

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 17, 1970

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 7:00 P. M.

Present on roll call 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Egan.

Mayor Johnston read a Proclamation designating November 16th through November 20th as Community College Week stating in part that Tacoma Community College has contributed much to the community by providing higher education to many young Tacomans and thereby benefited the educational, civic and economic status of the State and City. Mayor Johnston presented the Proclamation to Mr. Charles Edmonds, member of the Board of Trustees of Tacoma Community College.

Mayor Johnston presented safe driving awards to 39 employees, who have driven City vehicles without any accidents over a total period equaling 380 years. These employees were from the Public Works, Police, Fire and Refuse Departments, some of whom have worked for the City for over 25 years.

Respective department heads assisted in the presentation of awards.

Mayor Johnston asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes submitted for October 27th.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of October 27th be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of both sides of Crystal Springs Road between So. 19th St. and 22nd St. West extended from an "SR-8.4" to an "R-1" District. (Planning Commission.)

Mr. Russ Buehler, Planning Director, explained this rezoning was to be a procedural process on a piece of property annexed by the City sometime ago. This property had been under the County zoning until hearings had been held by their Planning Commission to bring this under the City zoning. He said the residents have now requested the rezoning to an "R-1" District.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

b. This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the SW corner of So. 19th St. & Seaview Ave. from an "R-M" to an "R-4-L" District. (Planning Commission)

Mr. Buehler explained this rezoning request is on a similar basis, having been transferred from the County to the City and the residents are now requesting an "R-4-L" classification.

Mr. Schroeder moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. 20949

Recommending the transfer of property located in the Urban Renewal area at the S.E. corner of Center and "H" from H-K Wester, Inc., to Jeffrey H. Tankin.

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

Mr. Gary Sullivan, Director of Urban Renewal, explained there are three pieces of property yet to be closed under the program and permissible under HUD regulations. This resolution and the one following pertain to two of the parcels and construction is planned for the first of next year, with completion in the spring. The third parcel has a bidder and will come before the Planning Commission in the first quarter of 1971.

Mr. Maule asked if the City was completely protected in the event HUD disapproves the purchases.

Mr. Sullivan explained both resolutions involve assignments of property, wherein the title has been conveyed in one instance to H-K Western and the other to Saxon Enterprises. The City has been paid for the property and is on the tax rolls now. If HUD does not approve the property, the City already has the money, and in that event another party would have to be found to take over the assignments. Mr. Sullivan added that the Burroughs Office Equipment will occupy the building on one property at the present time and the property being purchased will be a repair operation.

Mr. Schroeder asked what financial requirements are made on purchases of urban renewal property once a buyer is determined.

Mr. Sullivan explained under the normal arrangement, the property is put out for bid, the bidders submit financial responsibility statements and a credit check is submitted. Approximately ninety days after the Council approves the purchase, the successful bidder is required to submit his final plans and specifications. At that time the money is paid to the City and title is conveyed to the buyer.

Mr. Sullivan said in the two cases in question, the transfers were made earlier because it was felt there were some financial problems and that the money should be in the bank drawing interest for the City. He added the property rights are assembled and HUD regulations require the City to obtain the developer's statement for public disclosure, which includes financial and miscellaneous business backgrounds. The information is then checked by HUD.

Mr. Schroeder further asked if buyers were allowed to make a profit by holding the property and then selling it at a later date.

Mr. Sullivan remarked there can be a transfer of property, but there is an absolute prohibition against holding the property for speculation. The sellers are required to sign statements that no profit has been made.

Mr. Corsi asked what type of business does the Saxon Company and the Miles Estate Company expect to enter into.

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Mr. Sullivan explained the Miles Estate Company plans to construct a warehouse for a paint company.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20950

Recommending the transfer of property located in the Urban Renewal area at the N. E. corner of Center and "M" from Saxon Enterprise, Inc. to the Miles Estate Company.

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

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

Nays 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20951

Dedicating property at the intersection of Center & "M" Streets to the City of Tacoma for street purposes.

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

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, explained this is a section of property that has been acquired by Urban Renewal to provide a better access from Center to "M" Streets.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20952

Authorizing the sale of approximately .69 acres of property for roadway purposes to King County for the sum of \$2,010.00.

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

Mr. Al Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, said this property in the Federal Way area had been acquired in 1967 for a future reservoir site. This small piece of property will be used for a better access to the reservoir.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20953

Authorizing the release of an easement at No. 12th between No. Stevens and Mason Streets to Tacoma School District No. 10.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mr. Benedetti explained this resolution would release some property the City had retained for a water main through this area. The School District has agreed to pay for the relocation of a main which will satisfactorily take care of the water supply in the area.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20954

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell certain property in the vicinity of So. 38th and East "M" Street to the Tacoma School District No. 10 for the sum of \$1,225.00.

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

Mr. Schuster explained this property is in a gulch area which the City had obtained in 1946 for sewer and storm drains for \$540.00. Although the property is sold to the School District, easements would be retained by the City. He added if the school wishes to use the area for a future playground, it has agreed to re-route the sewer and drains.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20955

Appointing Mrs. E. T. Bowman as a trustee on the Library Board for the remainder of an unexpired term ending August 3, 1973 and rescinding Resolution No. 20519.

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

Mayor Johnston remarked that Mrs. Bowman has been an active member of the Library Board and is the president-elect of the Northwest Library Association for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia, in addition to other associations. He added he thought it would be appropriate that she be nominated to the Board so that her appointment would bring distinction to Tacoma.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20956

Awarding contract to Morris Construction Company on its basic bid of \$5,276.56 and supplemental bid of \$1,789.00 for L. I. D. 3705.

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20957

Awarding contract to Williams Patent Crusher & Pulverizing Company on its bid of \$178,500.00 for W. O. 95005 for construction of a refuse reduction unit at the Tacoma Sanitary Land Fill.

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

Mr. Schuster explained that the crusher unit in question would be the last stage in a demonstration grant from the Federal government to be used mainly on materials from the demolition of buildings and other heavy materials. The material could then be used for land fills. He said the Public Works staff had made studies on the amounts and densities of debris which could be put into a certain size fill. The original agreement between the Federal government and the City was in 1967. Pursuant to the prohibition on burning materials in the City, it is hoped a crusher machine will aid in disposing of all debris in a satisfactory manner.

Mrs. Egan asked about the maintenance costs on such a machine.

Mr. Schuster remarked that the bidder had estimated \$8,000 for a six-month period and pointed out that the demonstration grant is for a six-month period after the City begins operation. After that time if the system is not satisfactory, the City can decide what else should be done with the equipment as it is basic to various other methods of garbage disposal.

Mr. Finnigan asked if this meant there is a six-month guarantee. He noted there was quite a variation in the kind of equipment and method of operation as shown in the bids.

Mr. Schuster said each bid had to meet certain specifications according to minimum standards set by the Public Works Dept., and the machine would have to accept certain sized materials, be powered by electric motors and be built

according to contractor design. The department had delayed the project to investigate the new designs and the Federal inspectors have checked and approved the proposed equipment, he added.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the two-thirds grant from the federal government would still apply in the event additional corrections are needed and until the peak of success was reached.

Mr. Schuster said he could not guarantee that, as the government would have other projects by next spring. If the City performs this demonstration a report will be written and submitted to other agencies interested in a like operation. Other parts of the country have indicated their interest in the work Tacoma does on this project.

Mr. Finnigan asked if there had been any other successful installations by the companies that had bid.

Mr. Schuster advised there have been other installations and that Mr. Bronow of the department had inspected some of them.

Dr. Herrmann asked what range of materials could be crushed with the equipment and how the end product was to be transported for fill.

Mr. Schuster explained the crusher is made to accept any material 4'x6' such as household appliances, old bed springs, upholstered furniture, car seats, asphalt roofing, truck tires, lumber, tree trunks up to 12' in diameter and anything except reinforced concrete. The finished material would then be dumped into trucks from a belt and carried to the fill areas where it is hoped the City can use it for covering material at the disposal sites.

Mr. Moss asked what the City's responsibility after the six-month period and what options for use were possible at a maintenance cost of \$16,000 per year.

Mr. Schuster said it would be up to the City to decide on any future use, but the equipment could either be continued in use or close the operation. The scalehouse which is already built could still be used, but the City would not be required to keep the crusher in operation beyond the trial period. The Public Works staff feel the crusher could do a good job and be something the City would want to keep in operation as it could be used to crush garbage as well as demolition and heavy materials.

Mr. Maule asked if the City would be out \$60,000, the one-third share of the cost in the event the machine did not work shortly after it was put into use. He asked what would happen to the employees already working at the disposal area also if additional help would be hired.

Mr. Schuster said there is a contractor's guarantee and if the City does not accept the equipment, the contractor will not be paid.

He further explained a few additional employees would probably have to be hired, but during the demonstration period two-thirds of their salaries would be paid by the Federal grant.

Mr. Corsi asked if any substantial expenditure was anticipated beyond the \$60,000 and if the crusher would be used primarily at the disposal area.

Mr. Schuster said no substantial expense is anticipated beyond the \$60,000. The crusher will have to be attached to a concrete foundation to allow a truck to pass under it. It is not portable, but could be moved to any site if desired.

Several citizens spoke against the purchase of the equipment, indicating it would be an added burden to the taxpayers in view of the anticipated raise in sewer rates.

Mr. Moss said due to the lack of any supporting evidence, there is no basis for comparison with other like equipment and he would favor continuing the matter until some future date.

Mr. Corsi said the expression of the citizens was highly commendable and he favors further study.

Mayor Johnston asked how long the bids would be honored.

Mr. Schuster replied the bidders indicated they would hold firm for another week. He said the matter had been postponed in order to receive approval from the government and that the bid had been extended several times already.

Mayor Johnston asked what additional information could be obtained in one more week for the Council's consideration.

Mr. Schuster said he could get additional photographs of the equipment.

Mr. Jarstad asked if information could be obtained from the bidder and from firms who had purchased such equipment.

Mr. Schuster advised the present owners of such equipment are not using it for the same type of materials being considered and that is why Tacoma is being approved to carry on the demonstration to see how successful it can be.

Dr. Herrmann said the project had been originally approved in 1967 by the previous Council and the money budgeted, the scalehouse built, and that the present plans were part of the same project. He said he could not see that a week's postponement would be of benefit.

Dr. Herrmann said he feels the Council has adequate safeguards to go ahead with the project.

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

Ayes 5: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 4: Jarstad, Maule, Moss and Schroeder.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20958

Amending Section 6.07.030 of the Official Code relative to rules and regulations governing ambulance service.

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

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, advised that the Council has reviewed this resolution several times and was rejected on October 20, 1970, as the ambulance companies had not as yet established the prevailing rate for services other than police calls. He said at least two of the concerns have now fixed the rates at \$34.00 per call. The present resolution concurs in the prevailing rate as a maximum rate insofar as police calls are concerned.

Mr. Corsi asked if it were true that the City had only one letter from a company stating they had raised its rates and asked if it were a fact the second company had raised its rates.

Mr. Hamilton advised he had a letter stating the Oliver Ambulance Service had raised their rates to correspond with those in Seattle, \$34.00 as of November 1st, 1970, and that he is basing his information on that letter written by Mr. Tollefson.

Mr. Clarence Clarke, manager of Yellow Cab and Ambulance Company, verified that the major companies in Tacoma have raised their rates to \$34.00 as of November 1st. He said he spoke for Yellow Ambulance and Lakewood Ambulance.

