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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tacoma Community College
5900 South 12th Street
Tuesday, June 8th, 1971

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium of the Tacoma Community College.

Present on roll call 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Absent 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Corsi.

President Thorton Ford of the Tacoma Community College welcomed the Council members and the public. He reported that this is the sixth year of their operation and they now have an enrollment of approximately 3,000 students attending class on the campus. Because of fiscal problems there is a question whether they will be serving the community to the extent they would desire, but they have an open door policy and accept all students who apply.

Dr. Herrmann moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 18th as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21183 (Continued from the meeting of May 25th)

Authorizing the purchase of surplus vehicles from the Department of Public Utilities for the sum of \$7,185.00.

Mr. Corsi moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Schuster explained that at the time this resolution was presented, the proper appropriation for the vehicles had not been made from the Equipment Rental Fund B; therefore the resolution had been postponed until tonight and was now ready for final consideration.

Mr. Maule commented that it seemed impractical for the City to purchase used vehicles from the Utilities Dept. and stated that the City must be remiss in its budget planning.

Mr. Schuster advised that the City is working out new procedures which would eliminate this type of procedure in the future.

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.

Resolution No. 21202

Authorizing the City to reconvey access rights no longer needed on the south side of South 72nd Street between Ash and Alaska Streets to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Brenden.

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

Mr. Buehler advised that this petition had been before the Council three or four times several years ago, but there had been a legal problem over the access rights and the matter had been taken to court. The court had ruled in favor of the petitioner and the "R-2" had been granted. However, the petitioner disregarded the decision after it was made, therefore the access rights are being reconveyed back to Mr. and Mrs. Brenden.

Mr. Finnigan commented that this was an example of cases where the City tries to work with the petitioners and then the developers fail to consummate their plans causing a considerable waste of City time.

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

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.
Nays 1: Herrmann.
The Resolution was declared passed.

Resolution No. 21203

Authorizing renewal of present agreement between City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Metropolitan Park Board and Harmony Chapter No. 18 of the Disabled American Veterans for operation of parking lot concession at Cheney Stadium for calendar year 1971.

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

Mr. Hamilton explained that the County had recently adopted a resolution pertaining to this matter and that this action on the part of the Council would merely renew an existing agreement between the City and the other parties. He explained that the Disabled Veterans had been operating the concession ever since the inception of the Tacoma ball games at the park and that the agreement is identical with the previous one. The fees are split 60-40% and they have agreed to staff the concessions with competent people and provide liability insurance.

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.

Resolution No. 21204

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with and designating the National Bank of Commerce, Seattle, Washington, as the City's crematory agent.

Mr. Corsi moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Clar Gaisford, Finance Director, remarked that in 1958 a City employee had suggested designating the Chase Manhattan Bank as a fiscal agency for the City in order to dispose of any bonds or interest coupons which had been paid up or cancelled. Mr. McCormick had worked for two years to get the matter approved by the State legislature and as a result, the procedure has saved the City thousands of dollars. He, therefore, recommended that the present resolution be approved designating the National Bank of Commerce.

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.

Resolution No. 21205

Authorizing the execution of a project agreement with the State of Washington Urban Arterial Board for the improvement of "J" Street from Center to South 23rd Street, Project No. 8-1-128(34).

Mr. Corsi moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. G. M. Schuster, Public Works Director, advised that this project had been authorized under urban arterial funds. The total cost would be \$394,000. The City would pay 10% or \$39,400 with the remainder to come from the State-collected gas tax.

Mr. Schuster further explained that "J" Street would be widened and some work done on the hills in order to make it safer. There would also be some work done on the intersection at Center and "J" 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.

Resolution No. 21206

Authorizing the sale of certain real property for street right-of-way within Project SR-16 for the sum of \$6,150 to the State of Washington, Department of Highways.

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

Mr. Gaisford explained that these pieces of property lie within the route of State Highway SR 16 and that they had been acquired by the City by virtue of foreclosure deeds in 1964 and 1965. They are now needed by the State for right-of-way. He said they had been appraised by the State and their appraisals have always been good. There will be a total profit of approximately \$4,600 to the City. The pieces of property had been owned by the L.I.D. Guaranty Fund and the money will be placed into that fund. He added that there are two more pieces yet to be acquired by the State under this arrangement.

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.

Resolution No. 21207

Awarding contract to International Harvester Company on its bid of \$5,968.73 for a Cab and Chassis for a paint striper.

