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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, February 7, 1967

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 6: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Johnson, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 3: Herrmann, Bott and Murtland. Dr. Herrmann arriving at 4:10 P. M.; Mr. Bott at 4:15 P. M. and Mr. Murtland at 4:18 P. M.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 1967 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of property located on the south side of So. 12th St. between Pine & Junett Sts. from a "C-1" to a "C-2" District. (petition of the Peerless Laundry-Edward V. Hudson)

Mr. Honeywell, attorney representing Mr. Hudson, stated that the City's present ordinance finds Mr. Hudson's business in a non-conforming use. He employs approximately 117 people working two shifts. He has an increased volume of business primarily due to the contract that he has just signed for the overflow from the Fort Lewis Laundry. His present facilities are overcrowded and are desperately in need of expansion. Mr. Hudson has acquired property across the alley from his plant which will be developed for off-street parking for employees, also for additional loading facilities which will alleviate present traffic congestions. He further added, the City Planning Department has asked that certain conditions be met by Mr. Hudson which he has agreed upon.

Mrs. Price asked if Mr. Hudson was planning to remove the existing building in his expansion plans.

Mr. Honeywell stated that the plans call for additional off-street loading and parking areas and there will be substantial changes in the use of the present building.

The following property owners protesting the improvement were given an opportunity to speak: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mills, 1307 So. Junett; Harvey Nickelsen, 1306 So. Pine; Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Strong, 1309 So. Pine; Mrs. Dewey, 2911 So. 13th; Mrs. D. H. Tyler of 1315 So. Pine; Arnold Johnson of 1218 So. Junett and Mrs. Peterson of 1301 So. Pine.

Mayor Tollefson explained that the City Council does try, to the best of its ability to protect the adjacent property owners. The purpose of a screen or fence to be constructed is to give as much protection to the adjoining property as the Council can under the circumstances.

Mr. Haley stated, if the Council denied this rezoning, it would not force Mr. Hudson to move his laundry. However, if this change is made, the Council can request some rules and regulations for Mr. Hudson to follow.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the Council should give serious consideration to the traffic this would generate in this area.

Mayor Tollefson felt that the Planning Commission had this in mind when they recommended that Mr. Hudson's petition for adjacent off-street parking be approved.

Dr. Herrmann asked how much area for off-street parking would be required if this laundry were in an Urban Renewal area.

Mr. Buehler stated he did not know the requirements for an Urban Renewal area but for an Industrial use, a parking place for every (6) employees is required.

Mr. Corey Richmond, Director of Urban Renewal, said, they would consider the amount of transient traffic for customer parking as well as sufficient space for employees.

Dr. Herrmann said if the amount of parking made available is reasonable and conforms to the modern planning concept, he would be agreeable to the rezoning.

Mrs. Price asked how many people would be using the parking area.

Mr. Honeywell stated there are (117) people at this location, working in two shifts and they drive an average of (41) cars per day. All of the objections are directed at the present conditions. If this expansion, for parking is allowed, it will substantially correct many of the objectionable conditions.

Mr. Johnson explained, if this zoning is approved to conform to the zoning ordinance, it would be contrary to the philosophy that non-conforming uses should be phased out. He wondered if Mr. Hudson wouldn't be well advised to look for some other location than this particular spot.

Mayor Tollefson said, he might be of the opinion if this were not already in existence that the Council might refuse the request, but there are other laundries in residential areas within the City. He noted that the Planning Commission had reviewed this petition and they felt it would definitely cut down the parking problem in the area and recommended the passage of the petition.

Mr. Haley moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone the property located on the south side of So. 12th St. between Pine and Junett Streets. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19033 (postponed from the meeting of January 24, 1967)

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a conditional real estate contract to Thomas E. & Doris J. Maestas for vacated land located at No. 33rd and Madison, in Gulch.

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

Mr. Buehler informed the Council that the Metropolitan Park District has found that they own property near this area.

Mr. Rowlands stated, at yesterday's study session the Park Board had expressed an interest in these lots, so perhaps, it would be advisable for the City to retain these particular lots.

The Resolution was LOST unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 0; Nays 9; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19048

Fixing Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of property on the north side of No. 26th between Alder & Cedar Streets. (petition of Forrester Realty & Mortgage Co.)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19049

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated within the New Tacoma Project, Wash. R-14 at 936 Pacific Avenue.

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

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

Resolution No. 19050

Awarding contract to George Madsen Co., Inc. on its bid of \$33,554.85 for L I D 4783.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19051

Awarding contract to Tonnesen Construction Co. on its bid of \$179,747.50 for Improv. No. 3630.

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

Mr. Finnigan asked if this Improvement No. 3630 was an L I D project.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained this storm drain is a new line to an area that is not now served by storm sewers. It is a trunk line that is being financed approximately 50% by a federal grant, which was obtained through the Housing and Urban Development. The balance is being paid from a bond issue that was passed by the voters in 1963.

Mr. Finnigan asked what is the balance of the bond funds of 1963.

Mr. Schuster remarked that when the program with HUD is completed, the bond fund will be practically depleted.

Mr. Schuster further explained that without the aid of the matching funds from HUD it would not have been possible for the Department to make such improvement for storm drains and sanitary sewers.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Resolution No. 19052

Awarding contract to Keith Petersen & Son on their bid of \$6,349.75 for Improv. No. 3057-Unit A.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18224

Amending Subsection A. 30 of section 13.06.290 & Subsection A.4 of Section 13.06.310 of the official code to include all Laundries in a "C-2" District. (Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18221

Amending Sections 1.12.210 & 625 of the Compensation Plan reflecting changes in holiday pay for certain Belt Line Employees.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 18222

Appropriating the sum of \$7,305.48 from the General Fund to the Airport Fund and the sum of \$42,584.91 from the General Fund to the Police Relief and Pension Fund.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works & Public Utilities presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

- a. L I D 3617 for sanitary sewers in Bennett St. from No. 35th to 200 feet south of No. 33rd. St.
- b. L I D 3621 for sanitary sewers in No. Villard St. from No. 14th to No. 21st St.
- c. L I D 3638 for sanitary sewers on Manitou Way from So. 62nd south 250 feet.
- d. L I D 6826 for intersection lighting in the vicinity of So. 12th & Aurora Ave.
- e. L I D 5422 for water mains in So. 87th St. from Ainsworth Ave. to Cushman Ave.

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Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, March 13, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date of hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Tacoma Employees Retirement System report for the month of Jan. 1967.
- b. Traffic Division report for the month of December 1966.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands announced that the meeting of the Puget Sound Governmental Conference will be held Thursday, Feb. 9th at 10:00 A. M. at the Windjammer Restaurant in Seattle. He said anyone wishing to attend could contact the Mayor's office or the City Manager's office so that transportation could be arranged. The report from the Battelle Institute will be submitted relative to air pollution. He explained that the City's original application was for the amount of \$84,000. The City's one-third share being \$28,000 and the Federal Government's share's share of \$56,000. Mr. Rowlands, added, with Pierce County participating in the program in the amount of \$7,000, the total program would be \$143,000 since the grant basis of the application becomes three-fourths--one-fourth grant instead of a two-thirds grant. He hoped the detailed report can be submitted to the City Council within the next month.

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Mr. Rowlands announced that there would be a Legislative meeting in Olympia on Wednesday night Feb. 8th at 7:30 P. M. in regard to the needs of the cities and the appropriation that would be needed. He hoped that many of the Council members could attend as he felt it was important to have a good representation from the City of Tacoma at these committee meetings.

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Mr. Rowlands said that some months ago it was suggested that light poles be erected in the center strips on No. 21st Street. He said that he had been informed by the Utility Dept. that they cannot erect poles to a sufficient height to obtain the proper illumination for that area. Consequently, it was the staff's recommendation that the poles be erected along the sides of the center strip with wires going underground, so that proper lighting will be affected.

