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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
June 6, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Present on roll call - 9: Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Nalley, Moss, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Absent - 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Moss.

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 30, 1972 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote carried.

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HEARINGS & APPEALS

Mobil Oil Corporation appealing the denial of their request to rezone the northwest corner of South 19th Street and Sprague Avenue from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District. (5-15-72 Planning Commission recommended denial 8-0, 1 absent.)

Last day to file an appeal was May 30, 1972 and an appeal was filed.

Suggested date for hearing is July 25, 1972.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the date be set. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote carried.

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PETITIONS

- a. John L. Lindstrom requesting the rezoning of 3822 North 21st Street, near North 21st and Proctor Street, from an "R-2" to a "R-3" District.

Mayor Johnston referred this to the Planning Commission.

- b. Silver Falcon, Inc. requesting the rezoning of South 72nd Street between Pacific Avenue and South "D" Street from an "R-4" and "R-2" to a "C-2" District.

Mayor Johnston referred this to the Planning Commission.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 21680 Repealing Resolution No. 21155 and terminating certain property vacation procedures.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Maule.

Mr. Donaldson, City Manager, advised Council that this involves the site where Dean Witter was formerly located. This will allow the purchaser of that site to have the same air rights afforded adjoining property owners.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21681 Authorizing the execution of a Work-Study Agreement with the Tacoma Community College for a period of twelve weeks commencing June 19, 1972.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Mr. Charles Kennedy, Civil Service Coordinator, advised Council that this Resolution is for a contract with the Tacoma Community College for a work-study program to employ 18 students for a period of twelve weeks. The City's share of the costs for the program will be approximately 30 percent plus 6 percent for fringe benefits which would amount to approximately \$8,700.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21682 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County pertaining to the acceptance and treatment of sewage by City of Tacoma's sanitary sewer system.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, advised Council that several months ago a resolution involving the Puyallup River Basin Sewage General Plan was before Council. At that time Council took action to not concur in the overall proposal for treatment of all the sewage from the Puyallup Valley into the City's treatment plant, but rather agreed to treat the sewage from the Hylebos Drainage District. This resolution for an agreement between Pierce County and the City of Tacoma is to provide treatment for .7 million gallons of sewage per day for the Town of Milton. The Town has been ordered by the State to adequately take care of their sewage problem. Mr. Schuster advised that the treatment of this sewage from the Town of Milton does hold benefits for the City of Tacoma, because of the fact that the sewage from this area will find its way to the City of Tacoma by way of the Hylebos Creek. The City would like to control the treatment of sewage that comes into Commencement Bay. Therefore, the Public Works Department recommends the adoption of this agreement.

Several Councilmen expressed concern that under this agreement industry in the County could tap into the line of the sewer trunk.

Mr. Schuster advised that in the event any industry should locate in the area covered by this resolution, the matter would be brought to Council, since at any time a greater volume of sewage is requested to be treated, it must come before the City Council for approval.

Mr. Jim Allen, Mayor of Milton, urged adoption of the Resolution.

Mr. David Innes, resident of Buckley, commented on the subject of taxes and the effect this Resolution might have on property taxes.

Mr. Lyle Tibbets, resident of Milton, spoke against the Resolution.

Mrs. Bacon, spoke against the Resolution.

Mr. Nalley moved to postpone the Resolution in order to have a study session to discuss numerous questions relative to this matter. The motion failed for lack of a second.

After further discussion, voice vote was taken on the resolution as follows: Ayes - 7 Nays - 2: Moss and Nalley. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21683 Fixing Tuesday, June 20, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program for the years 1973 through 1978.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21684 Amending Rules 5, 12 and 14 of the City Council Rules of Procedure.

Mayor Johnston moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Maule.

Mr. Schroeder moved to amend the Resolution under Rule 14, Page 5, at the end of the last sentence "and shall maintain the same for a reasonable period of time". It should read "and shall maintain the same for a period of three years." Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote carried.

Dr. Herrmann suggested that the section of the rules pertaining to citizens wishing to speak remain as it is now and not be changed to the verbage contained in this Resolution as the new language on Page 3 under "c" is too cumbersome.

Dr. Herrmann moved to amend the Resolution by deleting Item "1" under section "C" on page three. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote carried.

Mr. Sonntag suggested that in view of the fact that number "1" under Section "C" has been deleted that item "a" under number "C." "3." should also be deleted.

Mr. Jarstad moved that item "a" under "3.", section "C." be deleted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote carried.

Mr. William Doell, 22 California Street, felt the Resolution should be read at this meeting so that the public will know the exact contents because when it is set over for second reading next week the public will not be able to comment on it.

Mayor Johnston advised that the citizens can be heard next week, and requested Mr. Donaldson to see that copies of this Resolution, as amended, are made available at the back of the Council Chambers next week so that those citizens who are interested may have an opportunity to review the Resolution before Council votes on it.

The Resolution was set over for second reading next week.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 19601      Vacating East "N" Street between Puyallup Avenue and East 25th Street except intersecting alley. (Aaberg's Rentals)

Mr. Buehler, Planning Department Director, advised that Council has held a Hearing on this and the petitioner has met all of the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19602      Vacating a 20' section of r/o/w approximately 180' west of Roosevelt Avenue from Gregory Street to 310' north. (Tacoma School District No. 10)

Mr. Buehler advised that the Council has held a hearing on this and all of the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission have been met.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19603      Amending Chapter 6.59 of the Official Code relative to Burglar Alarms.

