

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28, 1969

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

Present on roll call 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Mayor Rasmussen. Mr. Murtland coming in at 4:20 P.M. and Mr. Zatkovich at 4:35 P.M.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mrs. Frances Mitchell, Pres. of the Fingertip Garden Club of the Blind, presented Mayor Rasmussen with a Holiday wreath. She stated their club was well aware of his efforts to rid violence from the streets of Tacoma.

Mayor Rasmussen thanked Mrs. Mitchell for her club's concern and gift.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes of the meetings of Sept. 30th and Oct. 7th, 1969.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of Sept. 30 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of Oct. 7 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20431

Fixing Wednesday, November 12th at 4:00 P.M. as the date for a meeting with the initiating parties for the annexation of the S.W. corner of So. 19th and Seaview Avenue. (petition of Walter C. Witte and Ian McMillian.)

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 0: Absent 2: Murtland and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20432

Fixing Monday, November 24th at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for L I D 5496 for water mains in Sheridan Avenue from So. 80th to So. 82nd Street.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 0: Absent 2: Murtland and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20433

Fixing Tuesday, November 25th at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of Perry Street between Center and the SR 16 right-of-way. (petition of John C. Woodard.)

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

- 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Mayor Rasmussen.
- 0: Absent 2: Murtland and Zatkovich.

Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20434

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$157,114.61 for Improv. 4863.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

- 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Mayor Rasmussen.
- 0: Absent 2: Murtland and Zatkovich.

Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Murtland arriving at 4:20 P.M.

Resolution No. 20435

Transferring the sum of \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Equipment Rental Fund A.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

- 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
- 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich.

Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20436

Authorizing the proper officers to submit to the Dept. of HUD an application for the development of a computer based municipal information system.

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

Mr. Johnson explained this resolution is only for the acceptance of an application that is to be considered by HUD for a contract to develop a municipal information system. If adopted, this will not commit any funds from the City.

Mr. Rowlands explained that supporting data was sent to the Council regarding this resolution on Saturday, Oct. 25. He also stated that Mr. Gaffin and Mr. Johnston of Biznekron, Inc. are available at this meeting to give a brief explanation to the Council.

Mayor Rasmussen mentioned that the MC which Mr. Rowlands had submitted to the Council listing some of the functions of City government that would be benefited from the proposed system.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the object of the entire program is to make it possible the computerization of an enormous amount of data which the City has not been able to computerize to date.

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the acquisition of more sophisticated equipment such as the IBM 360-40 series, the project can be completed more effectively. It also will be very easy to convert the present system into the new equipment. He also mentioned that the resolution authorizes the submission of an application only to the Dept. of HUD. Tacoma, in all probability, will be one of one hundred and thirty cities applying. If the City is successful in having its application approved, then the Council would review the detailed contract and make a determination whether to accept the grant offer and enter into a contractual agreement with HUD.

Mr. Rowlands further stated the objective of this application also is to develop a comprehensive, integrated data system which recognizes the inter-dependencies and inter-relationships among the various City departments.

Mayor Rasmussen quoted Item (2) under the heading of the Statement of the City of Tacoma, Washington, which states, "Expressions of willingness to cooperate in this project have been obtained from the following agencies and organizations who are expected to supply data important to the project effort." He wondered where the letters agreeing to such a program were filed.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Johnston and Mr. Gaffin have met with representatives of Metropolitan Park District, Tacoma Housing Authority, Wash. Natural Gas Co., Pacific NW Bell, Consumers' Central Heating and the Dept. of Public Utilities. He did not know whether they had obtained letters. However, he said there is a letter from the Dept. of Public Utilities explaining their interest and willingness to cooperate.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that one of the provisions of the contract with HUD was that the City, Pierce County and the School district have a joint venture in the program. He noted that their names were not listed under Item (8).

Mr. Rowlands explained since the City will not encompass the entire program, it was necessary that they be added to the list.

Mayor Rasmussen thought since the School district has just added a new computerization system and will not be using it twenty-four hours a day, he wondered if the City could use their computer.

Mr. Rowlands remarked the possibility had been explored and also the possibility of actually having a joint center. However, the Schools, County and the City have such a tremendous backlog of applications that all equipment will be used to the utmost degree. Schools also have stated they did not wish to enter into a joint venture.

Mr. Rowlands felt within the next ten years there will be a computer utility which will be similar to a light or gas utility. Both private and public organizations will be hooked into data banks and each will be able to retrieve information if they wish.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that Item (11) stated, "It is recognized that in the event of contract award, the City of Tacoma will continue to develop a long range municipal information system plan extending beyond the completion of the project." He wondered how much such an item would cost.

Mr. Rowlands explained that over a period of time it would cost approx. \$900,000, however, the City would have to gear its effectiveness of the program to the amount of money that would be available. He noted this was just an application, but if and when a contract would be offered a contract, the Council would work out the contract to their liking.

Mr. Johnston explained the usual procedure that HUD follows is through a grant, but at this point, it is not a grant, but a proposal for a research and redevelopment contract. In technical terms makes a rather different arrangement from a grant. The majority of the City's cost will be in the form of the work done by employees who are already being paid by the City. Teknekron and the Institute of Public Administration would perform the study, and design a computer information system. He also explained that by submitting this application does not mean entering into a contract. Mr. Johnston explained the City of Tacoma would direct the project and make the findings available to HUD.

Mr. Zatkovich asked why a section of the program dealing with Police & Fire Depts. was not included in the application.

Mr. Johnston explained that the Safety Dept. was eliminated in the proposal inasmuch as Tacoma's problems are not nearly as great in that field as in some other cities. However, he added, it does not mean that Tacoma cannot eventually branch out to other areas, using funds that would become available after the research and development period.

Mayor Rasmussen said about three weeks ago Mr. Gaffin had told the Council that accepting this program it would give the City a million dollars worth of hardware. He asked if the City would still receive this.

Mr. Gaffin explained that was correct, however, during the interim period, the federal government has cut the funds which had been available for this entire program. They also cut the number of cities that will be receiving the awards from ten to two; this is the reason Teknekron had suggested that the City not go for the entire programmed system. He noted when the system is designed Tacoma will receive some hardware but he did not know how much. However, the City will have plenty of time to determine what type of hardware they want while this is being worked out and before equipment is ordered.

Mr. Gaffin explained all that is required at this point is to submit an application to HUD to see if they will consider Tacoma for a possible award.

Mrs. Banfield felt that the Council should take more time to study the application and said she could not vote for the resolution.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if copies of the full application are in the hands of the Council at this time.

Mr. Gaffin explained that the last page of this proposal was typed at 11:30 last night in Berkeley, California. It was flown here this morning and arrived in time to submit a copy to the Council. However, the portion concerning the technical aspects of computer applications and studies has been submitted to the Legal Dept. for their study.

Mr. Bott explained Teknekron has submitted this application to the City without cost, and if HUD does not award a contract to Tacoma there will still be no cost to the City.

Mr. Zatkovich moved to amend the resolution as follows: Be it further resolved that this proposal shall not cost the City of Tacoma any additional expense either directly or indirectly. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Murtland felt that the word "indirectly" might mean very easily that employees of the City could not work on the study because they would be paid their usual salaries by the City.

Mayor Rasmussen asked what figure has been used for the donated services of the City.

Mr. Gaffin explained they had used \$25,000 worth of employee's time and \$25,000 worth of forms, etc. which are being used in the bookkeeping and accounting systems at the present time. This is not in addition, they would merely charge it to the project and show it as a contribution.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if this time can be donated without hiring additional employees.

Mr. Rowlands said this will not require any additional personnel on the City's payroll.

Mr. Bott also felt that the word "indirectly" should be deleted from Mr. Zatkovich's motion as it could be used in various ways.

