

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, July 25, 1967

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 6: Bott, Haley, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Herrmann. Absent 3: Finnigan, Cvitanich and Mayor Tollefson. Mr. Cvitanich arriving at 4:05 P.M. and Mr. Finnigan at 4:10 P.M.

In the absence of Mayor Tollefson, Deputy Mayor Herrmann presided.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the July 18, 1967 meeting be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of an alley lying between Mullen & Gove Sts. extended and between So. 49th & 50th Sts. extended submitted by Lawrence A. Musick.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mr. Murtland moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezone and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19281

Fixing Monday, August 28, 1967 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6893 for street lighting on So. "I" from So. 12th to So. 27th St.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19282

Awarding contract to Morris Construction Co. on its bid of \$61,186.29 for Improv. No. 3673 Unit B & Improv. No. 3651.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19283

Appropriating the sum of \$7,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of advancing the same to the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Authority in order that said agency may meet its budget commitments for the balance of the 1967 fiscal year.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Yeas 6; Nays 0, Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19284

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute for and on behalf of the City a grant agreement with the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development providing for the payment by the United States of America of 75% of the basic expenses of sending a City representative to a seminar at Kent State University in Ohio from July 24th thru August 4, 1967.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Yeas 7; Nays 1, Finnigan; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19285

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an owner participation agreement with certain participants in the Fawcett St. Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-3.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Yeas 7; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18355

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding two new sections 13.06.045-7 & 120.52 to include the area on the east side of Union Ave. between So. 18th & 19th Sts. in an "R-2-T" & "C-1" District. (petition of Puget Sound National Bank)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18356

Vacating all of the alley lying between So. "I" and So. "J" Sts. from Center to So. 28th St. (Petition of Urban Renewal Dept.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18351

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.130-41 to include property located 160 feet east of Pacific Ave. & 300 feet north of So. 96th St. in a "C-2" District. (Petition of Glenn Ash.)

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18352

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.110-1 to include property on the N.W. side of Division Ave. between No. M St. and the alley lying immediately north thereof in an "R-5-T" District. (Petition of Douglas Donner.)

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

Ayes 7; Nays 1, Bott; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18353

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the official code of the City by adding thereto a new section 1.12.645 to increase the annual salary of the Mayor.

Mr. Haley again spoke outlining reasons why there should be an adjustment in the mayor's salary. He said the responsibilities have continued to increase but the salary has stayed the same. Mr. Haley said he has given considerable thought to the matter and appreciates constructive criticism that many have given.

Mr. Haley then moved to amend the Ordinance to read that the salary be \$12,000 per annum instead of \$24,000. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson said he feels it all boils down to what the citizens of Tacoma want in a Mayor. He said the Charter specifies that the Mayor is not much more than a glorified greeter for the City, but since the Charter was written the State Legislature has made many changes that affect the city and the Federal Government has seen fit to offer cities far more aid than was ever contemplated in the past. Therefore, the job of Mayor cannot be held down to just the duties stated in the Charter and still have a progressive city such as we have now.

Mr. Johnson added he has gone on public record indicating that he is in favor of an annual salary for the Mayor of \$24,000 and he is

will in favor of that figure. He said he realizes, however, the City as a whole may not recognize the duties of the Mayor and would not justify that figure, but he will reluctantly go along with Mr. Haley's amendment to reduce the figure to \$12,000.

Mr. Murtland said at no time has he actually favored an amount greater than \$12,000 per year. He said at the time this form of government was adopted no one knew to what extent the duties of the Mayor would increase. We are now one of the largest cities with the Council-Manager form of government and he definitely felt a raise was in order. He felt \$12,000 was not out of line.

Mrs. Price said she felt \$12,000 was a fairer amount. She felt the \$24,000 salary was exorbitant and she did not go along with that.

Mr. Finnigan said he felt the amendment Mr. Haley proposed is much more realistic. It has been said that the Mayor is just a figure head and all he has to do is sign papers. His duties go much further than that. He has to act as Chairman of the Council and help guide the Council in determining what is right and what is wrong. In order to have such a person in office, they should be properly reimbursed.

Mr. Cvitanich wondered why the figure was decreased from \$24,000. He felt possibly that because a little pressure was stirred up in the community some members of the Council had second thoughts. Mr. Cvitanich said he felt if \$24,000 was a correct figure a week ago there should not be a compromise of 50% because pressure was generated.

Mr. Finnigan said he had heard reporters presuming there will be a salary increase forthcoming for the Council members. He said as far as he was concerned, he would fight to the bitter end to prevent an increase for councilmen.

Mr. Cvitanich said he thought the Council should weigh the \$12,000 figure wisely. He thought if the Council feels the salary should be more they should vote on the \$24,000 salary. He felt they should be making a great mistake if they settled for \$12,000 just to pacify people if they actually felt that \$12,000 was not a sufficient salary. He said he felt it should be more.

Mrs. Donna Leeberg, 614 So. M Street, said she did not think the City could afford to raise the mayor's salary. She felt \$6,000 was entirely adequate for a part-time mayor. The people should have an opportunity to vote on such matters.

Dr. Herrmann said the Mayor has done a considerable amount of traveling as President of the National League of Cities and most of this has been at the expense of the National League of Cities and at no cost to the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Gilbert Cormier, 611 No. 11th St., said he felt the \$24,000 figure was too high and that the people should have a chance to vote on any increase. He also felt the citizens of Tacoma should know more about the Mayor's duties.

Mr. Ron Lopp, 319 No. Tacoma Ave., said if the Mayor's salary is changed to \$12,000 it should be changed by the City Charter, he should not set his own pace. The Charter should specify his duties in detail.

Mr. Johnson said he thought Mr. Lopp had a good suggestion that the City Charter be changed to effect the new duties of the Mayor. The City Charter has failed to keep up to date on the work load of the

Mayor, and it is ridiculous to say the Mayor's main job is hand shaking. His duties are far more and people should become more aware of his duties. Mr. Johnson said a part-time Mayor is no longer adequate for the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Norton Gordon, 918 No. G St., said he could appreciate the fact that the City Attorney knows the laws better than anyone, but to say that this ordinance must be passed now, not at a later date is not right. The taxpayers have a right to have a thorough study made of the matter. He said he would like to see a study made of other cities of the same population as Tacoma who have city managers. He said he agrees that our present mayor is entitled to a higher salary but there is nothing to stop the next mayor from absolutely following the charter and putting in only two or three hours of work a week.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18354

Amending Sections 1.28.020 & 070 of the official code by providing that membership of the Civic Arts Commission be increased to 14 voting members and creating the office of Vice President.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson.
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 of L I D 6862 for street lighting on No. 30th to No. 38th from Stevens to Orchard St.

Mr. Haley moved that Monday, September 11, 1967 at 4:00 P.M. be set as the date for hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MC 492 - Air Pollution Control Activities - Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department May-June 1967.

Mr. Rowlands explained this report has been requested to supply bi-monthly information developed by the Puget Sound Air Pollution Council which should be in full operation by the month of September. This is to keep the Council informed of the work that has been done to date and results of tests that are taken from time to time.

Mr. Rowlands added the Multi-County Authority is developing standards and criteria by which various industries in the three county area will be adjudged. Surrounding counties will have to be organized by the end of 1969 so he feels they are definitely on the right track.

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COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said an MC was distributed to the City Council members on Friday regarding the bus bench situation. The City had some difficulty with the previous company who set up the benches. It was decided by the Council not to have any advertising on the benches, so the Civic Arts Commission will come up with some ideas which will be attractive for the benches this week.

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Mr. Rowlands said he has had requests from two organizations that expressed an interest in being heard in this connection, Mr. Anderson of Washington Transit Advertising Co. and World Wide Advertising Company.

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Mr. Anderson, President of Washington Transit Advertising Co. said they have been in the bench advertising business in other cities in Washington. He feels his firm is best qualified to represent the City of Tacoma for reasons he mentioned in a letter submitted to Mr. Rowlands. He said his firm would like to be considered if the city allows a private company to sell advertising on benches at bus stops.

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Mr. Rowlands said apparently no one from World Wide Advertising was present at this meeting but their letter had been reproduced and copies submitted to the Council members. He said they were asking that a franchise be granted for a period of ten years.

Mr. Bud Bond, Public Information Officer, said he talked with Tom Anderson of American Plywood Association about bus shelters and he should have some report and some designs for council to look at during the next week or two. American Plywood Association's architect is also working on designs for benches as well as shelters.

Mr. Murtland asked what progress is being made on the old City Hall Building

Mr. Rowlands said the Council talked about the old annex previously. He said specifications are being prepared to tear down old buildings on Pacific Ave. from 11th to 13th, and under the same contract they hope to include demolition of some buildings under our dangerous building code. He said he had also instructed the staff to include the demolition of the City Hall Annex in the same contract as a better bid can be obtained by including all of this in one contract. He added he expects the bids will be ready to open by the end of August or the first part of September.

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Mr. Cvitanich said very shortly there will be an election for mayor and council positions and he would like to caution people who are in responsible positions where there is a very fine line between legislative, administrative etc. that they are certainly free to express their own personal opinions when they are among friends but he thought caution should be used in regard to using pressure groups for any one particular campaign.

Dr. Herrmann, Mr. Murtland, Mr. Bott, Mr. Cvitanich, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Price asked to be excused from the meeting of August 1, 1967 as they will be attending the National League of Cities - 44th Congress.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.