Chief Smith advised that the City Manager had designated a management team to investigate the possibility of an alarm utility and that the study is still in process. In the meantime, the Police and Fire Departments have found that a particular type of device which could be set to dial the regular emergency telephones had the capability of tying up telephone alarms or lines. It is felt to be imperative that this situation be corrected immediately, and this ordinance is geared to do that. In addition, the Police Department has had difficulty with false alarms and the failure of owners or occupants to respond to alarms after their sounding. In this respect, he requested an additional amendment be made in Section 6.59.060. After the word "premises" and before the word "on" in the second line of that section, he asked that the words "or their agent" be added to read as follows: "It is unlawful for the owner or occupant of premises or their agent on which a police alarm is located to fail to proceed to the premises on which said alarm is located."

Mr. Sonntag moved to amend the ordinance by inserting the words "or their agent." Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote carried.

Dick Stanley, representative of International Computerized Security, felt that there are many other devices that could tie up the Police telephone lines regardless of the passage of this ordinance.

Mr. Jarstad pointed out that the CATV system being installed in Tacoma may in the future be prepared to deal with burglar alarms. The proposals of the CATV Companies indicated this. Mr. Jarstad felt that in view of the ordinance and the fact the City is almost completely wired with CATV he considered it an appropriate time to schedule a study session on the idea of setting up a Department of Communications as soon as possible as the 6 percent receipts from Teleprompter now amount to approximately \$1,500 a month.

Mr. Donaldson advised Council he has reviewed the present alarm capabilities of the City. \$63,000 was budgeted for the maintenance of the cable plant for these alarm systems this year. The system is an elderly system. This plus the private alarms have resulted in large numbers of false alarms. He felt the Council should consider the establishment of an alarm utility. He reminded Council that they appropriated approximately \$200,000 in this year's budget, and the City has received federal grants in the amount of \$600,000 to proceed with modernization of the communications system which would include a dispatching computer. He advised that a study team has been appointed which is now looking at the total alarm problem. After the study has been made he would like the Council to consider turning what is now a liability into a financial asset.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 19596 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to include the East side of Orchard Street at South 40th Street extended from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District. (Robert Sproul and Associates)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes - 8: Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston.

Nays - 1: Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19597 Designating the unnamed r/o/w from East "D" to East "B" Street in the vicinity of East 91st Street as East 91st Street. (City Planning Commission)

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Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder,  
Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19598 Designating the unnamed street r/o/w from "A" to  
East "B" between East 91st and 93rd Streets as  
East 92nd Street. (City Planning Commission)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder,  
Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19599 Repealing Sections 7.16.010 through 7.16.060 of  
the Official Code relative to registration of  
ex-felons.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag,  
and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 1 - Jarstad

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19600 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and  
creating a new fund to be known as the S.T.E.P.  
Fund for the purpose of carrying out a Selective  
Traffic Enforcement Program.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder,  
Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Maule proposed a study session regarding giving away vacated streets. He felt that if the property owner wants to vacate the street he should be willing to pay for it and this money could then be ear-marked to develop means of transportation other than automobiles, or perhaps bicycle paths.

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Mr. Nalley said that he had made a remark at the meeting last week based on a newspaper article regarding some young ladies who had gotten into difficulty as a result of hitch-hiking. He wished it to be known that he found out that they were not actually hitch-hiking and that his statement last week has been a source of embarrassment to the families. The parents of the young ladies in question have informed him that they were indeed not hitch-hiking.

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Mr. Jarstad announced that the Downtown Association has invited all of the Pierce County State Legislators to a briefing review tomorrow noon in order to urge them to advance the construction of the T-4 between the Spur and I-5. He made a motion that the Council go on record to encourage the legislators to take whatever action is necessary to expedite the construction of T-4. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

Mr. Sonntag commented on the motion by advising that certain individuals of the Downtown Association, a couple of weeks ago, were asked what they could do to encourage the legislature to accelerate the construction of the T-4. Mr. Sonntag felt that with a little pressure the legislators could get the funds rolling.

Voice vote on the motion carried.

Mayor Johnston requested Mr. Donaldson to prepare the proper documents for the Organization for their action.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System meeting of April 27, 1972.
- b. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of May 22, 1972.
- c. Monthly Report, Tacoma Employees' Retirement System of purchases and sales of investments, May, 1972.
- d. Department of Public Utilities filing copies of Economic Development Administration application for 16-inch Alexander Avenue West extension water main and 16-inch Marine View Drive trunk main.
- e. Department of Public Works filing a copy of an Update Cost Estimate Urban Arterial Project No. 8-1-128(24), South 56th Street - Orchard Street to South Tacoma Way.

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- f. Monthly Report, Director of Finance, April, 1972.
- g. First Action Year Reprogram Project June, 1972---Tacoma Model Cities Program.


Mrs. Egan moved that the items be filed by reference. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote carried.

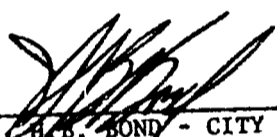
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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moss moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
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 GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST   
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 H.B. BOND - CITY CLERK