Dr. Herrmann moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Schuster explained that the paint striper was destroyed by fire in the Public Works sign shop some time ago and the Department had made a request to the Council for \$25,000 to replace it. It had previously been decided to purchase the necessary parts and assemble it here in Tacoma. There were two bids, both are under the Engineer's estimate, and are Tacoma firms.

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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19372

Approving the annexation of property on the south side of South 19th Street between Jackson Avenue and Mountain View Drive. (Leonard A. Strandley, et al)

There were no comments. The annexation had a hearing at the last Council meeting.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19373

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.065(96) to include property on the northwest corner of South 12th and Adams Street in an "R-4-L" District. (Gus J. Paine)

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, advised that this petition had been initiated in 1970 and that all the conditions have now been met.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19374

Amending Title 11 and various sections of the Official Code relative to traffic.

Mr. Schuster advised that this ordinance to change the code is necessitated because of changes in the traffic patterns in the City, such as the Alder-Cedar transition, designation of arterials and changes in one-way streets. A number of changes have also come as direct requests of property owners.

The ordinance was placed in order for final final reading next week.

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Mr. Corsi moved for reconsideration of Ordinance No. 19366 which had been requested by Councilman Schroeder relative to the Senior Centers.

Mr. Jarstad, therefore, moved to suspend the rules to reconsider the ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Corsi then moved to reconsider Ordinance 19366. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Ordinance No. 19366

Appropriating the sum of \$22,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of carrying on and operating a recreational program for senior citizens.

Dr. Herrmann questioned whether the matter would be considered as first or second reading.

Mr. Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that it would be reconsidered under the last action taken by the Council, which was the final reading on May 25th.

After some discussion, Mayor Johnston moved to allow the representatives of the Senior Centers, Inc. to speak. Motion seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was take and carried, with one dissenting vote.

Mayor Johnston commented that the first request considered by the Council had been to appropriate the \$22,000 as an emergency measure for the Senior Centers last January at the budget hearings and that now we are half way through the year and yet no complete explanation has been given as to the specific needs for the \$22,000. He noted that the Senior Centers budget ran from March 1, 1971, through February 28, 1972, and asked for a clarification of why they would still need that amount.

Miss Truitt advised that they have been drawing funds from O.E.O. in order to pay expenses at the Fire Station and Wright Park so they still need the \$22,000.

Mr. Gaisford advised that the appropriation could only run through December 31, 1971.

Mr. Hamilton advised that no payments could be made for expenses which occurred prior to the date of a contract unless a resolution authorizing retroactive payment had been passed. He felt that the prior resolution which was adopted did not contain anything binding. The resolution would have had to spell out specifically what the City would be paying for.

Mr. Bill Donaldson, City Manager, stated that if the appropriation were made it would be his intention, as administrator of the funds, to treat the group like any other group; they would have to present bills to the City and the City would pay them.

Mrs. Egan asked if Miss Truitt's salary would be included as part of the \$22,000, and who the "coordinators" were that are mentioned in the budget which the Senior Centers had presented to the Manager.

Miss Truitt explained that her salary comes out of a federal fund and that there are three coordinators, each at different Centers. Their salaries would come out of the City's appropriation.

It was the feeling of several Councilmen that the matter had been resolved when they had adopted the resolution and that the City would definitely come to the aid of the senior citizens.

Mr. Hamilton explained there were two different parts to the matter: One was to have the Park Board administer the matter. This would require a contract whereby the Park Board would furnish services to the senior citizens. That problem has not yet been resolved. On the other hand, a contract could be entered into with the City, through the City Manager, and services could be paid for through December 31, 1971. Alternatively, a contract could be entered into with some third party to furnish specific things. However, there is some question whether or not the City could do that. If a contract is made, there should be some method of re-negotiating and stating specifically what is to be furnished.

Mr. Hamilton stated that if the ordinance is passed, the City Manager can negotiate the contract to begin immediately and the contract would be brought to the Council for approval.

Mr. Finnigan noted that the budget varies each month and that there were several discrepancies. He stated that he still feels that if the Council grants aid to this organization, it would obligate them for many other equally worthy groups and pointed out that the ordinance does not state what the City Manager would actually "manage". He questioned the need for all the salaried personnel and other items listed, and felt that the City is not in a position to take on this type of responsibility even though the Council would like to help the elderly people of the community.

