

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, August 16, 1966

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Cvitanich and Haley. Mr. Cvitanich arriving at 4:10 P. M.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of August 2, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of the west 8 feet of Washington Street between No. 29th and No. 30th Sts., petitioned by J. S. Wendt.

Mr. Cvitanich coming in at 4:10 P. M.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mrs. Price moved that the proper ordinance be drafted approving the vacation. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of property located on the N. W. corner of So. 47th and Alder Sts. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District, petitioned by Western Enterprises, Inc.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved that the proper ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c. This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by P. M. Steele attorney, representing Oscar T. Hokold, petitioner, on the denial of the request for rezoning of property located at So. 72nd to So. 76th St. on the east side of So. Hosmer St. from a "C-P-N", "R-2" and "R-4-L" to a "C-P-C" District.

Mayor Tollefson stated, at one time he had represented Mr. Hokold on this particular property, and under the circumstances, he did not feel he should sit in on this hearing.

Mayor Tollefson asked that Dr. Herrmann, Deputy Mayor, assume the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann presided as Chairman.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the Planning Commission felt the present zoning to be proper as it would allow construction of a 7 1/2 acre neighborhood shopping center to service the immediate area. The proposed construction would generate considerable traffic which could impede the 72nd Street Freeway interchange and flow onto nearby residential streets.

Mr. Patrick M. Steele, attorney for the petitioner, stated that the proposed 100,000 square foot discount department store would represent a one and one-half million dollar investment. It would employ 150 people, with an annual payroll of \$900,000 and would definitely add to the tax rolls. He outlined the probable land use of the property and its potential. He noted that in spite of concerted efforts of the owner of this property, no one has been interested

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in developing a neighborhood shopping center.

Mr. Steele added, the K-Mart is a high-quality department store and showed the lay-out of the type of store. The S. S. Kresge Co., owner of the K-Mart stores, would maintain 85% of the entire store and be fully responsible. According to the plan, there would not be any traffic congestion due to the construction of the store.

Mr. Arthur Bylack, Los Angeles, pointed out the economic advantages of having this type of store in the City of Tacoma. He noted that the K-Mart Stores never purchase anything but first-class merchandise. He also felt the operation would be an asset to Tacoma.

Mr. Robert Anderson, City Engineer reported on the future traffic count in the area. He stated that the Freeway interchanges should be protected. Traffic congestion would increase to a dangerous point if this rezone were allowed.

Mr. William Ehli, 7641 So. Alaska, protested the rezone in this area.

After some discussion, Mr. Johnson moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the request of Oscar T. Hokold for rezoning of property located at So. 72nd to So. 76th on the east side of So. Hosmer St. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson resumed the Chair .

#### COMMUNICATION:

Annexation Notification. Receipt of notice from not less than 10% of property owners to the City Council, to set a date for a meeting with the initiating parties to determine whether the City will accept the proposed annexation and conditions of acceptance if any, pursuant to R C W 35.13.125, for the area generally bounded by So. Hosmer; Interstate Freeway No. 5; the off Ramp of the Freeway in the vicinity of So. 84th St. and a line 630 feet north more or less, of the north line of So. 96th St., submitted by Oscar T. Hokold, Inc.

Suggested date for meeting August 23, 1966 at 4:00 P. M.

Mr. Hokold, petitioner, stated that a 17 acre tract at 84th and the Freeway, had been zoned by the County to permit construction of a large motel and asked for assurance from the Council that this zoning would remain in effect if the property becomes part of the City.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the Council could not guarantee that any property will remain in its present zone.

Mr. Bott moved to set Tuesday, August 23, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for the meeting on the annexation petition of Oscar T. Hokold, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18837

Fixing Monday Sept. 12, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6884 for street lighting on ornamental standards on So. Oakes from So. 60th to So. 74th Street.

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

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The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 18838

Fixing Monday Sept. 26, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6866 for street lighting on No. 34th from No. 38th St. from Washington to Mason Street.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 18839

Fixing Monday Sept. 12, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5425 for water mains in Whitman from No. 23rd south 500 feet to cul-de-sac; Bristol & Defiance from No. 23rd to Westgate Blvd. and in No. 23rd from Vassault to Defiance Street.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 18840

Fixing Monday Sept. 12, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5426 for water mains in Thompson Ave. from So. 88th St. to 425 feet south of the south property line of So. 90th Street.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 18841

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to amend the wage agreement between the Dept. of Public Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483 for Lineman and Wireman to conform to the area wage scale of \$4.33 per hour for the contract year effective as of April 1, 1966.

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

Mr. Johnson asked what the existing level is at this time.

Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, explained that this boost retroactive

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to April 1st, is on top of a 15-cent per hour increase approved by the Council earlier in the year. He said the lineman-wireman scale was left open pending a Seattle City Light settlement, and the subsequent settlement seemed to justify the additional six cents. He felt they were being fair to their employees with this recommendation as it was their policy to pay the prevailing wage.

Mr. Johnson said he did not concur in their thinking.

Mr. Murtland felt that the added boost could disrupt wage relationships with other City Light electrical workers.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Johnson, Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 18842

Authorizing the renewal of a 5-year lease between the City and the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club, Inc, effective Sept. 1, 1966 to August 31, 1971, for property at 16409 Canyon Road East.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 18843

Authorizing the acceptance of the bid submitted by Mr. R. F. Meeker of Seattle in the amount of \$2400.00 for Parcel "A", property situated at 105th and So. Tacoma Way.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 18844

Authorizing the sale of property located at 62nd Ave. N. E. & 28th St. N. E. to Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$3,241.00 cash.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Dr. Herrmann was excused at 5:40 P. M.

