

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1969

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

Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Rowlands, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Finnigan.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of Sept. 2, 1969.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of the meeting of Sept 2, 1969 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Rowlands submit copies of the lease held with the City relative to the Civic Arts Museum, as well as the sub-leases of Allied Arts and Junior League.

Mr. Rowlands said they would be submitted to the Council next week.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the staff had received a reply from the Sons of Italy whether space in their building had been rented on this particular Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Rowlands said he had received a letter from the Sons of Italy which indicated they had rented the auditorium for this Sunday afternoon at the request of Mr. Thomas Dixon.

Mayor Rasmussen also asked when the report will be submitted in regard to the disbursement of \$163,000 which was allocated to the Public Works Dept. for repair of streets.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the breakdown on the \$163,000 was discussed with Mr. Schuster and Mr. Anderson of the Public Works Dept., and the report will be submitted to the Council next week.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had been informed that an audit is being conducted in certain departments and he asked for information on the matter.

Mr. Rowlands explained the only audit that he had any knowledge was being conducted by HUD from San Francisco who is auditing federal projects.

Mr. Jaisford explained that the Dept of HUD is auditing at the present time in the Finance Dept and he seemed to be very happy with the entire operation of the Model Cities Program.

Voice vote was taken on the approval of the minutes of Sept. 2. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the Council meeting of Sept. 23rd was adjourned before the completion of the agenda, therefore he asked that Mr. Goe and Mr. Buell be given permission to speak at this time.

Mr. George Goe, Sr., 5645 So. Cedar said he felt that more Police and Firemen should be employed so that adequate protection of the citizens can be maintained. He also pointed out that the streets near the school on So. 58th & Cedar, as well as the streets throughout the City that were damaged by last winter's storm, are badly in need of repair.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Rowlands check into the matter to see what can be done, particularly in the school area.

Mr. Rowlands said he would check into the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen explained there will be more policemen added to the force within a few months as a training class will begin on Oct. 13th.

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Mr. William Buell, 32 California, thanked the City Council for their cooperation in obtaining funds for the automatic doors that were installed on the 2nd floor of the City City Bldg. Mr. Buell reminded the Council that by federal law all public buildings are now required to have entrances and exits wide enough to accommodate wheel chairs. He asked if accommodations will be constructed in the new parking garages.

Mayor Rasmussen said as far as they knew, they would be constructed, however he asked Mr. Rowlands to check into the matter.

Mr. Buell issued invitations to the Mayor, Council, Manager and staff, as well as the press to follow him in a wheel chair tour of the City, and then meet and discuss the problems that the handicapped face.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. Buell submit a tentative schedule as he felt this would be very educational.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he would now ask for Unfinished Business from the Council meeting of Sept. 23, 1969.

Mr. Zatkovich mentioned he had been appointed to a committee to investigate the report from a news article relative to remarks made by Mr. Floyd Davis. Mr. Zatkovich explained he had spoken to the reporter and what had been printed has been correct. He added he would suggest, even though Mr. Davis is on a non-paying job, that he should be removed from that organization.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney to check to ascertain if the Council could remove a person from an organization if a person is elected by another body independent of the Council.

Mr. Hamilton said he would check into the matter.

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Mr. Zatkovich mentioned the Human Relations Director's reports dated August 22nd and Sept. 18, 1969 relative to Tacoma's past summer, indicating considerable disruption in human relationships. Outbreaks occurred in the Hilltop area; inter tribal conflict was experienced over fishing rights of the Puyallup Indians; a grape boycott was held by Mexican-Americans; a verbal and psychological battle raged between opponents and proponents of the Model Cities Program. The Director's report also noted that the local civil service system has shown no willingness to be flexible and the Job Corps Training Program has been cut back. It also indicated that the Black citizens have expressed serious misgivings in the way lines of communication have been shut down.

Mr. Zatkovich felt that problems are made more serious when someone such as the Human Relations Director makes such statements. Apparently Mr. Hodges advocated the breakdown of Civil Service and it looks as though he also advocated just placing policemen without any examination or training on the force. Mr. Zatkovich also wondered if the Black citizens who were mentioned in the report claiming they were publicly rebuked when they attended the City Council meeting were Mr. Davis and Mr. Nixon, or someone with a record. Because of such statements he felt Mr. Hodges should be eliminated from City service.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Rowlands take care of the problem just mentioned.

