

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, October 23, 1962

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

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of October 9, 1962 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Motion carried.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

a. This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition submitted by Cartozian & Sons, Inc., for the vacation of portions of So. "G" St., Wright Ave. ⁵⁸³ and the alley between Wright Ave. and So. 34th St. from the west line of Sec. 9, Twp. 20, R. 3 east to So. "G" St. ⁴⁴²

Mr. Cartozian was present to substantiate his request for the vacation. Mr. Steele moved that an Ordinance be brought in providing for the vacation. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date fixed for hearing on the vacation of No. 13th St. between "I" St. and alley between "I" St. and Yakima Ave. (Initiated by City ⁴⁰² Council) ⁴⁴²

Mayor Tollefson explained for the benefit of the audience that the Council is well informed on this issue for the vacation of Lowell School. He asked if there was anyone present in the audience who wished to speak for the vacation that hasn't spoken before.

Mr. Joe Lassoie, Deputy School Supt. , explained that most of the Councilmen are familiar with the background of this proposed vacation which is supported by the P. T. A. , etc. for the safety of the children crossing the street from one school area to another . The plan is for a cul-de-sac in the area to allow the parents a turn-around when unloading their children at the school. There are also plans to terrace the property for a play area, with bulkheads and an 8-foot chain link fence for safety purposes.

Mrs. Price asked if the school officials have considered constructing an overhead crossing.

Mr. Lassoie said to construct and maintain such a crossing would cost too much money.

Mrs. Jones, President of the P. T. A., said at the present time they are using barricades on the street. However, it is not satisfactory because the barricades get moved or knocked down which creates a problem.

Mayor Tollefson asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak against the vacation.

Mr. Spencer, 1225 No. Yakima, said he protested the vacation as he lived in the area and felt that the vacation and the cul-de-sac would create a traffic problem more than exists at present.

Mrs. Ackley, 1213, No. Yakima and Mrs. Giannelli, protested the vacation because of the traffic problem, and they also felt the value of the property would decrease.

Mrs. Lunden, 1322 No. Yakima, protested the vacation as she was of the opinion that this play area would look like a zoo and that her property would drop in value.

Mrs. Hill said the primary factor is to have the vacation for the safety of the children, and as such, she was in favor of the vacation.

Mr. Williams, Principal of Lowell School, said the school is promoting a program to educate the parents to unload and load their children on No. Eye St. and not to use the alley.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Williams if he thought the cul-de-sac would create more traffic at the school, and asked if they would be in favor of the cul-de-sac.

Mr. Williams said he could not answer that specifically, however, it would certainly eliminate the traffic in the alley.

Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, explained there had been accidents in that area, however, most of them involved intoxicated persons striking light poles and other mishaps not related to the volume of traffic.

Mayor Tollefson asked if the City Council members had anything to say on the matter.

Mr. Bott stated, in the beginning the street was to be barricaded for the safety of the school children. Then, it was the opinion of the City Attorney that this was illegal, therefore, it was determined the only other solution was to vacate which gave the children more play area. Later, it was determined that barricades would be legal and in his opinion he felt that the barricades would be more satisfactory since it would give the residents in the area the use of the street.

Mayor Tollefson said his main concern was that the children would be going back and forth across the street during the school hours, and the thought was to protect the children during this period when they were crossing the street and not for space for a playground. He asked if any thought had been given to erecting a parallel fence along 13th St. on each side so that the children could not run into the street, therefore, they would have to go to the intersection to cross the street.

Mr. Williams said he did not think that would be practical because of the location of the entrances to the school.