Mr. Gaffin also felt that "indirectly" should be deleted as just asking a question if the City employee could be construed as an indirect cost. He further explained if the contract is offered to Tacoma, eventually Teknekron will supply people to do the work, some of the City personnel will be taken off their assigned positions. Of course they would solicit their help and cooperation but would not require them to do the work.

Dr. Herrmann asked how urgent is the time schedule in presenting this application to the federal authorities.

Mr. Gaffin explained that these documents must be signed and sent to Berkeley, Calif. so that they can be forwarded to Washington, D. C. and filed there before 3 P.M. on Friday, October 31, 1969.

Mayor Rasmussen asked when the deadline for approval of this application is scheduled.

Mr. Gaffin stated HUD has mentioned December 15, 1969.

Mr. Murtland moved to amend Mr. Zatkovich's amendment to read, "Be it further resolved that this proposal shall be submitted upon the condition that the same shall not cause the City any additional direct expense. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann moved to amend the last resolve of the resolution, after the word "development" add the words, "before 12:01 A.M. on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1969." Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Zatkovich explained he was in favor of the program until this motion was introduced which he believed is forcing the Mayor to sign the application if the resolution is passed, therefore he would vote against the motion.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he was greatly concerned that the Legal Dept. had not had an opportunity to review this entire application, therefore he would move to insert after the figure "1969" in the amended resolution, the following words, "and inasmuch as the Legal Dept. has had insufficient time to study said application, said department shall be relieved of responsibility for the contents thereof and the same shall be done without their endorsement thereon." Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Roll call was taken on Mr. Cvitanich's motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 5: Banfield, Cvitanich, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 4: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann and Murtland. Absent 0. Motion carried.

Voice vote was taken on Dr. Herrmann's motion relative to the signing of the documents before 12:01 A.M. on Wed. Oct. 29. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that Mr. Rowlands had already prepared a cover letter to be signed and asked that it be read.

Mr. Murtland asked that Mr. Rowlands explain the situation.

Mr. Rowlands explained that preparing letter in advance was a common business practice. He stated that the application would not have been submitted without the Council's approval. A number of citizens spoke against the resolution.

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

Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland.

Nays 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Mayor Rasmussen and Zatkovich (abstained). Absent 0.

Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mr. Finnigan moved to suspend the Rules to consider further resolutions. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Resolution No. 20437

Endorsing the bond issue for the expansion of the County-City Bldg. to be voted on Nov. 4, 1969.

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

Mr. Finnigan explained this resolution is supporting the bond issue for the expansion of the County-City Bldg. to be voted on by the people on Nov. 4, 1969. He pointed out that space is needed by both the County and City offices.

Mrs. Banfield explained she could not vote for the resolution as she felt there must be more economy in municipal programs.

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

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

Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 0.

Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20438

Endorsing the proposition of School District No. 10 to be placed on the Nov. 4, 1969 ballot.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mayor Rasmussen.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that it has been the policy of the Council to support the school district propositions and urged that this resolution be passed unanimously.

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

- 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
- 0: Absent 0.

Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18945

Amending Chapter 1.28 of the official code by adding five new sections 1.28.130 through 170 relative to preserving historical buildings.

Mrs. Coonan, 614 No. Meyers, read a letter in which she oppose the ordinance as she felt that it was the forerunner for an application for another federal grant.

Mr. Liddle, Pres. of the Civic Arts Commission read the nine subsections under Sec. 1.28.130 which outlined the purpose of the ordinance. He further explained that the Commission would be the agency that would make the determination whether a particular structure, place or district is suitable for designation as a historical landmark or building. After a decision is reached the Commission will submit it to the Council for consideration, he added.

Mr. Liddle further explained that an owner may submit his plans for the construction, reconstruction, alteration or modification of the site to the Commission for review. In the event the plans are approved, the Commission will then transmit them to the City Eng. Div. However, if the Commission rejects the plans, they will notify the owner so that he may appear at the next Commission meeting to discuss the matter.

