

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, May 14th, 1968

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 6: Banfield, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 3: Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of April 30, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen presented Police Assistance Awards to five citizens of outstanding courage in apprehending criminals until assistance was obtained by the Police.

The recipients were congratulated by Mayor Rasmussen, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and members of the City Council.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of the east side of Pearl St. between No. 15th & No. 18th Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District, submitted by Palmer C. Peterson.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the applicant has requested the reclassification in order to construct five one story apartment buildings with a total of thirty-eight dwelling units and one hundred five off-street parking stalls.

He added, that the design of the site has been worked out with the developer to minimize any adverse effects on adjoining single family homes to the east. A restrictive covenant running with the land has been agreed upon by the applicant relative to driveways, grade changes, off-street parking spaces and alley paving.

Mr. Cvitanich said he was concerned with the over abundant apartment developments on Pearl St.

Mr. Buehler explained, it was the intent in all requests, as far as the staff was concerned, that the developments be allowed only where the City can control the flow of the vehicular traffic. They also felt that the availability of financing single-family homes on an arterial street is practically nil. The Planning Commission and the Planning staff felt this was a proper development.

Mr. Cvitanich thought the Council should not concern themselves with the financing plans. The decision should be whether it is good planning for the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Zatkovich felt the Council should consider this very carefully, as protests had been submitted by residents in the area.

After further discussion, Mr. Finnigan moved that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve this rezone and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 2: Nays 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion Lost.

Dr. Herrmann said that he would charge his vote to 'no' so that his vote will be on the prevailing side to reconsider the action at next week's meeting.

b. This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by Ronald E. Wire, et al, on the denial of the request for rezoning of the area between So. 94th & So. 96th Sts from Park Ave. to So. G Street extended, from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District

Mr Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that Mr. Keith McGoffin, Attorney, representing the petitioners, has requested that this hearing be postponed until the full Council is present.

Dr. Herrmann moved to postpone the above hearing for one week, until May 21st, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of the north side of So 10th St between Asotin and Ainsworth Sts, submitted by the City Planning Commission

Mr Buehler explained, that after the plat of Cannon's Fern Hill Addition had been approved and recorded, the Title Co. suggested that a separate vacation be processed to clear any legal cloud that may arise on the two residential lots involved with the right-of-way.

No one appeared to protest.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

d. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of the alley between Baltimore & Bennett Sts. from No. 33rd to No. 35th Streets, submitted by the City Planning Commission.

Mr Buehler explained the vacation of this alley was denoted as a part of the final plat approval of McGinn Second Addition which had been reviewed by all agencies and departments concerned. However, after the plat had been approved and recorded, the Title Co. suggested that a separate vacation be processed to clear any legal cloud that may arise on the adjoining residential lots regarding the alley right-of-way.

No one appeared to protest.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Rasmussen stated he has had a communication from nine merchants requesting that the City Council consider making Fawcett Avenue a two-way street.

Mayor Rasmussen also brought up that a firm on Commerce St. had requested that Commerce St. be returned to a two-way street, since business has fallen off considerably since the one-way streets were instituted. He mentioned that Jefferson and Commerce is a bad intersection and felt that something should be done as the free flow of traffic is entirely blocked.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the Traffic Dept. study these problems thoroughly.

PETITIONS:

a. Petition of W. Towne Collins requesting rezoning of the north side of No. 14th between Baltimore & Villard St. from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

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b. Petition of Forrester Realty & Mortgage Co. requesting rezoning of the area between So. 13th & 14th Sts. west of Orchard from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L-PK" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19695 (postponed from the meeting of May 7th, 1968)

Awarding contract to Randolph & Hardy for W. O. No. 54949 on its bid of \$3,134.00.

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

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that Mr. Burton Lyon, Jr. appeared before the City Council last week on behalf of Dr. Magnuson who owns the property slated for demolition under this contract.

Mr. Rowlands explained he had checked with Mr. Menconi, City Purchasing Agent, who had reported that the bids were opened on April 15th, 1968 and Mr. Murphy, a contractor, appeared at the Public Works Dept. on April 16th to submit a bid on W. O. No. 54949. Mr. Murphy noted that his bid was \$500 less than the other bids, since the bids had already been opened, he knew what the results were.