Mr. Bott felt by continually bringing this subject to the Council's attention also creates problems. He thought there should be other methods of handling the situation.

Mrs. Banfield read an article from the National Civic Review explaining that the International City Manager's Assn. has changed its name to the International City Management Assn. and the criteria for membership. Consequently her question was, do we wish to be managed.

Mrs. Banfield said the Council has asked for each Dept's budget for 1970, so it can be compared with the Preliminary budget submitted by the Manager.

Mr. Rowlands stated they will be submitted to the Council as soon as they are received from the departments.

Mrs. Banfield asked that they be submitted before they are checked.

Mrs. Banfield explained the Human Relations Dept. submitted their budget last week, and she would also like to see it before any changes are made.

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Mrs. Banfield said she had not received the report she has requested on the investigation of the "Image".

Mr. Rowlands explained he thought he had reported on that about three weeks ago and said he has no further report on the matter.

Mrs. Banfield asked when the portfolio was made up on the board members.

Mr. Rowlands remarked he did not know.

Mrs. Banfield explained that at the inception of the "Image", Mrs. Rowlands was on the Board, as well as during the last year.

Mr. Rowlands said that particular place, the "Image", was sponsored originally by many church organizations. Mrs. Rowlands is an active member of her church. The inference that something is wrong with the "Image" he felt was strictly out of order. He noted that Mrs. Banfield has brought up that supposedly an overnight party was held there. He wished to inform the Council there was an overnight party, but it was composed of parents with their children which is certainly in order.

Mr. Rowlands also stated he felt it was completely out of order to mention Mrs. Rowlands and he resented Mrs. Banfield's aspersions and inferences that something was wrong.

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A letter was received from the Secretary of the Tacoma Local Joint Executive Board, International Union, AFL-CIO, Union Locals 61 and 711, thanking the Mayor for his efforts and consideration in regard to their recent labor dispute involving the Hotel, Motel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders.

Mayor Rasmussen said he was happy to announce that the Garage Mechanics strike has been settled. He also mentioned a letter was received from the Automotive Machinists relative to negotiations with the Council for the 1970 budget.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- 1. Minutes of the Civil Service Board for August 19, 1969.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners for Sept 8, 1969.
- 3. Human Relations Director's report for August 22 and Sept. 18, 1969.
- 4. Report from City Planning Dept. for August 1969.
- 5. Tacoma Police Dept. report for August 1969.
- 6. City Clerk advising that the time has expired for filing protests on L I D 4889 and 4905.

Placed on file.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that concludes the business from the meeting of Sept. 23, 1969.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of property on Circle Way from 16th to a point approx. 150 feet north, submitted by John E. Canonica.

Mr. Wiley, Asst. Director of Planning, explained this is a 100% petition as all of the property is owned by the petitioner. The petitioner intends to utilize the proposed vacation to consolidate properties for a usable building site. The applicant has submitted a deed at the request of the Planning Commission which will comply with the standards of the Public Works Dept.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the vacation be approved and an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of property on the Port of Tacoma Road at the S.W. corner of Port of Tacoma Road and East 11th Sts., submitted by Benjamin Erhart.

Mr. Wiley pointed out on the map the location of the property. He explained the petition was initiated by the City Council at its meeting on May 6, 1969, as the required signatures of 67% of the abutting property owners could not be obtained by Mr. Erhart. He also added that the Public Works Dept. recommended that the vacation be reduced in order that the intersection of East 11th and Port of Tacoma Road could be widened and improved under the Urban Arterial Board Program at a later date, also that a small parcel of property be deeded to the City.

Mr. Wiley further explained the petitioner is willing to comply with these recommendations. The Planning Commission has recommended the vacation with the conditions for off-street parking for the proposed restaurant and tavern planned by the petitioner.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication from Vernon L. Lindskog, attorney for Greyhound Lines-West, filing an appeal from certain audit assessments levied by the Dept. of Tax & Licenses.

The City Clerk asking advice from the Council for a date to be set for hearing on the appeal.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to set the date of Oct. 21, 1969 for the appeal hearing. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich.

