

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
February 19, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Nalley. Mr. Nalley arrived at 5:08 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Hudson.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 1974.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22654

Fixing Monday, March 11, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5538 for water mains and fire hydrants in East 63rd Street from East "F" to East "B" and other nearby streets.

Resolution No. 22655

Fixing Tuesday, March 12, 1974 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for hearing Zoning Ordinance Text Changes.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for the following:

L.I.D. 6924 - modern street lights on existing wood poles at street intersections along East 52nd Street from McKinley to Portland Avenue; East 54th Street from McKinley to Portland Avenue; South 55th Street from Alaska Street west to Dead End and other nearby streets.

L.I.D. 6931 - modern street lights on existing wood poles at intersections along 58th Avenue NE from 25th Street NE South 600 feet.

L.I.D. 6938 - Modern street lights on existing wood poles at street intersections along Thompson Avenue from South 80th to 84th Street; South 30th Street from Union Avenue to Center Street; South 31st Street from Union Avenue to Warner Street and other nearby streets.

Fixing Monday, March 25, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of January 23, 1974.
- b. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of February 4, 1974.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma Model Cities Program Land Use Review Board meeting of February 4, 1974.
- d. Urban Renewal Dept. filing HUD Form 6000 Physical Progress Report New Tacoma Wash R-14 for period ending December 31, 1973.

Mr. Hudson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 22654 and 22655, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The items were declared approved.

Mayor Johnston welcomed to the Council meeting a night school class from Lincoln High School.

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Planning Commission approving the withdrawal of H. G. Turner's request for rezoning the north side of South 37th Street between Pacific Avenue and Crandall Lane from an "R-3" to an "R-4-LT" District and refund of the \$175.00 filing fee.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20055

Authorizing the transfer of \$8,500 from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund and appropriating \$8,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of paying said sum to the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (METRO) for certain transit service agreed upon in Resolution No. 22587 and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20056 Vacating the alley from North 19th to North 21st between Orchard and Huson Streets. (John H. Callison, et al)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20057 Vacating North 16th from Lawrence to Alder Streets. (University of Puget Sound)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20058 Vacating North 14th from Lawrence to Alder Streets. (University of Puget Sound)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22648 (Continued from the meeting of February 13, 1974)  
Authorizing execution of an agreement with Transit Union Division Local #758 for year 1974.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made at the February 13, 1974 meeting.

Mr. Donaldson advised that Appendix B has been corrected as a result of an agreement reached by the City and the Union and asked that Council adopt the corrections.

Mr. Sonntag moved to adopt the corrected Appendix B to the agreement. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, including the amended agreement, and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Hugh Judd, Labor Relations Director, introduced Don Hanson, Business Representative of Transit Union Local 758 and Cederick Doty, President of the Union.

**Resolution No. 22652**      Second Reading.  
Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make application to the Puget Sound Governmental Conference for Urban Mass Transit Administration funds for Phase II of the "Transit Service Improvement Program."

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 22656**      Authorizing the City of Tacoma to reimburse the Towns of Fircrest and Fife for eligible costs incurred in preparation of infiltration/inflow studies of their respective sewer systems.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 22657**      Authorizing the removal of blackberry vines and debris from the property known as approximately 2237 East Sherman and 1619 East Fairbanks and costs to be charged to the respective property owners.

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

Mr. George Unger, Health Department, advised that arrangements have been made by the owner of the property at 1619 East Fairbanks to clear the blackberry vines and asked that this property be deleted from the Resolution.

Dr. Herrmann moved to delete 1619 East Fairbanks from the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken on the amended Resolution and carried. The Resolution as amended was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 22658**      Awarding contract to Brim Tractor Company on its bid of \$9,091.95 for furnishing one tractor for the Maintenance Division.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 22659**      Awarding contract to Brim Tractor Company on its bid of \$6,598.20 for furnishing one tractor mounted mower.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 22660**      Authorizing the proper officers of the City to negotiate a contract with Robert Billsbrough Price & Associates for consulting and design coordinating services relative to a civic and convention center.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mrs. Egan moved to amend the resolution by adding 5 lines in order to prevent the automatic granting of the final architectural work without competitive bidding. Seconded by Mr. Warnick.

After considerable discussion on what constitutes competitive type solicitation and competitive bidding, Mayor Johnston moved to strike the words "thru a competitive type solicitation" from Mrs. Egan's amendment. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Hudson recommended that staff review the procedures concerning architects in conjunction with City funded projects and formalize the process by which the City retains contracts with architects.

Voice vote was taken on the amendments and resolution and carried. The resolution as amended was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22661 Reappointing William E. Henderson to the Housing Authority Commission for a 5-year term expiring August 16, 1978.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules in order to hear Mr. Wes Stock at this time rather than after the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Wes Stock reviewed for Council his sewage problems and those of his neighborhood in Northeast Tacoma. He called Council's attention to the health hazard and asked that the Public Works Department be instructed to process and proceed with the petition for an L.I.D. which had been submitted some time ago.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS: Rules and regulations governing the operation of ambulances, attendants and paramedics.

Russ Nance, Deputy Fire Chief, explained the present and proposed new ambulance rules and rates.

Jack Cvitanovic, Program Coordinator of the Emergency Medical Services, answered questions of Council members and explained that the specifications written in the rules had been taken from State and National Agencies.

Chief Nance advised that the present basic fee for ambulances is \$34 and the new rules would increase it to \$40.

Marjory Kordell, 6026 South Lawrence, asked questions regarding rates for two patients in the same ambulance.

Clarence Clark, representing Yellow Cab Ambulance Company, spoke in favor of the proposed rules.

Bruce Yeats, Associated Administrator of Tacoma General Hospital, felt that Section VII of the rules does not allow for coronary care costs and asked that this section be reviewed prior to adoption.

H. M. Tollefson, representing Oliver Taxi & Ambulance Service, spoke in favor of the rules.

Don Reynolds, Tacoma Community College student also spoke.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the new rules and regulations submitted under request number 14259 be adopted as the official rules and regulations of the City of Tacoma for ambulances and ambulance personnel, including, as page one, the letter dated February 13, 1974 and adding Page 12, Section VIII, and adding to the end of that section "this action may be taken thirty days after notifying said operator of a specific deficiency in writing." Also, on Page 11, Section VII, under ambulance rates on line 2, after the word "maximum" add the words "transportation charge." Also, strike the word "hospital" in the title of section one, where it reads "Hospital ambulance paramedics." Seconded by Mr. Hudson.

Mr. Clark of the Yellow Cab Ambulance Company, suggested that the words "maximum response fee" be used rather than the words "transportation charge." He explained the reason for his suggestion.

After further discussion Mr. Hudson moved to continue the hearing on the rules and regulations for one week. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The hearing was continued to Tuesday, February 26, 1974.

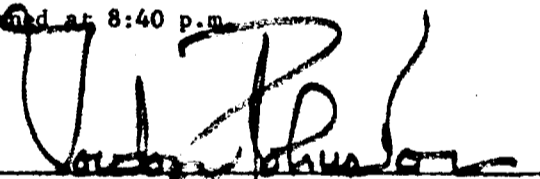
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PRESENTATION: Planning Department Program Activities.

A video tape and oral presentation of the various functions and program activities of the Planning Department was made by staff members of the department.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
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GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK