

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, March 5, 1968

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Stanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Mayor Rasmussen excused Mr. Finnigan from the meeting.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 20, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Service awards were presented to nineteen employees who have been in City service for 25 years, and to three employees for 30 years and to two employees for 35 years.

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

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of the alley between 25th St. N. E. and 26th St. N. E. from 64th Ave. N. E. to a point approximately 278.13 feet east thereof, submitted by G. C. Fields, et al.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that this vacation will eliminate a dead-end unimproved alley not needed for public use. He noted that all property owners abutting the north and south side of the property have signed a petition favoring the vacation.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

a. Petition submitted by Luzon J. Mondau requesting rezoning of property on the N. E. corner of So. 15th & Sprague Ave. from an "R-4-L" to a "C-1" District.

b. Petition submitted by Mobil Oil Corporation requesting rezoning of property on the N. E. corner of So. 84th & Hosmer St. from an "R-2" to a "C-F-V" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Communication from the Tacoma Philharmonic, Inc. asking for a contribution of \$4,000 toward financing concerts by the Philharmonic. ✓

Placed on file.

Communication from Ted W. Nelson, Chairman of the Western Washington Forest Industries Museum rebilling to the City of Tacoma for \$5,000 for the completion of the trestle, track and bunkhouses at the Western Washington Forest Industries Museum, Point Defiance Park.

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Mr. Cvitanich felt it would be out of order to submit this billing to the City Council as this group appeared before the Park Board sometime ago and assured the members that there would be no request for funds from the City.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would like to know what has become of the timber that was removed from the project.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, informed the Council that this project was discussed last fall and the \$5,000 was included in the budget for 1968. He noted that the League had started this program a number of years ago and various lumber companies had come to their aid. He did not know what had become of the timber that was removed.

Mr. Bott moved that this letter be referred to the Park Board for their recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to amend Mr. Bott's motion that no expenditure of funds be allowed without approval by the City Council. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen stated the motion is now, with the amendment, to refer this communication to the Park Board for their recommendation and no expenditure of funds be allowed without approval of the City Council. Voice vote was taken on the motion as amended. Motion carried.

c. A complaint was filed by Mr. Henry K. Carlom of 4415 No. 8th St. charging that gambling devices were being operated at the Elks Club on Washington's birthday and requesting that the City Council have an investigation of the allegations.

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Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, to explain the procedure for complaints such as this.

Mr. Marshall McCormick, City Attorney, explained that in the case of a citizen's complaint, the person should go before a justice of the peace or police judge and state his charges under oath. Then on the basis of the information presented the judge or justice of the peace may issue a complaint to be signed by the complaining witness.

Mr. McCormick, added, it was his opinion that discretion be used by the Council before allowing every communication received to be read in public. He felt that, perhaps, the Council might do harm to someone who is entirely innocent.

Mr. Bott moved that the communication be filed and not discussed at this meeting. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 4; Nays 4; Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1, Finnigan. MOTION LOST.

The City Clerk was then asked to read the communication.

After further discussion, Mr. Murtland moved that the Council appoint a committee of not less than three to consider communications received by the Mayor and/or City Council to the effect as to whether or not they should be made public. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 2, Dr. Herrmann and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1, Finnigan. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19607

Fixing Tuesday March 19, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the re-zoning of property on the east side of Woodlawn St. between So. 11th & 12th Sts. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (petition of George G. Tibbits)

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

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

Resolution No. 19608

Fixing Tuesday April 2, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the East side of Union Ave. between So. 18th & 19th Sts. (Automobile Club of Washington)

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

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

Resolution No. 19609

Fixing Monday, March 25, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6455 for water mains in Park Ave. from So. 37th to So. 38th St.

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

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

Resolution No. 19610

Fixing Monday, March 25, 1968 at 4: P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6901 for street lights on Ferry St. from So. 19th to So. 21st St.

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

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

Resolution No. 19611

Approving the Preliminary Plat of Fern Hill Terrace No. 2, area between E & L Sts. from So. 92nd and So. 94th Sts.

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

Mr. Russell Buehler, Director of Planning, explained this preliminary plat is located between "K" and "L" Sts. from So. 92nd to So. 94th Streets. He explained that the access to the area of this plat is most difficult and will depend upon the improvement of So. 92nd and 94th Streets. The Planning Commission has listed conditions to be met by the developer as follows: (1) The developer should make every effort to promote Local Improvement districts for improvements. (2) "K" Street within the plat will require development to at least minimum City of Tacoma standards and an oil mat surface, however, it has been recommended that the street be paved. (3) That adequate surface drainage be provided. (4) That adequate storm and sanitary sewers be placed to serve the entire plat in accordance with the requirements of the Public Works Dept. (5) That underground wiring be provided. (6) That every building site be served by City water and sanitary sewers. (7) That hydrants and water mains be installed according to American Insurance Association standards.

Mr. Buehler continued, that a number of property owners do not wish an L I D at this time. However, such preliminary approval by the City Council would indicate that the final plat would be approved provided the required conditions are met.

Mr. Henry E. Cudney, residing at 1017 So. 96th, spoke against any L I D being instituted.

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

Resolution No. 19612

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. on its bid of \$81,517.17 for L I D 4815.

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

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

Resolution No. 19613

Rejecting all bids submitted for the furnishing of painted cedar posts for the Traffic Engineering Division for 1968.

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

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that it has been the policy of the Public Works Dept. to acquire painted cedar posts for signs that are placed throughout the city. However, he added, this year they called for bids to see if it were possible to obtain better prices. The bids were called for and were over the price estimated, therefore, it was recommended that the bids be rejected.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich (temporarily) and Finnigan.

Resolution No. 19614

Authorizing the sale of 50,000 pounds of scrap iron to General Metals of Tacoma, Inc. for a total of \$406.75.

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

Mr. Schuster explained there were three bids submitted for 50,000 pounds of scrap iron. The high bidder was General Metals of Tacoma Inc., the second high

Bidder was Paulco Steel & Salvage, and the third bidder was Simon Junk Co.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich (temporarily) and Finnigan.

Resolution No. 19615

Transferring the sum of \$850.00 or so much as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund, Capital Outlay and M & O, for the purchase of one 10-column desk calculator for the Police Dept.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich (temporarily) and Finnigan.

Resolution No. 19616

Authorizing transfer of \$5,131.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay and M & O for the purpose of replacing the carbon dioxide fire extinguishing system on the Tacoma City Fireboat.

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

James Reiser, Fire Chief, explained that the carbon dioxide fire extinguishing system on the Tacoma City Fireboat is not adequate according to Coast Guard regulations. The boat has been surveyed by a duly licensed marine architect and engineer and it was recommended that a new system be installed with more capacity to do the job.

Mr. Bott asked if there were any possibility in obtaining a surplus fireboat.

Chief Reiser stated they had been on the alert for a surplus fireboat for sometime, but it is a commodity that is very scarce. The Fireboat for Tacoma has to meet certain specifications that will be approved by the underwriters from whom the City receives credit for the insurance rating.

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

Resolution No. 19617

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to grant a permit to the Bonneville Power Administration for an additional transmission line.

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

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

Resolution No. 19618

Reaffirming and approving Resolution No. 19248 for a grant to assist in financing the preparation of a Community Renewal Program for the City of Tacoma.

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

Mrs. Banfield said she felt if the Council reaffirms Resolution No. 19248 in passing this particular resolution the entire community would be placed under urban renewal. She said she has received information on the CRP only a week ago and that it was a lot of reading, and urged other council members to read it, if they had not done so, because it puts the entire community under urban renewal.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, felt it should be understood that neither the Community Renewal Program, the Urban Renewal or Model Cities is synonymous. He added, that HUD wished the City to undertake the CRP study as a means of showing that it has the essential information to make sound decisions in picking neighborhoods for federal-aid improvements.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if he was assuring the Council there would be no urban renewal if a contract is signed for a CRP grant.

Mr. Rowlands replied that it does in no way make it mandatory that the City has to undertake urban renewal. This is a Community Renewal Program, we are not trying to rehabilitate the City, are not talking about creation of an urban renewal program such as in the Center St., Fawcett Ave. and New Tacoma areas.

Mr. Rowlands stated for the record, that he would say that there can be no urban renewal program of any type undertaken in the City of Tacoma without the full approval of the City Council.

After some discussion roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 4; Nays 3, Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen; Absent 2, Finnigan and Zatkovich (temporarily).

The Resolution was declared LOST by the Chairman, due to the lack of the required(5) five votes.

Mr. Murtland stated he would change his vote to 'no' so he could move for reconsideration.

Mayor Rasmussen ruled that a vote could not be changed after the results of the voting had been announced.

Mr. Murtland then indicated he would support a new resolution which will be brought in next week.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18517

Vacating Puget Sound Ave. between South Tacoma Way & Montgomery St., lying immediately northwesterly of South Tacoma Way. (petition of W. M. Busch)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18518

Vacating the alley between Prospect & Fife St. 200 feet north of So. Tacoma Way north to the N. P. R. R. R/W. (petition of National Oil Co.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18519

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-1 to include property in the area bounded by Orchard, Euson So. 30th and 32nd St. extended. (petition of Gregory & Taylor)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18520

Amending Title 13 of the official code and various sections relative to the zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for off-street parking and screening standards.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18521

Appropriating from the General Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purchase of equipment for the Police Dept.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18503

Vacating the alley lying between Woodlawn Ave. and Pearl St. from the south line of So. 10th to the north line of So. 12th St. (petition of C. Gordon and C. Long)

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

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

Ordinance No. 18504

Vacating that portion of the alley between Sprague Ave. & Ferry St. from South Tacoma Way north to the westerly line of P. S. H. No. 14 right-of-way line. (petition of Steiner-American Corporation)

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

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

Ordinance No. 18505

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.120-53 to include property on the east side of Pacific Ave. approximately 50 feet south of So. 88th St. in a "C-1" District. (petition of William C. Marcum)

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

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

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Ordinance No. 18506

Appropriating the sum of \$11,206.00 from the General Fund for the purpose of creating the Citizen's Information and Service Bureau.