Mr. Finnigan moved to amend Mr. Cvitanich's motion to set the date for Nov. 12th, so that the Council might have more time to study the problem. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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A letter was read from Mrs. Kathleen Skrinar stating she had sent a letter to Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, asking that the Special Use Permit granted to the Narcotics Center of Tacoma-Pierce County be revoked as conditions of approval have not been met.

Mayor Rasmussen felt it was very important that a full scale investigation be completed immediately on the basis of information that is available in the Tacoma Police Dept.

Mr. Zatkovich said he thought the program should never have been started in Tacoma. He felt that the center was a gathering spot for addicts. He felt it was also a waste of money and detrimental to the surrounding area.

Mrs. Banfield said the center was expanding services to the 38th St. area. She expressed concern of the affect on juveniles in the area. She also would welcome an immediate investigation.

Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. 20403

Fixing Monday Oct. 27th at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for L I D 5493 for water mains in Fremont from No. 23rd to No. 27th; No. 27th from Fremont to Parkway Drive 130 feet south to 300 feet north of No. 27th St.

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

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

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20404

Rejecting all bids for Improvement No. 4842 as the bids exceed the Engineer's estimate.

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

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

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20405

Accepting an offer to sell real property at 1101-5 Market St. from Puget Sound National Bank for the purchase price of \$125,000.00 in the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-14.

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

Mr. Wright, Urban Renewal Director, explained this property is the old Crystal Palace Market at the corner of 11th & Market St. The area being 165 by 120 feet. The recommended purchase price for this property is \$125,000, and the estimated market value is \$140,000.

Mayor Rasmussen felt since the building is of reinforced concrete it need not be demolished.

Mr. Wright explained that is true, but it is not adaptable to possible current uses. There are a number of tenants who pay approx. \$1,395 monthly rent. At present there is no purchaser for the property but the building would be operated under the Property Management Dept. until all relocation is completed. He explained, unless Urban Renewal owns the property it will be difficult to interest possible developers into buying the property. Consideration has been given to rehabilitating the building, but the owner has elected to sell. The site fits in well with current long range plans for development.

of the downtown business district.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the property be used as part of a package which could include the old Bon Marche building for a possible large development.

Mr. Wright explained discussions have been held with the owners of the Bon Marche building and they indicated they had no plans for their property in downtown Tacoma, but would cooperate with other developers who might wish to use the Crystal Palace market area.

Mr. Bott thought it might be wise to delay action on this building to see if there was a possibility that private enterprise might take it over and also to utilize the Bon Marche Bldg. in a large development.

Mr. Zatkovich asked how much it would cost to renovate the building.

Mr. Wright said this was checked into with the city departments and it was estimated it would cost approx. \$30 to \$35,000 to bring it up to code.

A number of Council members felt until a more definite plan is considered for the property it should not be acquired.

Dr. Herrmann said he thought the purpose of the entire Urban Renewal program is to proceed with the plan that was approved to acquire properties to make them available for development. He pointed out that the Fawcett St. developments would not have been feasible if this type of program had not been started.

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

Ayes 2: Herrmann and Johnson.

Nays 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Absent 0:

The Resolution was declared LOST by the Chairman.

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Dr. Herrmann moved to suspend the Rules to place Res. No. 20406 on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 20406

Extending the option granted to Pacific Northwest Development Co., Inc. to lease certain property owned by the City for construction of a Convention Center Complex to Dec. 15, 1969.

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

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

Nays 1: Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18926 (postponed from the meeting of Sept. 17, 1969.)

Authorizing participation in the Centralia Steam Plant Project.

Mayor Rasmussen announced there will be a meeting with the Utility Board in the Utilities Bldg. at 6:00 P.M., Monday, Oct. 6th to discuss the Centralia Steam Plant project. Therefore the Utilities Dept. has requested that this ordinance be postponed until Oct. 14.

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Mrs. Banfield moved to postpone the ordinance until Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until Oct. 14, 1969.

Ordinance No. 18940

Vacating the area in the vicinity of No. 37th, Warner & Lawrence Sts. & Ruston Way. (petition of Edward J. Young)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18941

Vacating the area between the Elks Allenmore Golf Course and So. State St. and from So. 19th to So. 23rd St. (petition of Tribune Publishing Co.)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18942

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code to add Section 13.06.160-13 to include property between the Elks Allenmore Golf Course and So. State St. from So. 19th to So. 23rd St. in an "M-1" District. (petition of Tribune Publishing Co.)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18943

Authorizing the abandonment and vacating of a certain section of flume line right-of-way from the City Limits at So. 79th & So. Tacoma Way to Spanaway Park in order to clear title.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18944

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

Mr. Liddle, architect, and Chairman of the Civic Arts Commission explained that their committee has held a public hearing on this matter. He said he would introduce Dr. Gordon Alcorn of the Commission who has been directly responsible for overseeing the rough draft of the ordinance.

Dr. Alcorn explained that the Civic Arts Commission has long felt there was a need for an Arbor Committee in the City that would advise the city departments about the planting of trees and shrubs for the purposes of beautification. This proposed committee would be strictly an advisory committee.

Dr. Alcorn further explained the membership of the committee is well represented by members of the City and County. It would also include representatives from the Park Dept. as well as other persons who are knowledgeable in this area.

Mayor Rasmussen said he would support such an advisory committee but questioned the use of the number of city and county employees as members of the group, as he felt they would have to spend too much time away from their positions if the meetings are to be held bimonthly, as stipulated in the ordinance.

Dr. Alcorn thought that after the first few meetings the city and county employees would only be called upon when their advice is needed.

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Mr. Cvitanich felt to be consistent, the language in the ordinance should be changed on page (3), the first line in the last paragraph after the word "advisory", and before the word "and", delete the words "to the appropriate City and County Depts.", then insert the words "body to the Tacoma City Council and the Pierce County Commissions and the appropriate departments thereof."

Mr. Cvitanich then moved to amend the ordinance as stated above. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen thought the ordinance should be postponed to see if some of the employees could be eliminated as members of the committee, and just be placed on call.

Mrs. Banfield moved the ordinance be postponed until Tues. Oct. 21, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to postpone the ordinance. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until Oct. 21, 1969.

Ordinance No. 18945

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

Mr. Cvitanich explained he felt such an ordinance was an unlawful delegation of legislative authority.

Mr. Liddle, Chairman of the Arts Commission, thought the ordinance proposes a series of public hearings at which time the owner of a building would meet with the commission to discuss the alterations that he might have. This would also enable the Council to fully review and possibly block proposed projects on historical buildings when the plans were not consistent with preserving the structures as historical buildings.

Mrs. Banfield felt such an ordinance reaches far beyond the Civic Arts Commission's duties and she could see no point in appointing extra committees for this purpose.

Mr. Liddle stated this ordinance has been discussed for many months and there is no procedure for the acquisition of any property. The purpose is only to bring to the attention of the property owners, who own buildings that are outstanding, to work with the Arts commission. This would encourage the owner to renovate his building for significance and value to the City. He mentioned that he would consider there are only three local buildings historically significant, Stadium High school, old City Hall and the Union Depot.

Mr. Finnigan thought the Council should be appreciative of the concern of the Civic Arts committee to preserve historical buildings in Tacoma.

Mr. Johnson said the ordinance was desirable and he felt not too many buildings in Tacoma could be declared historical. He was in favor of passing the ordinance as recommended.

Mrs. Banfield stated she had been handed a note that this was not the Civic Arts commission that was proposing such an ordinance, and she did not want any outsiders called in on such a project. She stated it must remain under the Civic Arts commission.

Mr. Liddle explained the Commission would be overseeing these surveys. They have not established a sub-committee within the Commission as yet. He did not feel that the work load would be too heavy, but that the entire commission could sit in on any hearings that were held.

Mrs. Banfield asked if the Civic Arts Commission could appoint a subdivision.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the Civic Arts commission by this ordinance is charged with the duties and functions relative to the designation and preservation of historical landmarks and buildings in the City in accordance with the purposes and in the manner set forth in said sections of the ordinance.

Mr. Robert Ellener, 3303 Gay Road, suggested that No. Carr St. and Mason gulch be spelled out in the ordinance as they are of historical significance.

Mr. Hamilton explained the ordinance elaborates on three things; structure, place and district. They are also talking about three elements which give them value; historical, architectural and geographical significance. If the Council wishes to elaborate on them, it is within their purview.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the wording in the ordinance is broad enough to cover any structure, place, or district.

Dr. Herrmann did not feel there was anything to fear in the ordinance, as it only brings a location or building to the attention of the Council.