Mr. Rowlands stated, in some instances, the Purchasing Dept. notifies bidders, however, this is merely a matter of courtesy. In this particular instance, the secretary had called Mr. Murphy but she was unable to reach him.

Mr. Finnigan felt it wasn't necessary to notify bidders by phone or mail as it is published in the Tacoma Daily Index, therefore, everyone has an equal opportunity of knowing what bids are being called for.

Mrs. Banfield moved that in future call for bids that notification to contractors shall be by publication only. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Rasmussen felt there wasn't anything wrong in establishing a firm policy but he also felt, perhaps, in this particular instance the Council should reject all bids and call for new bids.

Mr. Finnigan asked Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, if the City would be liable in a situation such as this.

Mr. Robert Hamilton explained he did not know of any recent case to resolve this problem. Formerly the law stated that a City could not be held guilty, however, in recent years the immunity of the Cities from law suits has been gradually diminished both by legislation and by court action. He said he would hesitate to assure the Council that there would not be a law suit involved.

Dr. Herrmann felt since the Council was interested in receiving the lowest possible bids, there did not seem any harm to phone bidders and if they are unable to contact them a letter could be sent.

Mayor Rasmussen felt everyone should know what policy has been set by the Council, therefore, there would be no comeback against the City.

Voice vote was taken on Mrs. Banfield's motion. Motion carried.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19699

Fixing Monday June 24, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6370 for street lighting on No. 31st to No. 34th Street from Madison to Tyler Streets.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19700

Fixing Monday June 24, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 6871 for street lighting in the area between 6th Ave. & So. 12th St. from Junett to Puget Sound Ave.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19701

Fixing Tuesday, May 28, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the area between 6th Ave. & So. 8th St. extended approximately 400 feet west of Pearl Street, from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (petition of William Edwards)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19702

Fixing Tuesday June 11, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for rezoning of both sides of Durango St. at So. 30th from an "R-3" to an "R-3-PRD" District. (petition of Services Investment Co., Inc.)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19703

Fixing Tuesday June 11, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of all of So. 30th St. lying between the west line of Adams St. and the east line of Proctor St. (petition of Services Investment Co., Inc.)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19704

Fixing Tuesday, June 11, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the west side of Alaska St. between So. 88th & 90th Sts. and the north

side of So. 90th St. between Alaska and a point approximately 240 feet west thereof. (petition of John Hergert)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19705

Awarding contract to Grinnell Construction Co. on its bid of \$32,813.00 for W. O. No. 95000.

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

Mr. G. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that this contract is part of the total project with the Federal government relative to garbage disposal. He added, two scales are needed because of the amount of traffic in the disposal area. Bids had been called for at a previous date and since none of the bidders had met the specifications, they were all rejected.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there would be sufficient garbage sold to outweigh the expense of hiring three additional employees to operate the additional scales.

Mr. Schuster explained that this program does more than weigh the materials brought in, it also determines the basis of the efficiency of the City's packing units so there is a benefit over and beyond the weighing process. This operation is planned for over a three year period and during that period, the Federal government participates in two-thirds of the cost of the project. It is anticipated that the scales will be used after the project has been completed.

Mayor Rasmussen wondered if the City is spending considerable money for land fill sites when an incineration plant might be the answer.

Mr. Schuster remarked that it has been proven time and time again that if it were possible to make use of land fill sites, it is many times cheaper than incineration. An incineration plant is normally used when there isn't an area available for a land fill operation, also it is very expensive.

Mr. Rowlands agreed with Mr. Schuster that incineration is very expensive not only in building the plant, but also to maintain.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bott, Johnson and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19706

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute for and on behalf of the City an agreement with Pierce County to provide for the sharing of the cost of the improvement of the intersection of So 19th & Jackson Ave.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. sBanfield.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if any consideration had been given to underground wiring since the utility wires at that location would have to be relocated.

Mr. Schuster said this has been investigated to a great extent. There are three separate power lines in that area and the Utility Dept. has held meetings with the citizens in the area relative to installing underground wiring, but the cost is so great due to the high voltage in that area. They felt it would be a financial burden on the abutting property owners.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the City of Seattle insists on underground wiring where there is major construction and Seattle City Light is absorbing the cost very successfully. He noted that the cost for operation and maintenance is so much less with underground wiring, which cost could be amortized over a ten year period.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated that Tacoma bears the problem of having a separate Utility Board, whereas the Seattle Light Dept. is under the Council. He agreed with Mayor Rasmussen that underground wiring is less expensive than overhead installations to maintain.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the Council has a moral responsibility to the citizens of Tacoma, when a major construction project of this type is undertaken, that the Utility Board should be given some direction by the Council. He wondered if this should not be held over for a period of time to check into the matter.

Mr. Schuster stated that the Utility Dept. had already been moving poles into new locations.

Mr. Finnigan believed that the Utility Dept. would move a little faster if the Council would exercise a little authority. He felt the Council and the Utility Board should meet on this problem.

Mayor Rasmussen stated, he would arrange for a study session.

Mr. Schuster stated, it was their intention to advertise this project for bids this Friday or May 24th, 1968.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone the resolution for two weeks, until May 28th, 1968 so a meeting might be held with the Utility Board on this matter of underground wiring. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until May 28th, 1968.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18578

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.050-21 to include property on the west side of Pacific Ave. between So. 76th & Spooner St. in an "R-3" District. (petition of William G. Veris)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18579

Vacating the alley between So. 16th & 17th Sts. immediately east of Walters Rd. (petition of John Bourgaize)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18580

Appropriating the sum of \$7,171.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purchase of additional equipment for the Police Dept.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18573

Amending the pay and compensation plan to reflect the pay increases provided in the Electrical Workers Agreement for certain employees of the City, effective as of April 1, 1968.

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

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bott, Johnson and Murtland.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18575

Providing for the charges for the vacation of streets and alleys to conform with the 1967 Session Laws.

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Mayor Rasmussen moved to suspend the Rules to allow discussion on this particular ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Tom Garlington, Planning Commission secretary, stated he had been asked by the Planning Commission to present their recommendation, which was requested by the City Council, relative to the amendment made to the ordinance a week ago. He added, the Planning Commission's reason for objecting to the amendments is that it would not be reasonable to ask compensation for land being vacated because the City has acquired practically all of its right-of-way at no expense. Also, that an appraisal would discourage vacations and harm the practice of placing vacant land back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Garlington further stated that the Planning Commission, at an earlier meeting today recommended that an alternate No. 2, ordinance be adopted by the City Council. This ordinance would authorize the City Council to initiate vacations and establish filing fees for vacation petitions. The sole basis for these fees is to defer the administrative costs ranging from \$100 in districts of single-family homes and duplexes to \$300 in business and industrial districts.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, if there is anything in the original amended ordinance as proposed that is in conflict with the state permissive legislation.

Mr. Hamilton said the ordinance as originally drafted conforms with the statutory enactment.

Mr. Cvitanich stated, he felt there was a general misunderstanding of his proposal. He said it was not intended as a source of revenue, but rather to protect the City in the one or two instances a year that call for compensation from a petitioner. The ordinance was not intended to deter any development.

Dr. Herrmann stated, if this were in conformity with the State statutes, there is no conflict. However, the Planning Commission has raised the question that in all but a few instances, the City has acquired street right-of-ways at no expense and, perhaps, this could be written in the ordinance to do away with that objection.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone the ordinance for two weeks, until Tuesday, May 28th, 1968 so the amendments discussed can be placed in the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich.

Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mr. Cvitanich and Dr. Herrmann as a committee to work with the legal staff on this ordinance. He also requested that Mr. Garlington, Attorney and Planning Commission secretary, work with this Committee.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to postpone the ordinance until Tuesday, May 28th, 1968. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until Tuesday, May 28th, 1968.

Ordinance No. 18576

Appropriating the sum of \$4300.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purchase of (11) breathing masks, and a receiver

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and transmitter for the Civil Defense Bus for the Tacoma Fire Dept.