After some discussion, Mr. Steele moved that an Ordinance be brought in approving the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Roll call was taken resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 3, Bott, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

a. Petition submitted by Alvin L. Morris requesting the rezoning of property located at N. E. corner of So. 55th St. and Park Ave. from a "R-2" District to a "R-3" District. 491

Referred to the Planning Commission.

b. Petition submitted by S. L. Rowland requesting the rezoning of property located at the S. E. corner of the intersection of Jackson Ave. and Olympic Blvd. from the "R-1" and "R-2" District to the "R-5" District. 480

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17229:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a written lease which shall provide that the Western Fish & Oyster Co. shall lease from the City the property at 1137-39 Dock St. for the sum of \$187.50 per month.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17230:

Awarding contract to Tom Tonneson for IMP. 3042-H-2 on their bid of \$143,744.13 including tax which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17231:

Appointment by the City Council of one of its members as Chairman of the Compensation Board required under the Washington Civil Defense Act of 1951.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Mayor Tollefson stated that Mr. Haley requested to serve on the committee as it only meets once a year.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to appoint Mr. Haley as the Council member to serve on the committee. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17232:

Employing the law firm of Bowen & Rasenberger as special counsel to aid in processing a petition to have Tacoma recertified to the West Coast Airlines Inc.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17233:

Employing James C. Buckley Inc., Consultants, for expert services to have Tacoma recertified to the West Coast Airlines Inc.

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

Mr. Steele moved to amend the Resolution by changing the wording in the 3rd paragraph, 8th line down, from "Western Airlines" to West Coast Airlines. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Motion carried.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution as amended.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Steele moved to suspend the Rules to consider Resolution No. 17234. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17234:

Commending all members of the World's Fair Commission, the members of the Seattle City Council, the officers and directors of the World's Fair Corporation and other officials and persons connected with said Exposition for their outstanding efforts and performance in conducting the Century "21" Exposition.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17196:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to Zoning by adding a new 397

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section 13.06.060-4 to include property on both sides of No. 6th St. on the north-easterly side of No. Grant Ave. from a "R-3" District to a "R-4" Multiple Family Dwelling District. (Petition of Reed Strader)

Mr. Ron Thompson, Attorney representing Reed Strader, said his client wishes to construct an eight unit apartment on the premises. Parking will be made available for six cars off of the street. Another apartment is now located across 6th Street and also a church on Grant Avenue. The general area is a combination of single, duplex and multiple family dwellings, he added.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17192:

Approving and confirming the Assessment roll for SCF No. 61 for the construction, reconstruction of sidewalks, curb & gutters in various parts of the City.

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. 17193:

Amending Sec. 10.18.030 of the Official Code of the City relating to Authority to make Improvement.

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. 17194:

Authorizing the City Attorney to prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the purpose of acquiring property in order to protect the water supply of the City of Tacoma. (property situated in King County)

Mr. Dynaski protested the aquisition of the property saying it was not needed and that \$400,000 was too much money for the City to spend.

Mr. McCormick said his office had prepared an amendment to the Ordinance to include and incorporate as part of the Ordinance, the Resolution passed by the Utility Board which sets out the reasons as required by State Law when making additions or betterments to Utilities such as Light and Water Dept s. and also, the estimated amounts to be set forth in the Ordinance.

Mr. Bott moved to amend the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mr. Steele moved to adopt Ordinance No. 17194 and the Utility Resolution No. U-1799. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17195:

Repealing Ord. No. 17059 and enacting an Ordinance to include additional improvements for L I D 4710. (Petitioned by property owners)

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.

REPORTS:

a. Report from the City Clerk on additional protests during the 30-day period for the improvement of L I D 3542. 445

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that a communication was received by the City Clerk within the 30 day period of the passage of the Ordinance, from Fanning and Starkey, petitioner, protesting L I.D 3542 because of the cost and that it was not feasible to develop it at this time. This would bring the protests for that area up to 95%. The total protest against the entire L I.D. is 47%. He added, this area is not contiguous as there are many sections in the L. I. D.

Mr. Steele asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, how the Council should proceed at this point so as to not disturb the balance of the L. I. D.

Mr. McCormick said the percentage of protests that must be filed by the property owners is 60% of the total district, and not 60% of an isolated unit, at least that has been his opinion and the opinion of the attorneys in several other Cities. Subsequently there is a 47% protest filed against the entire district, therefore, the entire district is still intact and valid. However, the Council would have to amend the Ordinance eliminating this area.

Mr. Fanning explained his position regarding the improvements, stating it would cost too much to develop the property at this time because the cost of the improvements would approximate the sale price of the lots.

Dr. Herrmann moved to delete the portion of the L. I. D. 3542 regarding Woodland Park Addition and 92nd Street as per the request in Mr. Fanning's letter. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Following further discussion it was decided that action should be postponed for one week and in the meantime Mr. Schuster is to contact Mr. Hokold for his view on the deletion.

Mr. Steele then moved to postpone this report for one week until Oct. 30, 1962. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. Explanation of Consolidation of Resolutions pertaining to Rules of the City Council submitted by Marshall McCormick, City Attorney.

Mr. McCormick explained this is a consolidation of Resolutions previously passed by the City Council pertaining to Rules of the City Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessment rolls for final hearing.

- a. L I D 6788 for street lights on North 15th from Pine St. to Lawrence St.
- b. L I D 6789 for street lights on North 12th St. from Proctor to Mason Ave.

Mr. Steele moved that Monday, November 26, 1962 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of Sept. 1962.
- b. Report from the Tacoma Police Traffic Division for the month of Sept. 1962.
- c. Report from the Finance Dept. for the month of Sept. 1962.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands explained that they expect to house the Garbage and Refuse Utility trucks in the Transit Garage area because the old building will be removed for the Freeway. The facilities at the Transit Bldg. are too crowded for the personnel, therefore, it is the opinion of the Public Works Director that a building should be constructed to accomodate them. The construction of the building has been discussed with several architects and it has been decided that Percy Ball, Architect, should be retained for a fee of \$675. 00 to draw plans and specifications for a small building at a cost of approximately \$12, 000 to \$15, 000.

Mr. Cvitanich said he thought the City Council had appropriated \$25, 000 for a study on a Public Works maintenance and Transit Center.

Mr. Rowlands explained, it is a low cost builking that is needed now. Regarding this matter of \$25, 000 for a study, this will be discussed next Monday at the Study session, he added.

Mr. Murtland asked if a reply had been received from the Humane Society regarding their endowment funds.

Mr. Rowlands said a letter was sent to the Humane Society, and the answer may be on his desk but he has not had an opportunity to check his mail since re- turning from his trip.

Dr. Herrmann said he had read an article in the News Tribune on the Pomona Mall in California. They are holding a workshop on the project on Nov. 16th and 17th, 1962 for interested City Officials. He suggested that representatives be sent from Tacoma to study their project and bring back ideas for Tacoma.

Mr. Steele, the representative on the City Planning Commission, informed the Council that considerable planning had already been done on the Broadway Mall. He thought the major problem would be parking and traffic instead of the financing.

Mr. Rowlands said Tacoma's Central Association plan to send two members to Pomona to get the facts. However, if anyone wishes to attend from the Council reservations should be made.

Dr. Herrmann said if Tacoma will have representatives attending, there is no need for any Councilman to attend.

Mr. Cvitanich said he had heard there was \$350,000 to be made available from the Federal Government for emergencies that were caused by the wind storm. He asked if that amount was necessary.

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Mr. Rowlands said that was true, as the Utilities alone will run from \$200,000 to \$225,000; that does not include Parks and the General Government.

Mayor Tollefson reminded the Council that they will discuss appointments to be filled after the dinner at Honan's restaurant.

Mayor Tollefson stated that he had received three more protests on the discontinuation of the Bookmobile, and he asked that the letters be sent to the Library Board.

Mayor Tollefson said due to the Cuban situation, he felt the Council should meet with the Civil Defense Director to familiarize themselves with the policies so as the people in the City of Tacoma would be informed in the event it is needed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M.