

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 1971.  
Gray Junior High School Auditorium

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order in the Gray Junior High School auditorium which is located in the south part of the City. This is the third Council meeting to be held in the various communities of the City during the year, as approved previously by resolution.

Present on roll call - 7: Corsi, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Absent - 2: Egan and Herrmann.

Mayor Johnston read a letter from Dr. Herrmann requesting that he be excused from the Council meeting because of other pressing business. Mr. Jarstad moved that he be excused. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Maule.

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Mr. Corsi moved to approve the minutes of August 24th as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21313 (Continued from the meeting of September 7th)

Authorizing the proper officer of the City to execute a permit to certain organizations for use of City-owned facilities at 710 Pacific Avenue.

Mr. Maule moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder

Mr. Bill Donaldson, City Manager, advised that the Council had expressed a desire at the last meeting to deal individually with each applicant who wishes to use the City-owned premises at 710 Pacific Avenue for a firearms practice range. Mr. Donaldson then recommended that this resolution be removed from the agenda inasmuch as the current applicant is present and the matter at hand will be considered under the next resolution.

Mr. Maule moved to remove the resolution from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Resolution was removed from the agenda. \*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. Egan arrived at 7:15 P. M. \*\*\*\*\*

Resolution No. 21316

Authorizing the execution of a permit to Mr. Frank M. Hopper for use of property at 710 Pacific Avenue.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad.

Mr. Bud Bond, City Clerk, advised that the applicant was present and that the insurance and use permit were all in order; therefore the City would not be liable for any accidents during use by an outside group.

Mr. Frank Hopper, Secretary of the Tacoma Sportsmen's Rifle Club, and applicant for use of the premises in question, stated that he works with youths from ages 12 through 18, who wish to receive training in the use of firearms and marksmanship. The classes are advertised and consist of approximately 18 to 20 boys. The classes last year were held twice a week. The club is affiliated with the National Rifle Association and the charges for the classes are nominal. Written consent is required from both parents.

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

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

Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21317

Establishing a ten-minute parking zone on the Proctor Street side of the Oakland Radio and TV store located at 3901 Center Street.

Mr. Corsi moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad.

Mr. Robert G. Anderson, City Engineer for Public Works, reported that the area in question is posted for "Loading Only" at present, but the businessman has requested a 10-minute parking zone for use by patrons in order to facilitate in the loading and unloading of television sets. Mr. Anderson commented that the City receives such requests from time to time and tries to assist the community as much as possible.

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

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

Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21318

Authorizing the proper officer of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System to execute an agreement with Moody's Alliance Capital Corporation for counseling services thru July 1, 1972.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mayor Johnston explained that it was a routine function of the Employees' Retirement System to execute an annual agreement with the Corporation in question for consulting services.

Mrs. Becky Banfield, 4302 North Lexington, questioned why this matter was just being culminated when the annual agreement runs from July 1st to July 1st.

Mr. Finnigan explained that recent State laws had caused some changes in the matter, and the Retirement Board felt that it would be advisable to establish a new contract which encompasses the present aspects. This corporation has been employed in an advisory capacity since 1957.

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

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21319

Authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement between the City of Tacoma and various local governmental entities in connection with administration of the Emergency Employment Program.

Mrs. Egan moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Mr. Bill Donaldson, City Manager, explained that part of the City's obligation in using the \$1,760,000 which has been provided by the federal government was that a portion of the money be used to provide positions for other governmental agencies in the City. These include the Port of Tacoma, schools, Park Board, Tacoma Housing Authority and Library Board. The present resolution would authorize the City to enter into agreements with those agencies. Mr. Donaldson then explained the payroll procedures to be followed by the agencies.

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

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21320

Authorizing the proper officer of the City to execute Law & Justice Planning Contract No. 539 in the amount of \$18,000.00.

Mr. Finnigan moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Corsi.

Chief Lyle Smith explained that there is a difference between the Management Consultant position previously discussed and the proposed Planning Coordinator position. The Police Department will be utilizing funds from the State Department of Law and Justice for the Planning Coordinator and the concept will be to broaden the scope to include the entire law and justice system of the City. The Planning Coordinator will coordinate his plans with other departments including the Municipal Court, City Attorney's office, Department of Institutions and Model Cities. This will be the third year the Police Department has accepted planning funds from the State.

Chief Smith also reported that during the first planning year, a primary action study had been made and published. During the second year a Progressive Action Plan had been established, setting out the projects for upgrading the system and setting forth the long range projects.

Mrs. Becky Banfield, 4302 North Lexington, objected to the blanket authorization given to the City Manager to add documents without Council approval. She questioned the cost of the program to the City. In addition to the \$18,000 grant, she pointed out that according to the agreement the City would be paying \$8,500.

Mrs. Banfield also questioned whether the Project Director was to be one and the same person as the Planning Coordinator.

Chief Smith advised that the contract lists the Project Director as an Assistant Chief, subject to appointment by the Chief of Police and confirmation by the City Manager. The same individual who has been Project Director for the two prior grants was to be the Project Director.

Mrs. Banfield further questioned the salary for the Planning Director.

Chief Smith said he did not know the exact amount--it was somewhere between his salary and that of the Captain's pay. The Chief then explained the "contribution in-kind" as being services already budgeted.

After a lengthy discussion, a voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21321

Establishing a Police Planning Project and the position of Law and Justice Planning Coordinator in accordance with Contract No. 539.

Mr. Finnigan moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Corsi.

Chief Smith advised that this resolution would set up the funding for the special project and the position of Planning Coordinator. This will not interfere with the rights of regular City employees.

Mr. Stanley Bixel, Personnel Director, advised that the establishment of the project and the position are in accordance with Personnel Rules under Section 1.24.980 and 1.24.144, which cover such matters as special projects of limited duration and not regularly existing under the normal framework of City employment.

Mrs. Becky Banfield spoke against the resolution stating that she was against State or federal control of local police matters.

Mr. Finnigan pointed out that the Police Department is administered by the Chief of Police and City Manager, with control by the Council, and the Council is controlled by the citizens of Tacoma.

After discussion voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21322

Authorizing the proper officer of the City to execute the grant award contract pertaining to Law and Justice Application No. 549.

Mr. Finnigan moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Dale Smith, Washington State Department of Correction, explained that the City would act as the administrator for the funds under the Law & Justice grant awarded to the Tacoma Juvenile Parole Services Learning Center. The program is basically designed to provide a special education program in the Tacoma Parole Services office for both boys and girls who are not able for various reasons to

be programmed adequately in the public school program. They are court-committed youngsters who have undergone treatment in institutions for juvenile delinquents and have been subsequently released back to the community. Programs are being developed in Seattle, Spokane, Yakima and Everett. He fully explained the program.

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

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21323

Fixing Friday, October 15, 1971 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing L. I. D. No. 5509 for water main in East 66th from East "J" Street to east line of Easton Addition.

Mr. Finnigan moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Corsi.

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

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19443

Establishing a new fund to be known as "Law and Justice Fund No. 539" and appropriating the sum of \$18,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying on the program under such grant award.

Police Chief Lyle Smith explained the purpose of a Planning Coordinator in the Police Department and advised that Assistant Police Chief Richardson would be supervising the coordinator.

Mrs. Becky Banfield spoke against the ordinance.

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

Ordinance No. 19444

Amending Title 11 of the Official Code relative to one-way streets and parking.

At Mr. Donaldson's request, Mr. Schroeder moved to continue the first reading of the ordinance for one week. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The first reading of the ordinance was continued until September 22nd.

Ordinance No. 19445

Authorizing the proper officer of the City to purchase or institute condemnation action of certain properties along Hosmer Street for the construction of Improvement No. 4930.

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Mr. Bob Anderson, City Engineer, described the route for the reconstruction of Hosmer Street and the Hosmer-Steele Transition and showed maps indicating the remaining properties to be obtained by the City for right-of-way. The residents are all aware of the plans and have been advised of the laws of eminent domain.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19438

Amending Section 1.24.420C of the Personnel Rules relative to age requirements of applicants for Fire Service and removal of certain Police Department employees from the commissioned Police Service.

Mayor Johnston moved to allow Mr. Joe Betzendorfer to speak at this time as he had not been aware of the first reading of the ordinance last week. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Joseph Betzendorfer, Jr., 7802 Sapphire Drive, attorney, appeared on behalf of Local Union #224 and particularly for the Identification & Records Division of the Tacoma Police Department, who are unanimously opposed to Ordinance No. 19438. They objected to the ordinance because they feel it does not cover all the Police Chief's recommendations and urged the Council not to pass a piecemeal ordinance. They also objected to the removal of the Identification & Records officer from the Police service and also the removal of age requirements.

Police Chief Lyle Smith explained that the management audit recommended the position be filled by civilian personnel. The Civil Service Board has approved the proposed change. The civilian personnel would be placed under the City Employees Retirement System. Those presently employed in the Police service would remain under the Police Pension System.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Johnston announced that the chair rules that this ordinance pertains only to age requirements and if the Police Local wishes to pursue the matter, they can bring it before the Council in another substance for consideration.

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

Ayes 7: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 1: Schroeder. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19439

Amending Section 1.12.360 of the Official Code by adding the classes of Police Records Clerk I and Police Records Clerk II.

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

Ayes 6: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Moss and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 2: Maule and Schroeder. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19440

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.130(53) to include the east side of Hosmer Street between South 72nd and South 74th Streets from a "C-F-P" to a "C-2" District. (Robert D. Paulson)

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

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19441

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.065(99) to include the area from South 82nd to South 84th Street between South "D" and South "C" extended from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (Leo B. Seiwerath)

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

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Herrmann  
The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19442

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.130(54) to include the south side of 6th Avenue between Pearl and Vassault Street extended from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (N.W. Petroleum & Car Wash)

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

Ayes 5: Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule and Moss.  
Nays 3: Corsi, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Finnigan requested the City Manager to investigate the feasibility of creating a "No Parking" strip next to the curb on the north side of South 11th Street from Tacoma Avenue to the entrance to the County-City parking lot, and possibly include it in Ordinance No. 19444 to be considered next week. He reported that every time he goes through that area, the traffic is backed into 11th Street by cars trying to get through the entrance, which causes a hazardous condition on 11th Street.

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Mr. Finnigan also questioned whether the ordinance requiring lights on bicycles was still in effect. He pointed out that persons riding bicycles present a real problem if they do not have lights on.

Police Chief Smith informed the Council that the rules for bicycles had not been rigidly enforced lately, but they anticipate obtaining some funds from the National Traffic Safety Council so that a concentrated program could be initiated to more thoroughly publicize the rules for bicycle riders.

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(a) Discussion of Library Board proposal.

Mr. Donaldson commented that the Council had met with the Library Board at a study session recently and the Board had indicated they would need an additional \$16,500 to continue their operations at the current level for the balance of this year. The funds will be used for a number of problems which at budget time had not been anticipated. Through the recent Public Employment Program some additional workers had been employed and assigned to the Library, but this cannot completely solve the problems. The contingency funds, which normally could be used to assist in unforeseen situations, is already depleted, and the revenues which were projected for the City departments are slightly under what had been anticipated. He has already asked that all departments cut their costs and if it is the Council's intention to assist the Library, it will be necessary to rebudget in various departments by either cutting the number of personnel or cutting some of the projects planned.

Mrs. Edward T. Bowman, President of the Library Board, reported on the increased cost of books and the great need for funds for the purchase of books.

Mr. Valen Honeywell, Vice-President of the Library Board, and Ronald Magden, member of the Library Board, spoke on behalf of the request.

It was suggested that possibly the request for \$16,500, which was made prior to the federal P. E. P. program could be pared. Miss Mary Frances Borden, Library Director, advised that the problem was not only with salaries, but rather the unusual emergencies and maintenance costs and felt there was no way to cut costs further without seriously damaging the operation of the Library.

After discussion it was suggested that the request might be reduced to \$8,000 by cutbacks in City departments and the Library.

Mayor Johnston requested that Mr. Donaldson bring in an ordinance next week so that a final decision could be made.

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The excessive costs and the various subsidizing funds of the Transit System were discussed. Mr. Donaldson advised that in this regard, his office plans to bring to Council a proposal for hiring an Operational Research Analyst. The National Science Foundation has agreed to fund such a project.

