

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Wednesday, Nov. 6th, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4:00 P. M.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson asked that the minutes of the meeting of October 22nd be corrected on Page 6, first line of paragraph (7), that the word 'should' be changed to read 'could'.

Mayor Rasmussen said, if there were no objections, this correction will be made.

Mrs. Banfield asked if Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, had brought the financial statement of the Tacoma Industrial Airport up to date.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained this matter is being taken care of.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 22nd, 1968 be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the west side of Warner St. between So. 40th & 43rd Sts. from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District, submitted by Keystone Investments, Inc.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the applicant has requested this reclassification in order to construct a (13) unit apartment complex. The original request was for an "R-4" zoning, however, the Planning Commission had recommended an "R-4-L" zoning as the site is a buffer between an "R-4" district across the alley to the west and a lower density area to the north, south and east. The applicant has agreed to this change and will abide by the restrictions imposed by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezone and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Wapato Lake Park Development Company requesting rezoning of the N. E. corner of So. 72nd St. and Freeway Interstate #5 from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" PRD District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19868 (postponed from the meeting of Oct. 22, 1968)

Establishing new rates of maximum assessment on assessable unit of frontage basis for property owners in Local Improvement Districts and rescinding Resolution No. 17305.

Mr. Johnson asked what the actual difference in cost is between concrete and asphalt paving at this time.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained the cost for concrete pavement would be approximately forty to fifty percent more than asphalt pavement. He noted that the \$1.00 difference per assessable unit in the resolution does not reflect the true difference in cost between the asphalt and concrete. In all probability there would be a \$4 to \$5 difference per unit on a project.

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Mr. Schuster explained, there is only one contractor in Tacoma who is equipped for concrete paving work. There are four or five firms that have equipment for asphalt paving.

Mr. Bott felt this resolution should be postponed as he wished more information from the paving contractors on the respective merits of their products.

Mr. Murtland explained, he felt the concrete paving was an advantage in preventing accidents due to the difference in lighting conditions.

Dr. Herrmann said if the amendment proposed on Oct. 22, 1968 is established setting the rate from \$10.00 to \$9.00 for portland cement concrete paving, the Council would be defeating the very purpose of the resolution, which intends to increase the cost so that the City participation money could be more evenly divided.

After further discussion, Mr. Bott moved to postpone the resolution for two weeks, until Nov. 19th, 1968 so that representatives from the paving contractors can be heard. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 5: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 0. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until Nov. 19th, 1968.

Resolution No. 19929

Fixing Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Text changes.

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

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

Resolution No. 19930

Authorizing the consent to the assignment of a lease-hold agreement for a fixed base operator from TideAir, Inc. to the Flightcraft, Inc.

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

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone Res. No. 19980 for one week, until Nov. 12th for further information. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 6: Benfield, Batts, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 3: Finnigan, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 0. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until Nov. 12th, 1968.

Mr. Murtland moved to reconsider Resolution No. 19874 relative to an offer from Convalescent Hospital Associates for property located in the Fawcett Urban Renewal project which was defeated at last week's Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. Murtland felt that reconsideration was in order because Dr. Herrmann had not been present at last week's meeting and he should have the privilege of expressing himself on the resolution.

Roll call was taken on the motion to reconsider the vote on Resolution No. 19874. Ayes 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Nays 5: Benfield, Batts, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0. Motion, Lost.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18677

Amending the Pay & Compensation Plan for the year 1969.

Mr. Murtland explained that he had studied the 1969 budget and felt the salary increases were too great at this particular time. He outlined various classifications that would be receiving increases from 10% and over. He also pointed out that last year the police patrolmen and firefighters were given substantial increases and again in 1969 of 9.3%. He felt, since the majority of the other employees of the City would be receiving a percentage increase from 5 to 7 1/2%, that the 9.3% increase was definitely out of line. He believed that the City was creating an inflationary cycle and that the raises over all should be restricted to 5 and 7 1/2%.

Several Councilmen indicated that the increases were determined after exhaustive consideration and were intended to raise salaries for equal pay for equal work.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that MC 564 which is listed as a report from the City Manager, be discussed under this ordinance as it concerns the consolidation of photo/reproduction facilities into the Department of Public Information and General Services.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that this consolidation has been under consideration for some time. He outlined the purposes of such a consolidation and felt it would be a more economical operation and would give better government services if such a new department is established.

Mr. Rowlands continued, as far as the question of the salary for the director of such a department, inquiries have been made and comparable positions in the field of public relations in business and private industry in Tacoma range from \$1,075.00 to \$1,500.00 monthly. He noted, in view of the Council's policy of paying comparable wages and because of the proposed added responsibility, he recommended the position be increased to Range 38.

Mr. Cvitanich felt such a position should be given Range 39. He did not feel it would be difficult to justify such a range.

Mr. Bott felt more consideration should be given to this proposal before the Council makes any determination.

Several Council members felt this matter should be studied at great length as a more efficient result would develop. They felt it would be improper to set up such a department at this time or raise any salary.

Dr. Herrmann felt the consolidation of these particular departments should be made as it has been discussed since the preliminary budget was submitted.

Mr. Rowlands explained, the Council has until the first of the year to make changes in the Pay & Compensation plan, if they wished.

Mr. Fred VanCamp, Civil Service League Representative, asked that he be given permission to speak on this ordinance at the final reading next week.

Mrs. Banfield moved that Mr. VanCamp be permitted to speak at the final reading of the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18674

Vacating the alley west of East D St. between East 32nd & Wright Ave.)(petition of Gary Peters)

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

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

Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich, temporarily.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18675

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.100-1 to include property on the south side of So. 19th between Union Ave. & Cedar Sts. in an "R-5-TM" District.

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

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

Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich, temporarily.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Public Utilities & Public Works Dept. presents the assessment roll for the following:

L I D 2373 for sidewalks on the west side of Orchard from No. 8th to 9th; west side of No. Huson from No. 15th to 16th and other nearby streets.

L I D 5435 for water mains in East 61st & 62nd Sts. from East L to N and East 63rd from L to Portland Ave.

L I D 5449 for water mains in So. 90th from Alaska to 330 feet east of Ash St. and in Alaska from 88th to 89th Street.

Mr. Johnson moved that Monday, Dec. 23, 1968 at 4 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen thanked Bud Bond, Public Information Officer, for his excellent work in promoting the bond issue for the urban arterial matching funds, the L I D's and also millage for the fire department equipment, also thanking the fire department personnel for their work and the public for putting over the issues by a great majority.

Mr. Bott thanked the public spirited citizens who donated funds for the advertisements for Propositions No. I and II, since City funds could not be used for this purpose.

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Mr. Cvitanich requested that Mr. Rowlands prepare a confidential report on the Shelter Half, a coffee house on South Tacoma Way.

Mr. Rowlands stated, he would submit such a report.

Confidential report submitted to Council from myr.

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Mr. Finnigan congratulated Mr. Rowlands, City Manager and Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works and the staff as a whole, who had the foresight in bringing the matter before the City Council so it could be placed on the ballot.

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Mrs. Banfield hoped, since the bond issue for the fire equipment has been passed, that the equipment can be ordered immediately.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, said that he had talked with Chief Reiser of the Fire Dept. and he will submit information to the Council as soon as possible.

Mr. Cvitanich pointed out, there is now \$50,000 in the budget for replacing equipment for the fire department.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked if Mr. Rowlands has a report relative to the City's insurance coverage.

Mr. Rowlands stated, the information is being prepared and a complete report will be submitted to the Council as soon as it is completed.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked that an ordinance be prepared relative to hiring a full time VD Inspector in the Health Dept. as suggested by Dr. McNutt, Director of Health.

Mr. Rowlands, stated he would take care of the matter.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if the B & O tax is being collected on all businesses in the City of Tacoma. He noted the City is still entitled to collect a B & O tax even though some activities are illegal.

Mr. Rowlands stated this had been discussed, and perhaps, it would be a good topic for a study session.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

a. MC-563 Traffic congestion at 11th & Alexander was submitted for the Council's information.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that the Public Works Dept. has advised that East 11th St. is one of the higher priority streets listed for improvement under the Urban Arterial Program. Under the improvement, signalization will also be upgraded and multi-dial equipment will be installed to provide more efficient traffic control at 11th & Alexander. It is hoped that the bids will be advertised for this in March of 1969, he added.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if anything can be done to encourage the Port of Tacoma to contribute funds for the improvement of this intersection.

Mr. Finnigan pointed out the difficulty involved because of the railroad time schedules on East 15th and East D Sts, which also includes the Belt Line. He added, the morning schedules tie up traffic a number of times each week.

Mr. Finnigan further added, he has asked sometime ago for the City Attorney's staff to write a very pointed letter to the Railroad Companies, including the Belt Line, to bring this to their attention. He asked that the City Attorney's staff re-emphasize the penalties involved to the Railroad Companies as well as to the Belt Line.

b. MC 564- Consolidation of Photo Reproduction Facilities into Department of Public Information and General Services.
Placed on file.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, thanked the citizens of Tacoma and City employees for their efforts in promoting the passing of Propositions I and II for the City.

Mr. Rowlands announced that the Port Commissioners have invited the City Council to tour the Wickersham, docked at Pier 7, between the hours of 5 to 6:30 P.M. Thursday, Nov. 7th, 1968. This ship is to travel between Alaska and Seattle.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a meeting of the temporary unofficial committee relative to the Model Cities program is to be held at Bryant School at 8 P. M. Thursday, Nov. 7th. He said he wanted to be certain that the Council agrees with his interpretation of its decision.

