

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, August 20, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4:00 P. M.

Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Bott.

Mayor Rasmussen read a letter addressed to Mr. Arne Strom of the Tacoma Boat Building Co., expressing the Council's concern regarding the disastrous fire that engulfed their plant on August 17th, 1968.

Mr. Johnson moved that the letter be sent to the Tacoma Boat Building Co. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes of the meeting of August 6th, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of a Suggestion Award to Mr. James C. Richburg.

Mayor Rasmussen presented Mr. Richburg with a \$25.00 award for his suggestion for using a written check-off list in the training of new Police motorcycle riders.

Mayor Rasmussen, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and members of the City Council congratulated Mr. Richburg on his award.

HEARING & APPEALS:

a. The City Planning Commission at its meeting of July 1st, 1968 denied the petition of Bill Mar Homes for the vacation of So. 18th St. between Winnifred and Shirley Streets.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained the Planning Commission felt it undesirable to vacate any right-of-way in this particular area until the pattern of the area is established regarding the future needs of the freeway. In all probability So. 18th St. would be utilized for a circulation or access street, he added.

Mr. Bott moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the vacation. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing on the Six Year Capital Improvement Program for Streets and Bridges for 1969 through 1974.

Mr. Robert Anderson, City Engineer, explained that Section 27, Chapter 83, Laws of 1967, Extraordinary Session required that each City and County prepare a Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for arterial street development, which is called a Comprehensive Program. The program for the cities consists of Urban

Arterial development and the 1/2¢ gas tax. The program should be submitted to the State Highway Dept. and the Urban Arterial Board on or before Aug. 30th, 1968, he added.

Mr. Anderson further explained the proposals include urban arterial improvements costing an estimated \$48.7 million of which the State would bear 90 percent. This assistance would be received under the urban arterial aid program enacted by the 1967 Legislature and made possible by an increase in the gasoline tax. Also included in the Six year proposals are various street improvements expected to cost \$14.8 million. Of this amount \$4.3 million would come from the City's share of the 1/2 cent gas tax receipts and \$7.2 million from the local improvement district assessments.

Mr. Finnigan felt that the Public Works Dept. and the State Highway Dept. have not kept pace with the growth of industry in the Tideflats area. He added, nothing of any consequence has been done in the area in the past six years. The Six-year program proposes a D Street overpass and an East 11th St. & Milwaukee Way Interchange for 1973-74.

Mr. Anderson said the overpass was scheduled late in the program because the projected Tideflats freeway from Downtown Tacoma might eliminate its necessity. Mr. Anderson contended that various industries have expanded their work forces without providing off-street parking and that the situation makes it difficult to widen streets. He added that industrial area projects would not rate high on the urban arterial priority list, however, he said it was entirely possible to invest all the City's half-cent gas money in the area.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mr. Johnson moved to accept the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Streets and Bridges for 1969 through 1974. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich, (temporarily).

PETITIONS:

a. Tribune Publishing Company requesting rezoning of So. 19th to So. 23rd St. between State and the Allenmore Golf Course from an "R-2" to an "M-1" District.

b. Allenmore Medical Center Inc. requesting rezoning of the south side of So. 19th between Union and Cedar St. from an "R-2-TM" to an "R-5-TM" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19808 (postponed from the meeting of August 6, 1968)

Expressing the opinion of the City Council, that the lowering of the requirements for an examination for Police Patrolman from that of a high school diploma to that of a Certificate (GED) Test is detrimental to the morale of the members of the Tacoma Police Department and not in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Zatkovich reiterated his position relative to a GED test. He explained if the standards are lowered for the requirements in an examination for Police Patromen, so that a Certificate (GED) test will be accepted, the morale of the members of the Tacoma Police Department will be lowered, which is not in the best

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Interest of the citizens of the City of Tacoma. He urged the City Council to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Johnson explained, there is another resolution on the agenda which would require a year of college in the minimum standards for entry positions on the Tacoma Police & Fire Departments. He felt this resolution would be unnecessary.

Mr. Johnson then moved that Resolution No. 19808 be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Dr. Herrmann felt the resolution in opposition to a (GED) test was an attempt to block members of a minority race from applying to become police or firemen. He felt the Civil Service Board had heard arguments on this problem and had decided to uphold use of the (GED) in qualifying applicants for the latest examination.

Mr. Zatkovich and Mr. Bott felt the racial issue should not be considered. The issue is, "upgrading of the department."

Mr. Murtland felt both of the resolutions, although advisory only, interfere with functions of city management and an independent, elected Civil Service Board.

Mr. Zatkovich said he felt that the Council has a right to make recommendations to the Civil Service Board.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, read excerpts from a communication received from the Civil Service Board, stating that their recommendation was to use the (GED) test in the qualifications for a Police Patrolmen's examination which closed on July 8th, 1968, and their opinion will be held up until further study is given to this matter before any ensuing examination.

Roll call was taken on the motion that the resolution be removed from the agenda. Ayes 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Nays 5: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion Lost.

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

Ayes 5: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19836

Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Amalgamated Transit Union In Re. of Federal Grant for the Purchase of ten new buses.

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

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the Department of Labor, as a matter of policy has accepted the agreement entered into between the Union and the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Bill Hull, representative of the Motor Coach Employees, explained they did not anticipate any labor troubles, however, this agreement has to be consummated to be able to obtain a federal grant of \$200,000 to be used toward the purchase of ten new buses for the Transit System.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19837

Authorizing the sale of two tracts of timber in the Cushman area to Nelson Lumber Co. and the Simpson Timber Co.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19838

Authorizing the sale of three tracts of timber to Wm. T. Jones, Art W. Lyda and Cascade Pole Co. in the area of Alder and LaGrande, Washington.

Mr. Johnson moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19839

Authorizing the execution of a conditional real estate contract to Sidney & Vera J. Harr for vacant property located on No. 46th between Winnifred and Shirley Streets for the sum of \$230.00.

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

Mrs. Banfield asked that more information be obtained relative to this property sale before a vote is taken.

Mr. Bott moved that Resolution No. 19839 be postponed until Tuesday, August 27th, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until Aug. 27th, 1968.

Resolution No. 19840

Authorizing modification of off-street loading requirements in the Urban Renewal Plan for the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-14.

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

Mr. James Wright, Director of Urban Renewal, explained that Ordinance 18441 was passed by the City Council amending the zoning ordinance of the City requiring that in all cases where there were commercial or industrial uses in any zone within the City, loading requirements were comparable with the loading requirements in the New Tacoma Urban Renewal project, except in the "B" business district zone. The Urban Renewal staff, the Planning staff and the Public Works Dept. staff have had many discussions regarding a modification of the urban renewal plan regulation for off-street loading requirements, and it was recommended that off-street loading would not be required in those areas which are not served by courts or alleys.

Mr. Cvitanich felt this resolution should be referred back to the Planning Commission for re-evaluation, since the Planning Commission has had the opportunity to visit another community on July 1st, 1968 that has made great strides relative to downtown parking.

Mrs. Banfield moved that Resolution No. 19840 be referred to the Planning Commission for re-evaluation. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was referred to the Planning Commission for re-evaluation.

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Resolution No. 19841

Authorizing the sale of surplus vehicles to various bidders.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19842

Awarding contract to Murphy Lumber & Salvage Sales for demolition of the building at 1501 Market St. on its bid of \$8,938.21.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19843

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons for W. O. No. 91127 on its bid of \$3,248.91.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19844

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Company for L I D 4821 on its bid of \$158,057.45.

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

Mr. Finnigan moved that a substitute Resolution No. 19844 be accepted, rejecting the bid of Lige Dickson Co. for L I D 4821, instead of awarding the contract. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that Lige Dickson Co. was the only bidder and the bid exceeded the Engineer's estimate by over 10%. He felt this should be re-advertised at a later date.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19845

Setting forth the opinion of the Council that the minimum standards for entry positions on the Tacoma Police and Fire Departments should require completion of at least one year of college, and urging the Civil Service Board to make this requirement mandatory.

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Mr. Zatkovich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Cvitanich explained this resolution is merely an advisory matter to the Civil Service Board. He felt the Council should definitely desire to upgrade the Police and Fire Departments.

Dr. Herrmann agreed that in all fields of endeavor education is becoming extremely important because of the competition. He added, a person could have taken courses during the one year of college that were absolutely unrelated to police science.

Mr. Murtland and Mr. Finnigan felt the Council should not attempt to give attention to the Civil Service Board, an independent body.

Mr. Zatkovich read excerpts from the City Charter relative to the Civil Service Board and Personnel Rules. He felt there was nothing wrong for the Council to advise the Civil Service Board.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the personnel rules must first be promulgated by the Civil Service Board and then be filed with the City Clerk. The City Council may then amend the proposed rules, but the City Council cannot originate rules and amendments on its own initiative or motion.

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

Ayes 6: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 3: Finnigan, Herrmann and Murtland.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18647

Amending Section 8.12.025 of Title 8 of the official code relative to Loitering and Prowling.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18641

Approving the Annexation of the area in the S. W. corner of Ea. 72nd & Portland Avenue (K-Mart-petition of Tacoma-Shamrock, Inc. & E. D. McCarthy)

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18642

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-86 to include property on the S. E. corner of No. 7th & Orchard Sts. in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Alfred R. Orlando)

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 1: Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18643

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-85 to include property on the east side of Pearl St. from No. 15th to 18th Sts. in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Palmer C. Peterson)

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18644

Amending Section 11.34.130 of the official code relative to Arterial Streets Designated.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18645

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5467 for water mains in the area bounded by So. 40th; Alder St.; So. 48th and Junett Street.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18646

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3662 for sanitary sewers in East D St. from East 15th to East 19th Street.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

MC-554--Fire Equipment.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, remarked that last week some members of the City Council had asked for more information covering the status of the City's fire equipment and what additional equipment could be purchased if millage were increased.

James Reiser, Fire Chief, explained that the Fire Dept. is in need of eight pumpers and four aerial trucks as well as replacing and relocating the Fireboat facility. The American Insurance Association has recommended that the City have two fire boats available for action, he added.

Mr. Cvitanich felt a proposition should be placed on the ballot for a vote of the people.

After some discussion Mr. Cvitanich moved that a resolution be drafted for next week's Council meeting to place a \$900,000 proposition on the Nov. 5th, 1968 ballot to purchase (8) pumpers and (4) aerial trucks as well as replacing and relocating the fireboat facility. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Dr. Herrmann asked that he be excused for the next two Council meetings.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Dr. Herrmann be excused for the next two Council meetings, Aug. 27th and Sept. 3rd, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the former Street and Bridges Committee be reactivated. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he has in mind to appoint a committee of Council members to review that list, as a number of committee members live outside the City limits. He stated he would withhold the motion until the committee has reviewed the matter.

Mr. Johnson then moved that the Council have a Study Session at Noon, Monday, August 26th, 1968 on this matter. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mrs. Banfield, Mr. Bott and Mr. Cvitanich to work as a committee relative to the Bond issue.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- a. Leon M. Jacobs requesting to speak before the City Council.
- b. Virginia Shackelford, Pres. Hilltop Citizens Ass'n. requesting to speak before the City Council.
- c. Frances Mitchell requesting to speak before the City Council.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the persons who have asked to speak before the Council would appear before the Council next week as he has just been informed that Russia and her allies have invaded Czechoslovakia. and thought everyone would like to get home as soon as possible to hear further reports.

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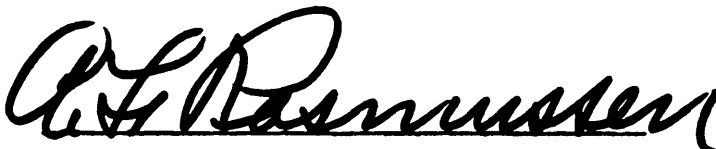
They agreed to the Mayor's suggestion.

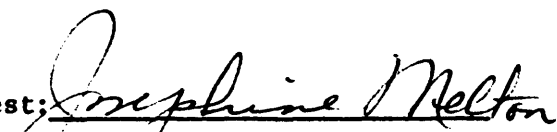
ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Light Division for the month of June 1968.
- b. Report from the Municipal Court during the months of July 1967 & 1968.
- c. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for July 1968.
- d. Report from the Personnel Dept. for June 1968.

Placed on filed.

Mr. Bott moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Aye vote taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.


 MAYOR

Attest: 
 City Clerk