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(b) The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Rolls for the following:

LID 3713 for sanitary sewers in Sprague Avenue from South 64th Street to South 66th Street.

LID 3714 for storm drainage on South Sprague Street from South 64th to South 66th.

LID 4915 for paving on North Mullen Street from North 37th to North 38th Street and other nearby streets.

LID 4958 for paving on Puget Sound Avenue from 6th Avenue north to alley between North 8th and North 9th Street.

Fixing Friday, October 15th, 1971, at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing.



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Mr. Finnigan moved to set Friday, October 15, 1971, at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the Assessment Rolls. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Donaldson reported that he had contacted the Department of H.U.D. and staff members of H.U.D. had visited Tacoma in regard to federal funds which would be allocated to this area. He expects to receive the guidelines for application of such funds within ninety days. He also hopes to come to Council with a program to identify geographic neighborhoods of interest so that there can be more input to the City Council by the citizens.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Maule reported that he had checked on the value of the property discussed a few weeks ago as a location for the Model Cities community center and found that the value had been determined to be \$12,000 rather than \$5,000 as reported by a citizen.

Mrs. Egan said there are a number of rumors to the effect that the Model Cities is in real trouble and questioned if there was any basis for this statement.

Mr. Donaldson stated that thorough checks have been made and no illegal activities were found.

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Mr. Jarstad suggested that a review of the status of the legality of holding Bingo games in the City be made at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Donaldson stated he would ask the City Attorney to prepare a report on the status surrounding the determination on the State law regulating gambling. He commented that if Tacoma wishes to go ahead with its decision relative to Bingo, local regulations should be adopted by the Council. He has asked the Director of Tax & License, Chief of Police and City Attorney to develop a City ordinance to be presented next week.

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Mayor Johnston requested a report on the most recent protest percentage on L.I.D. 4976 and stated that the residents have, by law, thirty days in which to appeal the decision of the Council.

Mr. Kenneth Jorgenson of the LID section of the Public Works Department, stated that as of September 1st, 1971, the protest was 55% against the improvement, and that the residents have until Thursday, September 16, 1971, to appeal the matter. Both factions, the opponents and the proponents, however, are still working on their case at this time and the final count cannot be determined until September 16.

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Mr. Finnigan felt it should be decided at this time whether or not L.I.D. 4976 should be considered further next week or not.

Mayor Johnston pointed out there are two days left before the deadline and that an announcement to the residents would be sent out later.

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Mayor Johnston commented that the present Council meeting, being held out in the community, has been the most successful one thus far and underlines the fact that the City is at the beginning of an effort to bring the Council meetings closer to the citizens. He expressed the appreciation of the Council to the staff of the school and to the public for its attendance.

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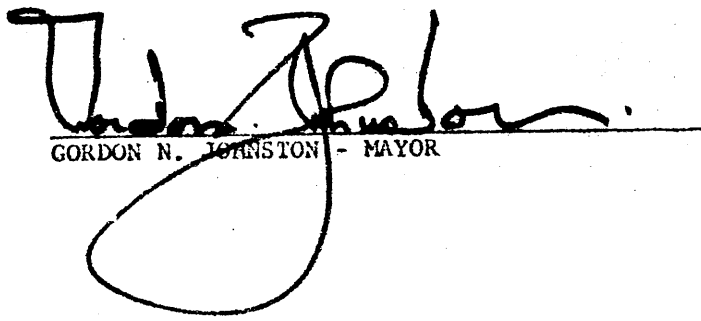
ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of August 25, 1971.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma Board of Adjustment meeting of August 12, 1971.
- c. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of August 16, 1971.
- d. Minutes of Civil Service Board special meeting of August 23, 1971.
- e. Citizens' Information and Service Bureau, Monthly Report, August, 1971.
- f. Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, Monthly Report, July, 1971.
- g. Department of Public Works filing updated cost estimate for Urban Arterial Project No. UAB 8-1-128(19) and UAB 8-1-128(29).
- h. Department of Civil Defense filing Personnel and Administrative Claim 606-72-2(41).
- i. Light Division, Water Division and Belt Line Division, Monthly Financial Report, July, 1971.
- j. Director of Finance, Monthly Report, July, 1971.

Placed on file.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

  
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 GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

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 G. B. Bond - City Clerk