Mr. Corsi agreed with Mr. Finnigan, but stated he felt it was an emergency measure which would be a one-time matter.

Mr. Finnigan inquired if the program was still operating in the Old Fire Station illegally and Mr. Donaldson replied that they were.

Mr. Jarstad proposed that the Council approve an appropriation for six months in order to keep the program in operation. He moved to amend the ordinance to read \$11,000 rather than \$22,000. Motion failed for lack of a second.

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

Ayes 5: Corsi, Egan, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad and Maule.

The Ordinance was declared failed inasmuch as an emergency ordinance requires six votes for passage.

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The rules being still suspended, Dr. Herrmann moved to reconsider Ordinance No. 19352 relative to L. I. D. 4969. He stated that he felt the Council should abide by the former policy on L. I. D.'s and asked that the portion with the plus 60% remonstrance be deleted. Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Ordinance No. 19352

Providing for the improvement of L. I. D. 4969 for paving on North 9th Street from Madison to Stevens Street and other nearby streets.

Mr. Hamilton advised that the 60% or over remonstrance had been against the total L. I. D. sections, not just against the one section in question.

Mr. Finnigan said he understood the remonstrance was only 22% on the portion in question.

Dr. Herrmann moved to amend the ordinance by deleting the paving on Monroe from North 29th to North 30th Streets. Motion was seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. Hamilton advised that the thirty days had expired since the ordinance had been approved and, therefore, the ordinance could not be reconsidered, but a new ordinance would have to be brought in for any change to be effected.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19364

Amending Section 1.12.530 of the Official Code to add the class of Chief Fire Services Officer.

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.

Ordinance No. 19370

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.045(14) to include property on the southwest corner of So. 48th and Ferry Streets in an "R-2-T" District. (Jack A. Benaroya Co.)

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.

Ordinance No. 19371

Appropriating the sum of \$7,185.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from Equipment Rental Fund "B" for the purpose of purchasing surplus vehicles from the Department of Public Utilities.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presented the Assessment Roll for the cost of the following:

LID 3702 for sanitary sewers in East 65th Street from East "S" to East "T" Streets and other nearby streets.

Mr. Maule moved that Monday, July 12th at 4:00 P.M. be set as the date for hearing. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Donaldson stated that the Civil Service Board had asked him to request the Council's approval on the waiver of residence requirement in order to appoint Mrs. Regina Glenn to the position of Minority Employment Specialist-Civil Service Coordinator. ✓

Mayor Johnston moved to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dr. Herrmann recommended that the practice of holding the Council meetings away from the Council Chambers be discontinued in view of the expense involved and the fact that so few people were attending these meetings. He felt it was inconvenient to the Council members and staff and too difficult to move the recording equipment. He asked that a resolution be brought in to discontinue the quarterly meetings in different areas of the City. ✓

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Mayor Johnston asked to be excused next week.

Mr. Jarstad moved to excuse Mayor Johnston. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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Mayor Johnston asked Mr. Schroeder to continue on the Council until a replacement is named.

Mr. Schroeder announced that since his recent illness he has been advised not to work too hard, but that he would serve as Councilman until a replacement is named. However, as he will be on vacation for the next two weeks, he asked to be excused for the next two meetings. 375

Mr. Finnigan moved to excuse Mr. Schroeder. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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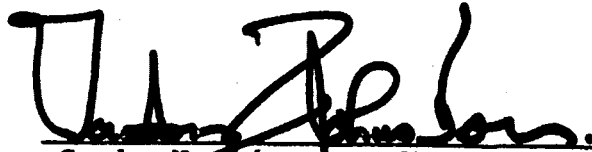
ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Board of Administration, Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, meeting of April 29th.
- b. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of May 17th.
- c. Department of Public Works filing Request for Urban Arterial Board Approval of Revised Schedule for Project Development for Urban Arterial Project No. 8-1-128(32) - Proctor Street; and Urban Arterial Project No. 8-1-128(24) - South 56th Street.
- d. Monthly Report, City Planning Department, May, 1971.
- e. Monthly Report, Police Department, Traffic Division, April, 1971.
- f. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System report of total investments purchased May, 1971.
- g. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Division of Vital Statistics, report for the week ending May 29th, 1971.

Placed on file.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.


Gordon N. Johnston - Mayor

Attest: 
Catherine Ursich - Acting City Clerk