ave. west 500 feet then north 100 feet.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18235

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3626 for sanitary sewers in the alley between East 60th & 61st St. from East N to East Q Streets.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18236

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6851 for street lighting at intersections on So. Asotin, Cushman, Ainsworth, Sheridan and L from So. 72nd to So. 80th Street.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18237

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6855 for street lighting on Huson Drive from Moorlands Drive to So. 18th; Moorlands Drive from So. 12th to So. 16th.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18239

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6858 for street lighting on No. 48th from Pearl to Vassault and other streets.

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

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



Ordinance No. 18239

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4776 for paving on No. 33rd from Huson to Orchard and other nearby streets.

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

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

REPORTS:

a. Report from the L I D Committee recommending to the City Council that L I D 5433 be abandoned since there was 49.7% protest filed against the improvement. 216

Mr. Rowlands requested that the action on this recommendation be delayed for at least two weeks in order that some of the abutting property owners can review all the aspects of this particular water main improvement.

Mr. Baarslag, Assistant Water Superintendent, explained that it is a policy of the Department to install water mains before paving improvements so that the paving would not have to be dug up for the water improvement. The property owners involved were advised, by a letter, prior to the initiation of this improvement that it would cost them more if this project were not put in at this time. It was also explained that the water was needed particularly for fire protection.

Mayor Tollefson asked if two week's time would be sufficient to allow the City another opportunity to try to persuade property owners that the L I D is needed.

Mr. Bott said he did not agree postponing the recommendation of the L I D Committee relative to the water improvement. He thought it would be most unfair to the Elks Lodge as it was the understanding at the L I D Committee meeting that L I D 5433 would be abandoned.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Fire Chief Reiser is very concerned over the lack of fire protection facilities for certain buildings on Union Avenue. He added there is also a retirement home for teachers contemplated on that street. It has been suggested that it might be well to have another meeting of the Elks Committee with the developers and property owners, pointing out the expense which would entail if the main would have to be installed in two or three years. The staff agrees that, perhaps, another meeting would be advantageous.

Mayor Tollefson assured Mr. Bott that a postponement would not necessarily mean approval, but would give the City staff another opportunity to persuade property owners to go along with the L I D.

Mrs. Price moved that the recommendation on L I D 5433 be postponed for two weeks, until March 21, 1967. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. Relocation Report for the Fawcett Street Project Wash. R-3 from the Director of Urban Renewal Dept.

Placed on file.

c. Recommendation: Designation of area for proposed Model Neighborhood Application.

Mayor Tollefson stated that a week or two ago a meeting was called by the City Council, Mayor and City Manager in the Council Chambers inviting interested people to hear what interest there might be in the possibility of a model neighborhood. Representatives from all over the City were present, particularly representatives from three particular areas in the City who designated themselves as "Hilltop, East Side and Tri-Mart" areas. The spokesman for each of the areas indicated they were interested. It was asked what interest they might be able to develop in their own particular community, keeping in mind that the "model neighborhood" application may or may not be one that would qualify under the federal law. Also keeping in mind that this would be a study and an application for a plan.

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Dr. Herrmann left at 6:30 P. M.

Mayor Tollefson said he understood that these people here tonight have conducted some neighborhood meetings and have called on home owners and property owners who are interested in their particular neighborhood.

Mr. Rowlands explained, at this point, assuming that enough interest was generated, the staff's opinion was that the Hilltop area would be best qualified as an area for which a planning grant would be requested.

The Rev. J. R. Williams, pastor of Allen A. M. E. Church, and a member of the Hilltop Improvement Council, spoke on behalf of the Hilltop area and asked that this area be designated in the "model city" application.

He said this would provide a great opportunity for Tacoma to penetrate the conditions of hard-core poverty. The Hilltop Council and Multi-service center had brought about an awareness of the area's problems, but they needed help to break through the manacles of poverty.

The Rev. Williams further stated that the problem would not put the area under federal control, but would give them an opportunity to be architects of their own destiny. So on behalf of the Hilltop Council and residents of the Hilltop area, he requested the City Council to approve and accept the Hilltop area to be designated for the "Neighborhood Model City" application.

Mr. Johnson asked how many persons were actually contacted in the survey.

Sgt. Walker, President of the Hilltop Neighborhood Improvement Council, stated they had run various surveys at different times through the Multi-service center and Mr. Dickson would have the figures available.

Mr. Thomas Dickson, Director of the Multi-service Center, said his organization's surveys have shown that 90 percent of the residents feel the neighborhood needs better housing, more recreational opportunities and general improvements.

The Rev. O. R. Pigford, consultant for the Multi-service Center, said 147 homes in the area had been surveyed, 87 were for the program, 8 against and 16 wanted more information. He noted that 43% of the City's Negro population live within the area and urged the Council to make the application to give the Negro a chance to live in decent housing and, perhaps, even in dignity.

Mr. Bott left at 7:00 P. M.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what criteria was used in determining that the Hilltop area be selected for the "model city" application, rather than one of the other two, East-side or Tri-Mart.

Mr. Stevens, Federal-State Coordinator, stated that the staff's recommendation for this area depended upon a number of different factors. The prime requirement was the legislative criteria which is as follows: (1) To be primarily

residential in character. (2) To contain a significant number of sub-standard housing units. (3) The area would have to have a significant number of low income families and those requiring public assistance. (4) An area that would lend itself to substantial rehabilitation of existing structures. (5) An area in which additional low and moderate income housing could become available. (6) A significant portion of the City's unemployed, those of lower educational level and other urban neighborhood problems. The staff feels that the Hilltop area closely fills those statutory requirements.

Mr. Stevens further added, Hilltop people have made a commitment they are willing to back up and it seems reasonable and logical that they be given an opportunity to see whether or not that commitment is one the staff can depend upon.

An area must have sufficient detailed information available relative to the characteristics of the neighborhood. The Hilltop area appears to have a greater opportunity to be selected as a part of the local financing if the program is approved.

Another factor was that the area showed a substantial need for housing investment and it is a key location geographically in relation to the downtown area and other development projects.

The staff has been receiving strong commitments by individuals and representatives of public and private agencies who are willing to provide the City with information and ideas to generate an application.

When an application is filed with the Federal Government this would allow the City, if approved, to receive a planning grant up to 80% of the cost of preparing detailed plans and programs for the carrying on of the program. This planning period would take from six months to one year. At that time the City Council would be asked to review the plans and, if it wishes, to submit an application for a specific program. April 15, 1967 is the deadline for such an application.

Mr. Johnson said it was the concern of many people, if the program is accepted, the citizens of Tacoma will lose control of at least that portion of the City through commitments, which would come under Federal government control.

Mr. Stevens said he has seen no information in his study of the bill to indicate that any such threat would be imposed. The program is Tacoma's, not the Federal officials.

Mr. Rowlands wished to emphasize the necessity for involvement in self help. The other point is, after the conclusion of a planning study, then the City Council, depending upon what has been accomplished, will make its determination whether or not to proceed.

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford argued against the City's participation in the program.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Stevens to explain some misconceptions of this bill.

Mr. Stevens explained that the reference to an expediter appears in a separate section of the act from which the City would proceed. The City can designate a single area within its boundaries. However, the City does not need to participate in all Federal programs listed under the act.

The Rev. J. A. Boles, pastor of the St. John Baptist Church, said he represented the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance and it is unanimously behind the participation of the Hilltop area in the plan.

Mrs. Bacon who lives within the area said neither the Hilltop Council or the Multi-service Center are representatives of the entire area. She suggested either a comprehensive survey or a vote in the area be had before the City proceeds.

Mr. Cvitanich said that Mrs. Bacon should be proud that so many residents had been interested in the area to come before the Council and urge a program for its improvement.

Mayor Tollefson stated this meeting is to determine if there is sufficient interest in an area to proceed with an application. He felt there was sufficient interest and noted he had conferred with federal officials on the original draft of this program. Originally, the bill was for the inclusion of entire cities, but he suggested a revision to handle problem areas within cities rather than entire cities.