Mr. Bott asked if the owner submitted plans, would it be only for the exterior of the building.

Mr. Liddle answered that was true.

Mr. Bott then moved that on Page 3, under Sec. 1.28.150, 5th line down, the word "interior" be inserted before the word "construction", and wherever the word is repeated in the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had two proposals to discuss in the ordinance. One was under Subsection (6) on page 2, concerning urban design. He did not feel that decisions on urban design was in the province of the Arts Commission.

Mr. Liddle said Subsection 6 meant that by preserving historical buildings the Commission would be promoting good urban design.

Mayor Rasmussen moved to delete under Section 1.28.130, Subsection (6), and then renumber the subsections accordingly. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen also felt that under Section 1.28.140, Subsection (4), Page 3, there should be a specified number of members voting to approve, reject or modify the proposed designation after the hearing.

Mayor Rasmussen therefore moved that under Sec. 1.28.140, Subsection (4) on Page 3, 3rd line down, after the word "may", the words, "by a two-thirds vote of the Commission members" be inserted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Finnigan felt with a membership of only twelve on the commission it would be difficult to obtain a two-thirds attendance at the meetings. He suggested the motion be changed to, "by two-thirds vote of the Commission members present at a meeting."

Voice vote was taken on Mayor Rasmussen's motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen called the Council's attention to Subsection (5) on Page 3, 5th line where it explained that the decision of the Commission may be approved or rejected by the Council. He felt "a two-thirds vote of the Council members" should be inserted in the paragraph.

Mr. Hamilton Acting City Attorney explained that the usual language in regard to the Council's vote is, "by a vote of one more than a majority."

Mayor Rasmussen then moved that under Sec. 1.28.140, Subsection (5) on page 3, 6th line down, the words, "by a vote of one more than a majority" be inserted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen further remarked he was concerned because there was no time limit as to when the Commission would act upon plans submitted by an owner after the building had been designated as historical.

Mayor Rasmussen then moved, that under Sec. 1.28.150, a sentence should be added to the paragraph, as follows: "The Commission shall approve or reject the proposed plans within ten days after submission." Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Little felt that a decision on the plans would not have to be made quickly as he did not believe that anyone wishing to renovate a historical building would be in such a hurry.

Mr. Johnson did not feel there should be a need for any urgency relative to the plans submitted by the owner.

Mrs. Banfield asked what happens if the owner of a historical building does not wish to sell the property.

Mr. Little explained there is no sale involved, and usually the owners are very anxious to have them designated as historical.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he would amend his motion to state (15) days but he did feel a time limit should be included in the ordinance.

Mr. Little said he thought since the Commission meets on a monthly basis it would encourage regular attendance if such matters would be proposed at regular meetings, rather than stipulated in the ordinance.

Mr. Johnson wondered if it would be proper to state at the end of the paragraph after the word, "review", "at its next regular meeting."

After some discussion, Mayor Rasmussen withdrew his motion with the consent of the Council.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he hasn't found where an owner would be allowed a right of appeal to the Council. He felt that such a provision should be included in the ordinance.

Mayor Rasmussen explained a proviso can be placed at the end of the ordinance to take care of that matter.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the following paragraph be inserted on Page 4, after the second paragraph: "Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any owner of record who may feel himself aggrieved by an action of the Commission shall have the right to appeal any decision of said Commission to the Council by filing a written notice of appeal, shall immediately transmit the same to the Council, and the Council shall, at the next regular meeting following receipt of said notice, fix a date for hearing said appeal. Any appeal heard before the City Council shall be an appeal de novo, and shall be held in accordance with such rules of procedure and regulations as the Council may proclaim." Seconded by Mayor Rasmussen. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen then suggested that a further proviso be added to the ordinance stating that the powers of eminent domain shall not be used in the enforcement of this ordinance. He explained if the owner does not wish to abide by the recommendations of the Commission or the Council, they would not have to do so.

Mayor Rasmussen then moved that the following proviso be added to the second paragraph on Page 4 of the ordinance: "Provided, however, that in no event shall the City of Tacoma exercise the power of eminent domain in the enforcement of this chapter or the acquisition of property for purposes set forth in this section." Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mrs. Skrinar, 424 No. C., explained she had a number of unrelated questions about this ordinance. She asked at what meeting of the Civic Arts Commission was it decided to submit such a proposal to the City Council.



Mr. Liddle explained this matter had been reviewed and discussed during many meetings of the Commission. He did not recall any particular vote at any particular meeting on this matter.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that this ordinance be submitted to the Commission for their vote for a matter of record.

Mr. Liddle said this could be accomplished.

Mrs. Banfield explained on July 17, 1969 a vote was taken by the Commission on a Landmark Preservation Resolution and it was unanimously passed on that date.

Mrs. Skrinar suggested that under Section 1.28.140, subsection (2), Page 2, where it refers to a written notice of the hearing being submitted to owners of record of the property, it does not state that notice should be given for the public at large. She wondered if such an amendment could be included.

Mr. Bott moved that under Section 1.28.140, Subsection (2), Page 2, the following words be inserted after the word "Auditor", "and cause to be published in a local newspaper a notice of said hearing at least ten days in advance of the date thereof." Seconded by Mayor Rasmussen.

Mr. Liddle explained the meetings at which the buildings are considered are public records and reported in the newspaper. He also mentioned that the agenda for the meetings are usually reported in the newspaper.

After some discussion, voice vote was taken on Mr. Bott's motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Skrinar also mentioned that Sec. 1.28.130, subsection (1), Page 1, perpetuates too many subjects as it mentions structures, places and districts. She felt that this wording does not particularly designate historical structures it mentions on the 2nd line, structure, places and districts. She wondered if the wording could be changed to be more in keeping with the ordinance.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that under Section 1.28.130, subsection (1) on the 2nd line, after the word "those", that the words, "structures, places and districts", be deleted and the words "historical landmarks and buildings" be inserted. Seconded by Mayor Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

#### Ordinance No. 18952

Amending subsection 42 of Sec. 8.12.010 of the official code relating to public safety and morals.

Mr. Hamilton, explained since the original ordinance was passed, relative to the carrying of guns, certain problems have been brought to the attention of the Legal Dept. They found that the ordinance was not capable of enforcement, therefore this ordinance provides for certain exceptions to the original.

Mr. Zittel, Chief of Police, explained that one problem with the original ordinance was that it restricted organized clubs which were formed for the purpose of target shooting and instructions in the use of firearms, from performing. This ordinance is a definite improvement, he added.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

#### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

##### Ordinance No. 18944 (as amended)

Establishing an Arbor Committee jointly with Pierce County and providing for the appointment of the membership.

Mrs. Banfield thought that there should be an amendment made to the ordinance whereby it states that federal funds cannot be obtained for any portion of the work of the Arbor Committee. She also questioned the legality of the Committee combining with Pierce County as she felt the Council could not approve such a venture.



Mr. Hamilton explained he had not checked on this particular activity, however, there are many areas wherein the City and County are authorized to cooperate. He felt that as much as the Arbor Committee is essentially advisory, there would be no prohibition against the Ordinance.

Ruby J. Nolan, 3915 No. 38th, said this ordinance was not necessary as she felt the Metropolitan Park Board, which is composed of elected officials, should administer the responsibilities outlined in the ordinance.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the Arbor Committee could be one of the duties of the Arts Commission as it is composed of well qualified persons who are cognizant of Civic arts, which includes gardening and general landscaping.

Mayor Rasmussen then moved that the ordinance be amended to include the Arbor Committee as one of the duties of the Arts Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Liddle felt if the duties of the Arbor Committee were placed with the Arts Commission, this responsibility would be overwhelming.