Mr. Eddie Karnes, 1120 No. "E" St., said he hoped the Council would vote down the resolution. He said the cab companies had raised their rates recently and there has been a lot of talk about the senior citizens who would need the service on an emergency basis. He thought a 25% increase in the rates at this time would be out of line. He reported that the Medicare program pays 80% of the ambulance service, but a large number of people cannot pay for the ambulance service despite this arrangement. He said he is interested primarily in the senior citizens and hopes the Council will vote down the increase in rates.

Mr. William Buell, a private citizen, said he regretted that the Council had withdrawn from the issue previously. He suggested the program be placed in the hands of one department such as the fire department, where there would be no place in the City further than 1-1/4 minutes away from any given point. This would provide more adequate service for emergency calls. He said not all senior citizens are entitled to Medicare.

Mr. Corsi said he would like to point out that the Council had not withdrawn from the resolution perviously, but it was defeated when the vote was 4 to 4.

Mr. Jarstad asked what would happen to the union companies if the charge was held to \$28 on police calls.

Mr. Clarke advised the union contract is based on these rates and the Yellow Cab Company has now raised its rates and they get the top thirty percent of every ambulance call. He added the Yellow Cab Company employees are on a union contract and receive all the benefits to which they are entitled.

Mr. Jarstad asked if the Yellow Cab Company would answer police calls if they were made to that company.

Mr. Clarke said they would answer and do answer all calls received.

Mr. Moss said he had been advised that equal consideration is not being given to all ambulance companies in regard to the number of calls assigned. He said he understands they are to be assigned according to the number of ambulances the company has, but this has not held true, at the time the owner of L Ray's Ambulance Service had procured his second rig.

Mr. Clarke said this type of action had been settled by the former City Manager.

Mr. Moss pointed out that fairness means being fair to all companies.

Mr. Clarke said his company will compete with any company that pay the equal wages.

Mr. Moss asked if the larger companies were trying to squeeze out a smaller company that is trying to compete openly and with union help.

Mr. Clarke pointed out there are only so many dollars in any business and the more companies the wider the distribution.

Mr. Moss said he is in favor of union scale rates and the best equipment available, but that he thinks the competition has not been fair.

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

Ayes 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 2: Egan and Jarstad.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20959

Fixing Tuesday, December 1, 1970 at 7 P.M. as the date for hearing for the rezone of the S.W. corner of So. 80th & Pacific Ave. from an "R-4-L" to a "C-1" District. (United Mutual Savings Bank)

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20960

Fixing Monday, December 14th at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing L. I. D. 4958 for paving Puget Sound Ave. from 6th Ave. to the alley between No. 8th & 9th and Mullen from No. 38th to No. 42nd Street.

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20961

Fixing Monday, December 14th at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for L.I.D. 6933 intersection lights on No. 24th & No. 25th from Proctor to Stevens and other nearby streets.

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

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Mr. Jarstad moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 20962. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Resolution No. 20962

Authorizing a temporary loan of \$60,000.00 from the Guaranty Fund to the General Fund for the Ruston Way Open Space Acquisition Revolving Fund.

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

Mr. Clar Gaisford, Finance Director, explained that the funds for this purchase are available.

Mr. Hamilton advised that the procedure being followed is technically legal.

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, 1105 No. "L" St., said she was disturbed regarding the increase use by the City of the rights of eminent domain in acquiring property. She thought the right to own land is one of the oldest desires of mankind and that with ownership of property goes certain responsibility by the owner to consider the sensibilities of the community, and certain restrictions should be followed by owners. She commented that any governing body has the right to use eminent domain as it sees fit in order to provide open space or to condemn any property desired. After having acquired the land, this body could hold the property any length of time desired or resell at a higher price. However, she felt the community is overriding its authority and ignoring the rights of individuals to own property.

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She added she had read an article by Bob Roberts, radio commentator, which pertains to the present situation and hoped the Mayor would obtain and distribute copies to the Council members.

Mr. Finnigan asked if there was a law preventing the City from selling waterfront property.