Mr. Rowlands explained that after meeting with the County Commissioners it is hoped that the booth will be installed on the 2nd floor of the County-City Bldg.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that before the next budget hearing Mr. Bond explore the possibility of consolidating some of the various public information services in terms of photography, printing, etc. He felt the City could save money in this respect.

Mr. Rowlands said this is being investigated at this time.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Johnson (temporarily) and Finnigan.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mayor Rasmussen asked what is being done in regard to relocating the Health Dept.

Mr. Rowlands explained that meetings have been held with the County Commissioners and their first concern is to make space available for the Judges, and secondly, the moving of the County-City Health Dept. to some other location. He has not received anything specific on the disposition of Mt. View Hospital.

Ordinance No. 18508

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3615 for sewers in alley between So. Prospect and Fife St. from So. 51st to So. 53rd; in Monroe and Madison from So. 74th to 400 feet north; and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Johnson (temporarily) and Finnigan.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18509

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3669 for storm drain lateral on Sherwood Street from Ea. 88th to Ea. 92nd Street.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Johnson (temporarily) and Finnigan.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18510

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4835 for paving on No. Vassault from No. 23rd to No. 26th St. and other nearby streets.

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

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

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Ordinance No. 18511

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6894 for street lighting on Ea. 40th from McKinley Ave. to Portland Ave. and other nearby streets.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18512

Approving & confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 5432 for water mains in Mildred St. from 6th Ave. to So. 8th St.; So. 10th to So. 12th St. and in So. 8th from Mildred to Vassault St.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18513

Approving & confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 4797 for paving on So. J from So. 64th to So. 68th St.; So. 37th from "L" to "M" St. and other nearby streets.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18514

Approving & confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 6874 for street lights along Ea. 60th, Ea. 61st and Ea. 63rd St. from Ea. Q to Ea. T Sts. and Ea. 62nd from Ea. S to Ea. T Street.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18515

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 6881 for street lights along So. 52nd St. from Fawcett Ave. to So. D Street.

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

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

Ordinance No. 18516

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 6884 for street lights on So. Oakes from So. 60th to So. 74th Street.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

a. L I D 4801 for paving on Puget Sound Ave. from 15th to 18th; So. 15th from Puget Sound to Union Ave.; So. 17th from Pine to Cedar and Junett from So. 7th to So. 8th.

b. L I D 4813 for paving on Ferdinand from No. 33rd to No. 35th and No. 18th from Adams to Proctor St.

Mr. Murtland moved that Monday, April 8th, 1968 at 4 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the above L I D's. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- a. Personnel report for the month of January 1968.
- b. Finance report for the month of December 1967.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, asked that the Council approve an expenditure of \$405.00 from the Community Betterment Trust Fund for the repair of the east side Multi-Service Center Bldg. located in the Salishan area.

Dr. Herrmann moved that \$405.00 be appropriated from the Community Betterment Trust Fund to repair the roof of the Multi-Service Center Bldg. in the Salishan area. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mr. Rowlands stated that it is the staff's recommendation that a personnel technician be authorized so that the Trainee program can become a reality.

Mr. Fred VanCamp, 5415 So. Prospect, representing the Civil Service League, stated they have now started to screen applicants and it is to the best interest of the City to employ a coordinator as requested so the program can get under way.

Mr. Johnson moved that a personnel technician be hired for the remainder of the year at a salary of \$725.00 per month. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mrs. Banfield remarked that she would like to make a request that the Council pass an ordinance stating that all resolutions be listed in the paper.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that would be quite an expense to the City to publish resolutions. He thought, perhaps, the reporters could be more alert and explain the resolutions in detail to the public.

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Mayor Rasmussen announced that Mrs. Banfield, Mr. Bott and Mr. Johnson will be appointed on the L I D Committee for March, April and May, 1968.

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Mr. Bott remarked that last Saturday he had had the pleasure of presenting the key of the City of Tacoma to the British Columbia Soccer team. He understood that the Tacoma Soccer team will be traveling to British Columbia next week. He would suggest when other meets are held in Manitou Park that the Park could be provided with a P A System and a temporary platform for the events.

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Mr. Murtland felt this was one of the best exchanges of friendliness that the people of the different countries can have. He agreed with Mr. Bott that the City should be better prepared next year to entertain the parents of these youngsters.

Mr. Cvitanich hoped that some funds can be appropriated at budget time to improve the soccer facilities that are available in Tacoma.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that under the Model Cities Act without urban renewal there would be a grant of \$1500 to those with incomes under \$3,000 for rehabilitation of their homes and a portion thereof to those with incomes over \$3,000.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P. M.

A. L. Rasmussen  
Mayor

Attest: Josephine Melton  
City Clerk