Mr. Rowlands, continued, he would state that the Council has suggested a meeting date of Monday, Nov. 25th, probably at McCarver School, which would be a logical meeting place, to form a widely representative citizen's body to participate in the Model Cities program. He added, official invitations will be sent to all organizations and churches wishing to send representatives. Notices of the meeting will also be sent to every home in the Hilltop area.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that residents hold block meetings to choose delegates before the Nov. 25th session.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Cvitanich explained that papers and pamphlets which had been circulated on the campus of Tacoma Community College and printed at the taxpayers expense protested Ordinance No. 18669 passed by the City Council relative to publishing printed matter. He did not agree with the brochure that was distributed by the students for a Democratic Society which takes to task the U. S. Government, the War in Vietnam and various other subjects.

Mr. Cvitanich continued, since the college is supported by the citizens of Tacoma such literature distribution should be investigated.

Mr. Zatkovich defended the City's new ordinance, outlawing preparation or distribution of any material which would encourage a crime, act of violence or disrespect to law enforcement officers. He added, he wished to speak on the matter at this time as he would not be here when the Tacoma Community College students plan to attend the Tuesday Council session

Mr. Zatkovich added, this type of literature does not belong in our schools and the object of the ordinance is to protect the peace and tranquility. This ordinance is based on a 1909 State law. He further stated, he had noted an article in a general circulation magazine which was pornography in its most vicious form. He asked that the City Attorney contact the Prosecuting Attorney in what they intend to do about such a publication. He asked if the City has an ordinance regulating such matters.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, stated he had submitted a proposed draft to the Mayor and City Council of an anti-pornography ordinance modeled after a recent ordinance passed by King County.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, reported that his staff has been receiving complaints from mothers relative to some of the movies that have been shown in Tacoma. He noted that it is very difficult to get theater owners to restrict any movies to adults.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that under a new theater owner's code, which will classify films fit for minors and adults, would probably resolve the problem.

Mr. Cvitanich thought perhaps the City Censor board should be reactivated.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if Mr. Hamilton had received a copy of the L S D Law that President Johnson had recently signed.

Mr. Hamilton stated they had not as yet received a copy, but as soon as the explanation is received he will submit it for the Council's perusal.

Mrs. Banfield stated she has found many discrepancies in the Airport Budget relative to F. I. C. A. , Industrial Insurance and Medical Aid, Group Life Insurance, Advertising, Expert Services and Association Dues.

Mr. Rowlands explained that F. I. C. A. contributions are taken out of each pay check of the employee; the amount taken depending upon the salary. The Industrial Insurance and Medical Aid contributions depend upon the hours worked in a pay period. The Group Life Insurance expenditure depends on how many employees of a department have subscribed to this program. The Advertising expenditure, perhaps, should be called promotion rather than advertising.

Mr. Rowlands added, he would be happy to check into these matters and submit a report to Mrs. Banfield.

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Mr. Zatkovich asked to be excused from the Council meeting of Nov. 12th. Mr. Cvitanich moved to excuse Mr. Zatkovich from the Council meeting on Nov. 12th. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Pasmussen announced that Kave Hall Day is to be in conjunction with Veterans Day on Nov. 11th, and a luncheon will be held in her honor at 11:30 A. M. at the Winthrop Hotel.

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CITIZENS' CONCERNS:

The Rev. Edward Winkley, rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, felt there had been undue delay by the City Council in not allowing the appointment of a Model Cities Director. He also felt that the Committee headed by Mr. Thomas Dixon should become the citizens' advisory body.

Mr. Raymond J. Roland residing at 1628 Ea. Columbia Ave., felt that other areas in the City should be receiving as much help as the Hilltop area.

Mr. Bott explained that the Model Cities Planning grant is aimed only at improving the Hilltop area.

Mr. John C. Frei, residing at 1423 South 43rd, complimented the Tacoma Police Dept. as it is only as good as people make it and he believed the Police officers are doing their jobs.

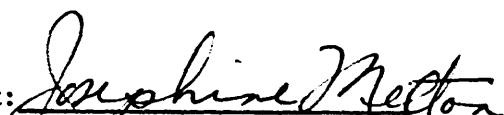
ITEMS AND REPORTS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from Russell C. Buehler, Director of Planning Re. Pierce County Tax Title Lands Sale.
- b. Report from the Personnel Dept. for the month of Sept. 1968.
- c. Park Board Commissioners minutes of the meeting of Oct. 28th, 1968.
- d. Planning Commission minutes of the meeting of Oct. 21, 1968.
- e. Urban Renewal Reports for Sept. & Oct. 1968.

Placed on file.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P. M.


MAYOR

Attest: 
City Clerk