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

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Bott, Johnson and Murtland.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18577

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.155-1 to include property between Mildred & MacArthur St. from So. 15th to So. 17th St. extended, in an "RP" District. (petition of Tacoma City Planning Commission)

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

Ayes 5; Nays 1, Banfield; Absent 3; Bott, Johnson and Murtland.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mr Cvitanich asked if he could change his vote to 'no' on Ordinance No. 18577.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had already announced the vote, consequently this could not be done, however, Mr. Cvitanich could move for reconsideration of the ordinance, if he wished.

Mr. Cvitanich then moved that Ordinance No. 18577 be reconsidered. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Motion lost.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that the records indicate he wished to vote 'no' instead of 'yes' on Ordinance No. 18577.

REPORTS:

The City Planning Commission reporting back to the City Council their findings relative to the problem of excessive traffic on Alaska Street which was referred to them for investigation and recommendation, which was postponed from the meeting of May 7th, 1968.

Mr. Buehler pointed out the two alternatives presented at a public hearing before the Planning Commission; (1) barricade of Alaska St. at So. 72nd St. and (2) a barricade of Alaska St. just north of 82nd St. Both alternatives were intended to be installed on a trial basis. The proposals were discussed at length with the final recommendation calling for a postponement until July 1st, 1968, during which time the Police Dept. would rigidly enforce traffic laws on Alaska between So. 72nd and So. 84th Streets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of the following improvements:

- a. L I D 6880 for street lighting on Pine from So. 74th to 76th; Warner from So. 62nd to So. 66th and Alder from So. 60th to So. 66th Street.
- b. L I D 6879 for street lighting on East 26th from East G to Bay St. and other nearby Streets.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, June 24, 1968 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.



ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Audit Report from Knight, Vale & Gregory of December 31, 1967.
- b. 27th Annual Report of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System
- c. Report of Traffic Violations & Court Cases for April 1967 & 1968.
- d. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of March 1968.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Rasmussen stated that Bud Bond, Public Information Officer, submitted a communication on the number of inquiries that are being processed by the Information booth. Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Bond if a sign is being made for the booth. 457

Mr. Bond reported that the Civic Arts Commission of Tacoma-Pierce County was considering the matter

The subject of the razing of the old City Hall was brought up. Mayor Rasmussen thought the City should set an example and demolish their own building if it is unsafe.

After some discussion, Mr. Cvitanich requested that in two weeks a resolution be presented to the City Council to demolish the old City Hall.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that a swinging panel be installed in the Information Booth showing a map of the City.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated that Mr. Bond has two or three plans that have been suggested for remodeling the Council Chambers. He asked that Mr. Finnigan serve as Chairman of a Committee with Mr. Bott and Mrs. Banfield to study the proposals. 62-11

Mr. Finnigan declined the duty as he was not in accord with the project.

Mayor Rasmussen then appointed Mr. Zatkovich to serve with Mr. Bott, Mrs. Banfield and Mr. Cvitanich.

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Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, informed the City Council that the Soroptimist Club had donated the amount of \$150.00 to the Community Betterment and Trust Fund and had asked that it be used for the recreational center at the Hilltop Youth Center.

Dr. Herrmann moved that approval be given to use the \$150.00 from the Community Betterment Fund, donated by the Soroptimist Club, for improvements at the Hilltop Youth Center. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. 62-45

Mr. Cvitanich asked what is the status of the request for funds by Mrs. Dunn of the East Side Multi-Service Center which had been destroyed by fire.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained there had been meetings relative to future plans with labor representatives and contractors who have indicated they would help rebuild the building.

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Mr. Cvitanich stated, if anyone had any information in regard to incineration plants throughout the Country he would like to have copies of any articles.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. Bond collect some of the numerous periodicals for Mr. Cvitanich's perusal. 398

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Mr. Pinnigan remarked that in regard to the one way streets, that K Street, for example, is a one way street and he has never heard of any complaints; the area is certainly growing steadily.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency has billed the City for approximately \$7,000 which is due in June of 1968. The said he assured the agency it would be paid, but discussion on the matter with other elected officials pointed out they were appropriating money out of their General fund to support the air pollution control and the Puget Sound Governmental Conference. He noted that in the City's budget, these monies are appropriated out of the Legislative fund. Since it is general governmental business, he felt it has been appropriated out of the improper fund.

Mr. Rowlands remarked that the fund could be changed at the Council's direction. Mayor Rasmussen stated he would like to explore this with Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance.