Mr. Bott moved to amend Mayor Rasmussen's motion that action on the ordinance be postponed for one month, until Nov. 25, so that an amendment may be prepared by the staff to include the Arbor Committee in the Civic Arts Commission ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until Nov. 25, 1969.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of the improvement for L I D 4837 for paving on Warner from So. 72nd to 74th; Cedar from So. 47th to 48th; So. 90th from Ash to Alaska St.

Mr. Johnson moved that Monday, Dec. 8, 1969 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment roll. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained there have been many instances of graft in the Model Cities program across the nation, and letters of warning had been sent to City Councils explaining that the Council is directly responsible for the Model Cities Program.

Communications from the F.H.A. Administrator and Andrew S. Hess, Director of HUD in Seattle, were read.

Mayor Rasmussen explained because of a newspaper article he had notified the F.H.A. that the Model Cities Agency in Tacoma, under Sec. 235-H of the program, was not to take over the loaning of money or approving loans to any real estate operation in the City. He noted that each of the communications agreed with his interpretation. It is pointed out in the rules that no project would be undertaken until one year of Program planning, and then only after the approval by the City Council.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked that a report be submitted relative to the raising of educational standards for the Police & Fire Depts.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would check into the matter.

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Mr. Zatkovich explained he had asked that Mr. Hodges be present at this meeting but had been informed he had a previous engagement. However, he wished to note that Mr. Hodges, Director of Human Relations Comm., a City employee, acted again on his own, by submitting an article to the newspaper on Oct. 24 which disputed his claim that the commission had admitted it did nothing during it's first year. Mr. Zatkovich further stated he felt that the article implied he had lied. He said he had also read the Human Relation study session minutes of Jan 9, 1969 which had not indicated what had been accomplished by the commission.

Mr. Zatkovich also read communications from members of the Commission, past and present, suggesting that the Executive Director of the Commission be directed to take no explicit directions from the Commission.

Mr. Zatkovich hoped Mr. Hodges would be present at the next Council meeting.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked that vacant land at So. 10th & Pacific be checked to see if it could be purchased by the City to construct a park.

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Mr. Murtland left the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

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Mayor Rasmussen called the Council's attention to the unsightly building that is being built at So. 25th & Yakima. He hoped that a Design Review Board for the City can be established in the near future.

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Mr. Cvitanich wondered what percentage of time is spent by the Clerk-Steno. in the Citizen's Information Booth on City business as opposed to County business. He felt that the statistics should be specific, relative to the time involved so the costs can be adjusted.

Mr. Bond, Public Information officer, explained he would look into the matter.

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ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mrs. Banfield asked if the request by Mr. Goe, made a number of times, relative to paving in the So. 56th St. area near a school, has been taken care of.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the grading crews have checked this repeatedly and with the continued wet weather it has become a hazard. It is hoped that sometime an L I D petition will be submitted by the citizens so permanent paving can be installed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

The following persons expressed their views on various subject matters to the Council: Leon H. Jacobs, George W. Goe, Norman R. Anderson and J. W. Slipp.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Civil Service Board meeting of Sept. 16, 1969.
- b. Minutes of the Human Relations Commission of Sept. 18, 1969.
- c. Report from the Director of Human Relations Commission for Sept. 19 - Oct. 16, 1969.
- d. Model Cities Monthly Status Report for Sept. 1969.
- e. Report from the City Planning Dept. for Sept. 1969.
- f. Traffic Violations and Court Cases during the month of Sept. 1968 and 1969.
- g. The City Clerk advising that the time has elapsed to file protests on LID 5492.

Placed on file.

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Mayor Rasmussen announced that next week the Council meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1969.

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Mr. Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*A. L. Rasmussen*  
A. L. Rasmussen - Mayor

Attest:

*Josephine Melton*  
Josephine Melton - City Clerk