He added, he did not fear that Tacoma was going to be taken over by the Federal government. He noted that the Federal government has not taken over one iota of the Center Street program and it is almost finished. The government required that a plan be made and a city lives up to that plan. The Model City program is basically a rehabilitation program. It allows the City of Tacoma to do those things they would like to do if it had the money.

Mayor Tollefson said this is the first step to determine if there is a substantial number of people interested, then before anything is finally accomplished, the City obtains the grant, then a study will be made. When the study is scheduled everyone in the area will be contacted. At no time under the law can a person's property be taken away without due process of law.

Mr. Cvitanich remarked that he was born in Old Town, a member of a minority ethnic group and his initial reaction was to let these people help themselves, but as the Mayor pointed out, times have changed and he now felt this was proper.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the City Council designate the Hilltop area for the proposed Model Neighborhood application. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken, Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The director of Public Works presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

- a. L I D 6865 for street lighting on wooden poles on So. L from So. 50th to 52nd St.
- b. L I D 6868 for street lighting on wooden poles on So. L from So. 48th to 56th and other nearby streets.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, April 10, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on L I D 6865 and 6868. Seconded by Mr. Murland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Personnel report for the month of January 1967.
- b. Tacoma Police Department report for the month of Jan. 1967.
- c. Traffic Division for the month of January 1967.
- d. Director of Finance report for the month of December 1966.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Tollefson reminded the Council members of the special meeting to be held at the Utilities Bldg. in the Board room at 11:30 A. M., Wednesday, March 8, 1967. ✓

Mr. Rowlands mentioned the breakfast at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 8, 1967, at the Chamber of Commerce to which the Council members have been invited to meet the new Chamber Manager.

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Mayor Tollefson stated the office of the Attorney General in Washington, D. C. has informed him that there will be a Crime Commission meeting on March 28 and 29th, 1967. He felt it was very important and hoped that Chief Charles Zittel of the Police Dept. or his assistant could attend the meeting. ✓

A National Auto Theft Prevention Campaign has been initiated by the U. S. Dept. of Justice, Criminal Division. As everyone knows there is a large amount of crime in the U. S. which costs approximately \$25 to \$47 billion dollars each year. One of the tools that is used in crime, is the stolen automobile. At least 50 % of the theft of automobiles are committed by teenagers, eighteen years of age or under.

He added, a short time ago the Council discussed a 'key ordinance'. It has been asked that the City of Tacoma participate in this campaign, urging passage of a key ordinance, locking all valuables in the trunks of the cars, closing all the windows and locking all doors. It is hoped with an educational campaign that the public can be convinced that a key ordinance is a good thing. ✓

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, to alert Mr. Bond, Public Relations officer, and Chief Zittel of the Police Dept., relative to the City participating in the National Auto Theft Prevention Campaign.

Dr. Herrmann returned to the meeting at 7:45 P. M.

Chief Zittel remarked that auto thefts have increased approximately 25% the last year in Tacoma. Experience in other cities has shown that a key ordinance can decrease auto theft by as much as 29%. He urged the passage of this type of ordinance.

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Mayor Tollefson informed the Council that the Tacoma Spur application has been shelved; it was not rejected, but it is hoped that more mileage is available so it can be considered again. ✓

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Mr. John Chapman, 1729 Ea. 62nd St., requested the City Council for help in improving the area in which he lives, that is called Cloverdale Heights. The streets are in disrepair and youngsters do not have a playground within three miles, he added.

Mayor Tollefson explained that it is hoped that the Legislature this year will approve the bill for \$25,000,000 for cities over a two-year period. If this money, which will be approximately 2 1/4 or 2 1/2 million dollars, becomes available, the City of Tacoma will be able to help the Metropolitan Park District so they could buy land in that area for a playground, which he also felt was needed. ✓

Mr. Chapman mentioned that dogs are also a problem in the area.

Mayor Tollefson stated it is again a matter of money and the Humane Society is another separate organization. It is hoped that more money will be available, which, of course, would allow them to enforce the leash law more rigidly.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Society has been directed to pick up dogs that are running around loose.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P. M.