A number of citizens spoke and asked that the ordinance be postponed until it can be studied more thoroughly.

Voice vote was taken on Mrs. Banfield's motion to remove the ordinance from the agenda. Motion LOST.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone the ordinance until Tues. Oct. 28, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until Oct. 28.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18933 (postponed from the meeting of Sept. 23, as amended)

Appropriating the sum of \$15,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of an audit to be performed by certified public accountants.

Mr. Cvitanich urged the City Council to pass the ordinance as amended. Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 1: Zatkovich (temporarily)

The Ordinance was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18935

Vacating a portion of East 36th St. and also a portion of East C Street. (petition of Forrester Realty & Mtg. Co.)

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich (temporarily)

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18936

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code to add section 13.06.067-11 to include property on the N.E. corner of East 36th & B. Sts. in an "R-4-L-PRD" District. (Petition of Forrester Realty & Mtg. Co.)

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich (temporarily)

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18937

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3643 for sanitary sewers in the alley south of No. 48th from Baltimore west approx. 400 feet.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18938

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4909 for paving on Howe St. from East 36th to 38th Street.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairmen.

Ordinance No. 18939

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5482 for water mains in 112th Ave. East from 128th St. East to 136th St. East and other nearby streets.

Mayor Rasmussen explained there has been a change in the State law whereby there is an option of either paying off an L I D or extending the payments over a longer period than ten years.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Hamilton to check into the matter of the State Legislature extending the time of a delinquent L I D to two years before foreclosure.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 6872 for street lighting in the area between So. Prospect & Union Ave. from 6th Ave. to So. 12th Street.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, Nov. 10 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment roll. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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Mr. Murtland submitted a request signed by Mr. Finnigan, Dr. Herrmann, Mr. Bott, Mr. Johnson and himself for a resolution to be prepared to appoint Jack Powell, Victor Lyon and Arthur Chester Richardson to the Human Relations Commission for a three year term.

Mr. Murtland asked that this resolution be brought in before the City Council on Oct. 21, 1969.

Mayor Rasmussen said he intended to appoint Mrs. Kathleen Skrinar and reappoint Mr. Arthur Richardson to the Human Relations Commission.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked that the Council study Ord. No. 18926 very closely, which allows the City to participate in the Centralia steam plant project.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he had contacted the Supervisor of Mines at the Wash. State Dept. of Natural Resources, also relative to this problem and found that in all probability there will be 400 tons of emission a day coming from the stack in Centralia, and with the prevailing winds, it will spread emissions northward into Thurston and Pierce Counties. He submitted an article for Mr. Rowlands to reproduce for the Council and staff which relates to what has been done in London, England to solve the problem of emission. He added the Public Utilities Dept. has taken the position the emission of sulphur dioxide would not create too many problems.

Mayor Rasmussen said the Centralia steam plant would be out of Tacoma's jurisdiction, but it would certainly come under the State Health Dept. and State Pollution Control Commission.

Mayor Rasmussen also mentioned that the hearing date for the Smelter's suit will be approx. on Nov. 5th or 12th, and it will be held in the City Council Chambers. Information will become available relative to a 1000 ft. stack height which is being used in Texas.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that the stack height is not the solution to the problem, and a monitoring device should be placed at the point of emission.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, had indicated that the baseball audit would be completed by Oct. 31st and then a new contract will be negotiated with the Baseball team. He asked that Mr. Rowlands submit a copy of the Baseball agreement that was signed last year.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a copy of the agreement as amended was submitted at a study session. The basic contract has one more year to run. However, he added, he would submit the original agreement and the amended contract.

Mayor Rasmussen thought that the Council had placed this only on a one-year trial basis.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that the Puyallup River has caused a considerable amount of filtering and noted that it is one of the duties of the Harbor Master to prevent hazards in the harbor. He asked that Mr. Rowlands direct Chief Reiser to send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers relative to this problem.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if the police station that the manager had indicated was to be placed in the K Street area had been organized.

Mr. Rowlands explained that they never did intend to set up a 24 hour station. He said meetings have been held and it was decided not to set up a substation but to have the policemen walk the beat more frequently.

Mayor Rasmussen said the citizens of the Hilltop area had gone on record opposing any type of substation in the area.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands what is the status of the Transit System budget.