Mr. Bott asked why this property could not be leased instead of being sold.

Mr. Rowlands explained, this was discussed at one of the study sessions sometime ago, subsequently, it was advertised and just two bids were submitted. Lige Dickson bid \$3,241.00 which is above the minimal price. The City is no longer in need of this property and it appeared in the best interest of the City to accept Mr. Dickson's bid.

Mayor Tollefson explained, it is the regular policy of the Council to dispose of such property that the City no longer needs. This resolution will allow the City to get the property back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Bott felt there has not been sufficient deliberation on this matter.

Mr. Bott moved that this resolution be postponed for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Roll call was taken on the motion. Ayes 3; Nays 5, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. MOTION LOST.

Mayor Tollefson explained they have had many discussions on this matter.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this particular piece of property would not be of any further use for the City, even though it is located at 62nd Ave. NE and 29th St. NE.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone the resolution for one week, until August 23, 1966. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Roll call was taken on the motion. Ayes 5; Nays 2; Johnson and Price. Absent 2; Haley and Herrmann. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 18845

Authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$1,100.00, or so much as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay & M & O for the purchase of (3) used mobile radio units for the Tacoma Police Dept.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Herrmann.

Resolution No. 18846

Authorizing the intent of the proper officials of the City of Tacoma to participate in the Demonstration Cities Program, under the presently pending Federal legislation.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this resolution is placing the City on record as willing to be recognized if the Congress of the United States decides to pass an appropriation in the way of a demonstration city grant. This will enable the City to do such preliminary planning and perform preliminary work so as to quickly and expeditiously file an application for selection as a Demonstration City. This also enables the administrative officials to contact other governmental agencies in the area with reference to coordinating a comprehensive plan for improving the area.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote. Ayes 6; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 2, Haley and Herrmann.

Resolution No. 18847

Awarding contract to Coast Contractors for the demolition and site clearance of property in the Center St. Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1 for U. R. 11650 on its bid of \$479.32 incl tax.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote. Ayes 6; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 2, Haley and Herrmann.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18120

Vacating North 47th St. between Gove and the alley immediately west of Gove St. (petition of Millicent Ancich)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18121

Amending Chapter 12.06 of the official code of the City by repealing and re-enacting a new section 12.06.190 relative to Electric Energy & Regulation and Rates.

Mr. Erdahl explained, due to the Bonneville Power Administration rate increase on January 1, 1966, also since it has been the City's policy to treat all major contracts on a uniform basis, an adjustment in the contract power rate, Schedule CP-1 was dictated. An added factor was that the St. Regis contract was terminating and it was considered desirable for a new contract. It was also recommended that all loads in excess of 8000 kilowatts be placed under firm contract. These considerations dictated a slight modification in the City's general power rate. Schedule CP-1 was modified in order that it be consistent with the service being rendered to other large high load factor contract customers.

Mr. Finnigan asked that since Mr. Haley and Dr. Herrmann were absent, perhaps, Mr. Erdahl could explain this in a study session.

Mayor Tollefson thought this would be agreeable with everyone.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18116

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.180-1 to include property on the east side of Hylebos Creek Waterway between east of the city limits line & Highline Road extended in an "M-3" District. (petition of Port of Tacoma)

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18117

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4794 for paving on Madison from No. 34th to 35th St.; Baltimore and Bennett in the vicinity of No. 33rd; Huson from No. 43rd to 46th St.; on Defiance, Bristol and Whitman in the vicinity of No. 23rd and on No. 35th from Monroe to Stevens.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18118

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6864 for street lighting on East 57th from McKinley Ave. to East K Street.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18119

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5424 for water mains and fire hydrants in Marine View Drive from 200 feet southerly of East 11th to 1700 feet southerly of East 11th Street.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

L I D 4772 for paving on So. 48th from Orchard to Mullen, So. Sheridan from So. 53rd to 54th; So. Lawrence from 72nd to 74th St.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, September 12, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 4772. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FIELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Personnel Dept. for the month of June 1966.
- b. Report from the Municipal Court of Tacoma for the month of July 1965 and 1966.
- c. Traffic Division report for the month of June 1966.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands stated, Mr. James M. Blair, Sr., Commissioner of the State Highway Commission, had called and acknowledged the action taken by the City Council in regard to the "Tacoma City Center" sign. He stated that very shortly the present sign will be corrected with the words "City Center" under "Tacoma."

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Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council members of the Park Board Fishing Derby on Thursday, August 19, 1966 at 1:00 P. M.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Murland said they could not be present.

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Mr. Cvitanich explained that a person from out of town who had been looking for employment contacted one of the employment agencies in Tacoma and he obtained a job at a salary of \$358.00 per month. Out of this there was a service charge of \$280.00. Then he obtained a contract from another agency who charged \$160.00 for a salary of \$396.00 a month.

Mr. Cvitanich said he was concerned that such a difference in percentage could be charged for a fee and asked Mr. Rowlands if he would contact some of these firms to determine if they have standard regulations for establishing fees, since they are situated in the City.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would look into the matter.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P. M.

W. M. Jellefson  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton  
City Clerk