Mr. Hamilton advised there is an existing provision in the City Charter preventing the sale or disposing of any waterfront property.

Mr. Maule commented that this resolution pertains only to the purchase of property from the Dillingham Corporation and not exercising the right of eminent domain.

Mayor Johnston commented it would be appropriate for Mr. Mork of the City Manager's office to review the background of the situation and show why the present action is necessary by the deadline date of November 22nd.

Mr. Mork explained this project was initiated in 1966 and approved by the State and Federal government in 1968 to assist the City in acquiring properties along Ruston Way. The Federal government pays 50% of the cost and the State through the Committee for Outdoor Recreation pays 25%. Since 1968 the City has engaged in these acquisitions and are now practically completed. The parcel in question was offered to the City and an optional agreement was entered into approximately 60 days ago. The expiration date of this agreement is November 22nd; therefore, the action of the Council is required at this time.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19238 (Continued from the meeting of November 10th)

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new Section 13.06.160-15 to include property between Wilkeson and Alaska Sts. 325 feet north of Center Street from an "R-2" to an "M-1" District. (Atlas Foundry & Machine Company)

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, explained that after the problems were corrected by the Planning Commission, the necessary documents have now been executed to deed sufficient property in this location to the City for an alley and other land use restrictions have been included. He said an easement for construction purposes will be retained by the City on Wilkeson St. and that all other conditional requirements are now in order. Notices have been sent to the objecting residents notifying them of the changes made in the plans laid out by the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Egan asked what effect there would be on the taxes for the residents, if the area were zoned to commercial.

Mr. Buehler advised that the County Assessor's office takes into consideration the land use and zoning, therefore, the adjacent residents' property will remain status quo. The only property being rezoned is that belonging to Atlas Foundry.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19239

Vacating the alley between Alaska & Wilkeson Sts. from 500 feet north of Center Street to approximately 621 feet north of Center Street. (Atlas Foundry & Machine Co.)

Mr. Buehler explained this is a companion ordinance to No. 19238 regarding the petition of Atlas Foundry.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19240

Amending Sec. 1.12.414 of the Official Code and amending subsection 0770 of the Pay & Compensation Plan to provide for an Assistant Police Chief.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19242

Authorizing the condemnation of property on Ruston Way for the establishment of open space and beautification.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19243

Appropriating the sum of \$28,000.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund to the Airport Fund for the operation of the Airport for the balance of the year 1970.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19244

Providing for the improvement of LID 2416 for sidewalks on the west side of Washington from So. 15th to So. 17th and both sides of Yakima Ave. from So. 78th to So. 80th St.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19245

Providing for the improvement of LID 3700 for sanitary sewers in 52nd St. N. E. from Brown's Pt. Blvd. to Enetai Ave. N. E. and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19246

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 3701 for sanitary sewers on Hosmer and So. 90th Street.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19247

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 4889 for paving on No. Hale from Vassault to Five Views Road.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19248

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 5476 for water mains and fire hydrants in Adams from So. 64th to So. 66th St.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19249

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 6895 for street lights along 65th Ave. N. E. from 19th St. N. E. to 25th St. N. E. and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19250

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 6904 for street lights along Monroe from 6th Ave. to So. 12th and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Communication from the City Clerk advising that the L. I. D. Committee has recommended to the Council that LID 5502 for water mains and fire hydrants in "A" Street from East 40th to 46th St., and in East 45th St. from "A" to East "B" Sts. be abandoned due to the 56.37% protest which was filed against the improvement district.

Mr. Finnigan advised the Council that the percentage of protest had actually been higher, but there had been a misunderstanding by the residents. He said there would probably be a division in that area for another L.I.D. later on as there is a need for water mains.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the L.I.D. Committee. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. McCormick reported there is a number of matters to be considered by the Council and will be taken up at a study session as soon as the agenda permits.

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Mr. McCormick advised the Council that at the request of Councilman Moss, he would check into the matter of ambulance service by determining with the Chief of Police the number of calls being assigned and what proportion is being answered by each ambulance company.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Jarstad reported he had attended a meeting at the East Side Multi-Service Center recently and heard some adverse comment regarding a youth retreat which was held at Camp Seymour in Pierce County. He said no doubt there will be a thorough investigation and the Council members will be able to question those who are responsible. He said he had turned material over to the proper authorities and they are proceeding on the matter. There has been serious charges made by some young people attending the school and it seemed to him there had been pressure exerted to recruit them into resistance groups. He said he thought the Council members should all look into the matter in the next few weeks.

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Dr. H. J. Wahler, Director of the Recover Program under the State Dept. of Social & Health Services, said he would like to inform the Council of the rehabilitation program for socially disadvantaged citizens in the City. He added the subject of mental illness is the largest problem today. Prior to 1950, the usual method of caring for the mentally ill was to place the individuals in mental hospitals, before tranquilizing drugs became popular. Patients were then left there for long periods of time or permanently. In these cases, the patients could only adjust to hospital conditions and were not easily rehabilitated. However, in 1953 the concepts changed and community centers were developed to try to get patients out of mental hospitals and back into the community, where it was hoped they could return to their families and jobs. With the help of drugs, this has been partially accomplished and patients can now be released after three weeks or more; whereas they used to be hospitalized for at least six months.

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The problem is, however, that often times patients go into rooming houses or flop houses where they encounter isolation, boredom and worry and are often returned to the mental hospital. The pattern becomes one of a revolving door. He asserted that no one seems to be trying to help the mental patient after release from the hospital or institution. Help is needed so that the former patient may be returned to a meaningful life.

He said a research study has been made on patients who have been discharged for over a year into the care of Pierce County and the study has shown that a large percent of these patients are now on public assistance and not employed regularly or have a small income. Most of them have no constructive outside activities, do not pursue any further education and have no membership in any church or social organizations.

Mr. Paul Gergen, coordinator for the program pointed out that there is an acute problem in Tacoma due to the Western State Hospital being located here and all hospital patients are discharged through the Pierce County unit of the hospital. While in the hospital, however, these people are now exposed to areas of enjoyable occupational training.

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Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, 1105 No. "L" St., representing the Citizens for Election Committee, presented petitions bearing approximately 2,000 signatures requesting the Mayor and the City Council to call for an open and free election for all Council positions vacated by the recent recall vote in September, 1970, and that such election be held prior to January 15, 1971. She explained this is a constitutional right granted to the people by the United States Constitution.

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Mayor Johnston referred the matter to the legal department.

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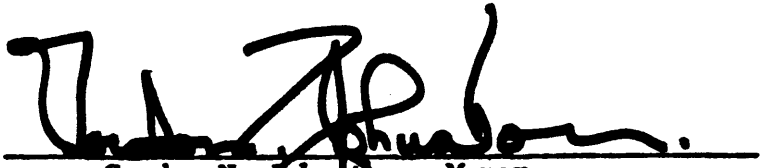
Mr. John Frai, 1423 So. 43rd., asked the City Manager if the City could use 25 more policemen. He said Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, had indicated the millage for policemen was a little less this year, but Mr. Frai said he thought they should add more policemen to the force.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Public Utility Board Meeting, October 28, 1970.
- b. Minutes of Executive Board Meeting of Tacoma Model Cities, October 22, 1970.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma Board of Adjustment Meeting of October 8, 1970.
- d. Minutes of City Planning Commission Meeting of November 2, 1970.
- e. Personnel and Administrative Claim 606-71-4(41)--Tacoma Civil Defense.
- f. Belt Line, Light and Water Division, Monthly Financial Report, September 30, 1970.
- g. Personnel Report for September, 1970.
- h. Citizens' Information & Service Bureau Report for October, 1970.

Placed on file.

Mr. Moss moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 P. M.



 Gordon N. Johnston - Mayor

Attest: 

 Josephine Melton - City Clerk