Mr. Rowlands explained this had been discussed about three weeks ago and said that expenses have run higher than anticipated when last year's budget was drawn up. The Council has been alerted to the problem, he added.

Mr. Gaisford explained he had reported last week that the Finance Dept. would try their very best to continue the operation of the Transit System until the end of October, as it was felt that the system by that time would be out of funds, and appropriations will not be available for the Transit system to continue operating. He said the revenues are not as high as had been anticipated.

Mayor Rasmussen said he felt the system is running out of operating funds due to the lack of budget control.

Mr. Rowlands explained the State will provide some funds for city transit systems beginning in 1971, however the Council has been furnished with information relative to the problems and the staff is waiting for Council guidance.

Mrs. Banfield asked why the ten new buses were purchased since they know there wasn't sufficient funds to run the system through the year.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the ten new buses will actually economize on the operation because they are costing less to operate plus the fact the new buses have been utilized on the various school routes.

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Mayor Rasmussen said he had learned from the State Water Pollution Agency that Tacoma's sewage outfall into Puget Sound was the worst in the State.

Mr. Rowlands explained the City's sewage system is one of the best in the State and it will become better by the cross-tideflat's trunk line. He noted that the federal funds for the project are expected momentarily.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked if the County Assessor had been checking the back taxes on urban renewal property.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Hamilton had reported to the Council on that problem a number of weeks ago.

Mayor Rasmussen also stated he was waiting for an official ruling from the Prosecuting attorney on this matter.

Mr. Hamilton explained he was not sure that such a letter would be submitted. The County Assessor and County Prosecutor have stated, in their judgment the City does not owe the taxes but they will not commit themselves in writing.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained there was an article in the newspaper that the Model Cities Study group was to engage in Housing Improvements. He could not understand how this could be, as the Model Cities grant states, that there will be one year of planning and then the plan is to be submitted to the Council for approval. He had inquired of Mr. Herman Walker, Model Cities Director, if they were going to disburse funds for housing improvements. He had informed him that they were not going to engage in such a process.

Mayor Rasmussen asked at that time that a retraction be placed in the paper relative to this matter.

Mayor Rasmussen continued, stating that Mr. Hess, F.H.A. administrator in Seattle, had contacted him relative to the matter. However, no retraction has been printed by Mr. Walker and no letter has been received from Mr. Hess stating that funds were not going to be used for housing improvements at this time in the Model Cities program..

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Dr. Herrmann asked to be excused for the next two Council meetings.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to excuse Dr. Herrmann for the Council meetings of October 7th & 14th. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council of the meeting on Monday noon, Oct. 6th at the State Highway Bldg. in Olympia to review the models of the proposed System 6 and the Pacific Ave. elevated structures to 13th and 15th street areas of Tacoma.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that members of the Civic Arts Commission also attend the meeting in Olympia.

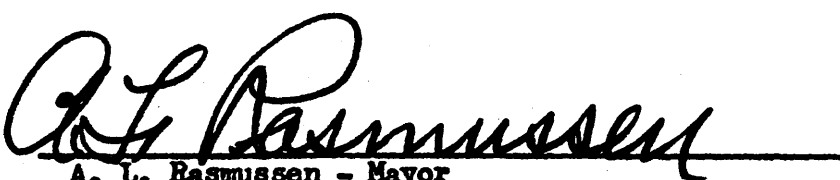
Mayor Rasmussen also mentioned there is a meeting to be held at the Public Utilities Bldg. on Oct. 6th at 6 P.M. with the Utility Board.

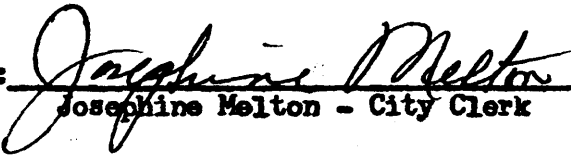
ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the meeting of Board of Park Commissioners for Sept. 22, 1969.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma City Council Study Session for Sept. 22, 1969.
- c. Report from the Fire Dept. for August 1969.
- d. Report from the Light, Water and Belt Line Division for August 1969.

Placed on file.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.


 A. L. Rasmussen - Mayor

Attest: 
 Josephine Melton - City Clerk