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Mr. Schuster, Public Works, Director, explained that the section between Orchard and Highland Streets, it would be possible to put the poles on either side of the roadway. However, the section from Proctor to Orchard, if 7,000 aluminum lamps were installed, poles could be used, but when 21,000 aluminum lamps, which is normal for arterial streets, the lights are placed at a height of 30 feet. The extra height makes the poles too close to the tower line wires. Therefore, the staff's recommendation is to place the ornamental poles on either side of the street with the underground wiring.

Mr. Finnigan mentioned the number of attacks and molesting of newspaper boys in recent months. He felt it was time the Council emphasized a much quicker and a more severe penalty on the attackers.

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Mr. Finnigan requested that the intersection of No. 1 and Yakima Ave. be checked, as it is a blind spot, particularly when cars are parked up to the intersection. He added, more accidents have been occurring at this point in the last year or so. He also informed the Council that an automobile has been parked on the N. E. corner of No. 8th and I for some time. He thought it might be an abandoned car. He wished these matters to be checked.

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Mr. Finnigan stated that the traffic problem that occurs in the morning when workers are on their way to work in the Tidelands should be alleviated. He felt that the buses could be re-routed down another street rather than 13th. He felt better traffic regulations should be enforced.

Mr. Rowlands said the rush-hour situation would probably get worse before it gets better. The new bridge to be constructed across the City Waterway near 15th St. is at least five years away. He wondered if the industries on the Tidelands might get together and stagger their hours to alleviate the morning traffic problem.

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Mr. Finnigan felt such a plan would run into union objections.

Mayor Tollefson felt the City traffic engineers should give some thought to reversible traffic lanes on South 11th Street, which would allow traffic to go "straight down the hill" in the morning.

Mr. Finnigan did suggest that right turns on Pacific Ave. be eliminated from four to five o'clock in the evening. In the morning, perhaps, a patrolman could be stationed there.

Mayor Tollefson stated, the matter should be given more study, possibly to include use of traffic policemen during the rush-hour to improve the situation.

Mr. Finnigan also mentioned that the rail crossings are torn up quite badly and he did not know what authority the City has to repair them, but he felt this matter should be investigated.

Mr. Haley mentioned that there is a traffic trap at the Puyallup Ave. overpass at the Puyallup River. There are two blinker lights on caution, and when the red light comes on there is no warning at all. He felt this should be checked.

Mr. Murtland stated he had heard over the radio that Puget Sound Power and Light Co. is improving its facilities in the amount of \$28,000,000, and that a large portion of this would be for underground wiring.

He noted that in (7) to (10) years by the saving in maintenance a light utility would be able to recapture the original cost of underground wiring. He stated he was not pleased with the resolution the Council passed last week regarding underground wiring, and he felt that the Council should inform the Utility Dept. that this is something they could repay over a period of time. He feels that the Council must look into this matter further.

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He requested that Mr. Rowlands submit an additional report relative to the installation of underground wiring, and then he would like the Council to pass a resolution stating that all utilities will go underground.

Mr. Murtland felt the City should do something about installing anti-smog devices on buses and City owned cars and also on all cars that are less than two years old. He felt the City should take the lead in this venture.

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Mr. Rowlands stated he would investigate and report back to the Council. Mayor Tollefson wondered if the Council should require anti-smog devices on all new cars sold in the City.

Mr. Haley stated the devices will be required nationally, starting with the 1968 model cars because of the Automobile Safety Act.

Mr. Cvitanich mentioned the slides on Marine View Drive. He asked if anything had developed in the litigation proceedings with the property owners on the hill.

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Mr. Rowlands stated this was still in litigation.

Mr. Schuster explained that the State Highway Dept. has a contract for some widening of Marine View Drive. He added, this will take care of the drainage to a better extent.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P. M.

W. M. Tollefson

Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Neeton*

City Clerk