Mrs. Banfield felt that after six months the audit should be again considered. She asked Mr. Cvitanich how the Committee is functioning.

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Mr. Cvitanich explained the Committee has been active and has contacted various groups and several suggestions are to be made to the Council within two weeks.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked at what time does the Council wish to pay the \$7,000 for the Airport Study which has never been authorized by the Council.

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Mr. Rowlands, stated a memorandum will be submitted to the Council on this matter, but he understood the project has not been approved by HUD.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated, there is a further request to pay \$500.00 which is the yearly dues for the Association of Mayors. He was informed that the Mayor's conference in June in Chicago did not have anything of importance to discuss at the meeting. It was his feeling that the Council should not pay \$500.00 dues for him to attend a meeting where no important issues were to be discussed.

Mr. Cvitanich felt Mayor Rasmussen should attend the meeting as it certainly serves as an educational purpose.

Mrs. Banfield stated she had asked Mr. Rowlands to submit a list of all the dues from the various organizations and has not received it as yet.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked if letters had been sent to Los Angeles and San Francisco in regard to their air pollution ordinances.

Mr. Rowlands stated this had been done.

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Mrs. Virginia Shackelford representing the Tacoma-Hilltop Citizens Association, stated that the association she represents has asked that the City Council appoint her to the advisory council for the Model Cities Program if Tacoma is granted such a project. She mentioned that it was their understanding that the

Model Cities application will be considered by HUD in June with a decision forthcoming. Also that plans are already being laid to implement it as quickly as possible once the decision is made. She said she thought there should be some points clarified within the next couple of weeks. She added, their organization was very concerned as to how the 'block-leaders' are to be chosen and what their duties are. There are several people who are just waiting for the government to come along and hand them a \$1500 grant for a low cost loan on their homes. She stated the law has already established a certain criteria, and she felt it should be clarified immediately so the people will understand the regulations regarding the \$1500 grant. Many of the elderly people feel they will be moved, therefore, they are not remodeling their homes. Mrs. Shackelford asked what authority is being used for this home improvement program that is being conducted.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained this program is administered by the City through the local minimum building code. He noted that every step of any other programs allowable under Model Cities or the Community Renewal Program, would have to be approved by the City Council.

Mr. Rowlands continued, the City Council would be requested next week to approve a contract for acceptance of a federal grant to conduct a City-wide study of physical, social and economic conditions. Then such a study could lead to a CRP for rehabilitating neighborhoods and taking other steps to deter blight.

Mrs. Shackelford explained that the Tacoma-Hilltop Citizens Association wishes to have the status of the Rev. J. R. Williams clarified. She noted the Rev. Williams has spoken about the Model Cities application, but he is not accepted as a spokesman by all Hilltop residents.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated he was one of the many persons involved in preparing the Model Cities application and Mr. Williams spoke for the Hilltop Neighborhood Improvement Council.

Mayor Rasmussen assured Mrs. Shackelford that her organization would be represented on the advisory council.

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Mayor Rasmussen requested that the Finance Director in the financial report each month, list the names of the banks that the City has deposits with and also the amount of funds on deposit.

Mr. Rowlands said he would check into the matter.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked if the City has received the money for the land that has been cleared for the planned garages.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated the parking corporation wants to be sure it has the property for both garages to be constructed at the same time. The property would be offered for sale by public bid, but the City is limited to call for bids for parking garages only.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested it would be a good idea if bids were received from more than one party. He had assumed that as soon as the land was cleared it would be sold.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this plan has been worked out over a period of years, and he would be glad to submit a report on the project to the Council.

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Mayor Rasmussen questioned the tax figures used last week by an executive of Dean Witter & Co. relative to its projected office building. He added, he had looked into the matter but the County Assessor did not have any figures as to the cost of the building. He did know that the first two floors of a building bear the heaviest tax burden. He asked that the figures quoted be checked.

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Mr Rowlands stated he had looked into the matter and was told that the six-story building would cost approximately \$1.5 million dollars which would yield about \$29,000 in taxes, instead of \$34,000.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P. M.

A. L. Rasmussen  
MAYOR

Attest: Erubine Melton  
City Clerk