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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
December 26, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present on roll call: 6-Egan, Jarstad, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 3 - Herrmann, Maule, Moss.

Herrmann and Moss arrived at 7:08 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Schroeder.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 19, 1972.

PETITIONS: Tacoma Outdoor Recreation, Inc. requesting the rezone of the east side of Puget Sound Avenue, 135' north of South 74th from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District.

For referral to the Planning Commission.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Citizens Arterial Committee meeting of November 20, 1972.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of November 21, 1972.
- c. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of December 4, 1972.
- d. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of December 11, 1972.
- e. Monthly report, Personnel Department, October, 1972.
- f. Monthly report, Traffic Division, Police Department, November, 1972.
- g. Department of Public Works filing Aging Schedule for various Urban Arterial Projects.
- h. Department of Public Works filing Update Cost Estimate for UAB 8-1-128(21).
- i. Monthly report, Tacoma-Pierce County Humany Society, November, 1972.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION: a. Suggestion Awards.

Mayor Johnston presented two awards for suggestions to Bruce C. Norton of the Police Department.

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b. Service Awards for Library employees.

Mary Frances Borden, Library Director, together with Mayor Johnston, presented service awards to Miss Mary Freeze and Mrs. June Newnham.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Shoreline Management Permit Application  
Bayshore Boat Lockers.

The Communication was filed.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19724 Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Official Code relative to Retirement and Pensions and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of the ordinance and its taking effect immediately on publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Maule

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19725 Appropriating the sum of \$86,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the City's share of operation of the County-City Health Department.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Maule

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19726 Appropriating the sum of \$3,684,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for transfer to various operating funds and declaring an emergency.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Maule

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 19727 Adopting the Annual Budget of the City of Tacoma for the fiscal year 1973.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 1 - Sonntag

Absent: 1 - Maule

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19728 Amending the pay and compensation plan effective January 1, 1973 and declaring an emergency.

City Manager, Bill Donaldson, advised that those groups which had not accepted the proposed plan prior to first reading of ordinance had now accepted the plan of 5.5 percent salary increase and .57 percent fringe benefits.

Mrs. Egan moved to amend the ordinance by substituting for the pay rates contained in the ordinance as introduced, the provisions in rates as set forth in Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated herein, so that the ordinance will encompass the new pay rates for all categories of employees of the City of Tacoma. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Maule

The Ordinance as amended was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19729 Amending Section 1.12 of the Official Code relative to vacation and sick leave.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Maule

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19730 Repealing and reenacting Section 3 of Ordinance No. 15928 as amended relative to Equipment Rental Fund Schedule of Charges.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Maule

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19731 Amending Section 1.12.080 of the Compensation Plan relative to overtime rate of pay for Class B designations.

Odd Lund, Personnel Director, explained that this amendment to the Compensation Plan will equate the overtime situation by providing that the second consecutive call back day and other consecutive call back days shall have the overtime rate of double time.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19732 Amending Section 1.24.570 of the Official Code relative to appointments to noncompetitive positions.

Mr. Lund reviewed the position taken by the Civil Service Board and advised that this order was prepared on the instruction of the Civil Service Board as a corrective action in hiring.

Mr. Deutscher, Chairman of the Civil Service Board, advised that this ordinance was brought forth primarily for the Public Service Careers participants. This would put the minorities in the position to train for promotional positions. He also advised that the Public Service Careers contract with the Federal Government specifically states that the City must place these people in classified service.

Fred Van Camp, Business Representative of the Civil Service League, advised that the League does not oppose the trainees being covered under this type of ordinance but they do oppose the wording of the ordinance as they feel it is too open-ended. He pointed out the wording in the first two lines which states "in case of a vacancy in any position in the classified City service". He advised that at the Civil Service Board meeting he proposed that the wording be "in case of a vacancy in an entrance level position" and asked of Council that if this is to be for trainees only that an additional sentence be added: "If at any time a promotional line exists a City employee will be given an advantage over the trainee." This would protect the present employees and also those that would come in as trainees and wish to promote to another position. He advised that these two changes had the approval of the Civil Service League members at their last meeting and they asked Mr. Van Camp to bring this proposal to the Council.

In answer to Council questions, Mr. Deutscher replied that at the Civil Service Board meeting they did not change the language of the ordinance to accommodate the wording of trainee positions because they did not want to pick the ordinance apart but rather wanted to expedite it for Council's adoption and at some later date come in with a new affirmative action ordinance.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Ordinance be removed from the Agenda. Seconded by Mayor Johnston.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Maule

The Ordinance was removed from the Agenda.

Ordinance No. 19733 Creating a new fund to be known as Youth Outreach Fund No. 589.

City Manager Donaldson advised that this is merely a bookkeeping ordinance to administer the fund allocated by the State and the Model Cities Program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21980 (Continued from the meeting of December 19th)  
Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the Central Employment Agency for the Adult Outreach Project of Second Year Comprehensive Development Plan of the Model Cities Department.

Mel Jackson, Administrative Assistant, requested this Resolution be continued for one week.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Resolution was continued to January 2, 1973.

Resolution No. 22006 (Continued from the meeting of December 19th)  
Authorizing an independent study of the Metropolitan Park District and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Contingency Reserve Fund for said study.

After considerable discussion by Council members, Mr. Moss offered an amendment to the Resolution. He moved that a three member committee appointed by the administrative heads of the Metropolitan Park District, Utilities Department and the City of Tacoma be created and charged with the following responsibilities: To consolidate all available data studies and reports relative to parks and recreational facilities as experienced by these three agencies and other community service organizations, i.e. Model Cities, Tacoma Housing Authority, Design for Progress, United Way Agencies, School District No. 10, etc. To recommend to the Council a consulting firm that meets the criteria of proven performance, impartiality, objectivity and thoroughness, whose fee falls within the maximum set in the Resolution. In conformance with Resolution No. 21006 detail the work to be performed and the time frame for completion. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. After further discussion, Mayor Johnston said it appeared to him that the language in both the Resolution and the amendment were appropriate to the question being raised by the resolution to research recreation, primarily in the City. However, he felt that the Resolution should be continued for one week in order that the Legal Department could incorporate the amendment into the Resolution in proper order. He suggested that the creation of a Professional Committee to research the present data to make recommendations to the Council for consultation in specific areas was needed.

Mayor Johnston moved to continue the Resolution for one week. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Resolution was continued to January 2, 1973.

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Resolution No. 22007 Awarding contract to the Tacoma Daily Index on its bid of \$1.28 per column inch and designating it to be the official newspaper for the City of Tacoma for calendar year 1973.

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

Bud Bond, City Clerk, advised that Mr. Skidmore of the Tacoma Daily Index has advised that he wishes to withdraw his bid as the jobber who does the printing for the Tacoma Daily Index has notified him they would not be able to do the work at the present rate; however, the Tacoma Daily Index agrees to publish at its present rate for a reasonable length of time until the bid has been awarded.

After discussion, Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be amended to delete everything down to "Be It Resolved" and that the following sentence shall comprise the entire resolution: "That the Tacoma Daily Index be and is hereby selected as and designated, for a period of 60 days, the official newspaper for the City of Tacoma for 1973." Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The amended resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22008 Adjusting the salaries of Neighborhood Youth Corps Program employees effective January 1, 1973.

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

Mr. Lund reviewed this Resolution for Council and advised that the following five Resolutions would be discussed under this one. These Resolutions would grant all those employees who are under the major federal aid projects of the City the 5.5 percent wage increase which has been granted to regular employees. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22009 Adjusting the salaries of Model Cities Project employees effective January 1, 1973.

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

Resolution No. 22010 Adjusting the salaries of Urban Renewal Project employees effective January 1, 1973.

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

Resolution No. 22011 Adjusting the salaries of Police Planning Project employees effective January 1, 1973.

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

Resolution No. 22012 Adjusting the salaries of Public Service Careers Program employees effective January 1, 1973.

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

**Resolution No. 22013** Adjusting the salaries of Emergency Employment Project employees effective January 1, 1973.

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

**Resolution No. 22014** Confirming the policy that the City will publish in a newspaper of general circulation an additional notice of Annual Budget Hearings and format thereof.

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

City Manager Donaldson explained that presently legal notices of the meeting are published but they do not spell out which nights certain groups will be heard and he thought Mr. Nalley's feeling was that more citizens would participate if the schedule were published.

After further discussion, voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

**Resolution No. 22015** Authorizing the execution of a lease with Lianga Pacific, Inc. for use of building at North 13th and J Streets for \$45 per month.

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

**Resolution No. 22016** Authorizing the City Manager to assure Metro Seattle of the City of Tacoma's interest in transportation between Seattle and Tacoma and to negotiate equitable arrangements as to costs.

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

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**REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Donaldson referred to packets he had given Council members labeled Resolution No. 5 and No. 6 of the Tacoma Health Board. Number 5 provides for a compensation plan for employees of the Health Department adopted by the Board of Health. Resolution No. 6 provides for the 5.5 percent salary increase which has also been adopted by the Board of Health. Mr. Donaldson asked that the Council concur in these two resolutions.

Moved by Mr. Sonntag and seconded by Mrs. Egan that Resolutions marked 5 and 6 be concurred in. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Donaldson said that he had asked the Director of the Health Department to contact the State to see if assistance can be provided for the victims of the severe earthquake which recently struck Central America.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Sonntag suggested that in view of the fact that many of the residents of Northeast Tacoma were not able to attend the meeting immediately prior to Christmas, regarding refuse collection by the City of Tacoma, the Manager delay the commencing of refuse collection in Northeast Tacoma for 30 days. He felt this would not pose a problem since this area has had private refuse collection for many years. He wanted this problem fully discussed by the residents of that area and wanted the Council to further review the situation.

Mr. Sonntag moved to instruct the City Manager to delay the decision of refuse collection in Northeast Tacoma for 30 days. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mr. James Bardial, 3426 Shorecliff Drive Northeast, spoke in favor of the motion and the continuation of private collection of refuse in his area.

Mr. Jake Johnson, also a resident of Northeast Tacoma, spoke in favor of private refuse collection.

Voice vote was taken on the motion and failed.

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Mrs. Egan moved to excuse Mr. Maule from the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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Mayor Johnston commented on the death of Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States. He felt that employees in City Government should honor a man who holds the position of President.

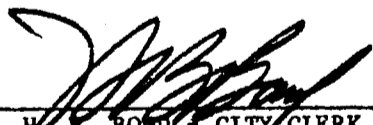
Mayor Johnston moved that the City Manager direct all the employees of City Government to pause Thursday, December 28, 1972 at 2 p.m., the time of Truman's funeral, for two minutes in silent recognition of the contributions of President Truman. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston wished the staff and the citizens of Tacoma a promising New Year.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

  
GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK