

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 7, 1969.

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

Present on roll call 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Banfield.

Fire Chief Reiser read the Proclamation issued by Richard Nixon, President of the United States designating the week of October 5, 1969 as Fire Prevention Week. Chief Reiser presented Valor Awards to ten citizens of the community and Firemen for their outstanding acts of courage without regard to personal safety. Mayor Rasmussen and Mr. Rowlands congratulated the citizens for their outstanding courage.

Chief Reiser also presented Mayor Rasmussen with a plaque indicating that the Tacoma Fire Dept. has for the sixth time in succession won first place in Fire Prevention in the State of Washington.

Mayor Rasmussen congratulated the Tacoma Fire Dept. and its personnel for winning first place in Fire Prevention in the State of Washington.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections in the minutes of Sept. 9th.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of the meeting of Sept. 9th be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the west side of Oakes St. 100 feet north of No. 21st from an "R-2" & "C-1" to an "R-4" District, submitted by James J. Petrich.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained the applicant has requested the reclassification in order to construct a four unit apartment. The Planning Commission felt that a new four unit apartment at this location would tend to help rejuvenate the area which is adjacent to a Commercial zoning district. A number of restrictions have been agreed upon by the applicant.

No protests being made, Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A communication from Kathryn W. Haley, President of Allied Arts, Inc. was postponed to this date, asking approval by the City Council to sublease space in the allied arts building to the Jr. League. 192 ✓

Mayor Rasmussen recommended that the Council accept the lease between the Junior League of Tacoma, Inc. and Allied Arts Inc. He suggested that the City Council, when renewing the original lease with the Allied Arts Inc., study the possibility of Allied Arts paying for the light and water.

Mrs. Banfield asked about fire exits in the building.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, explained he would check into the matter as he did not recall if there were to be additional exits on the side of the building, however he knew an exit was built from the second floor from the back of the building.

Mrs. Banfield requested that a complete report be submitted to the Council each year from Allied Arts, Inc.

Mr. Martland moved to approve the proposed lease between the Jr. League of Tacoma, Inc. and Allied Arts, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Fimmigan. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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G. M. Nagy, Pres. of Service Employees International Union Local #38 submitting a list of items which they wish to negotiate with the Council, Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Erdahl at the time of the negotiations for the 1970 budget.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that this communication would be placed on file to be considered during budget hearings.

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Mr. Jerry T. Cawdrey, Project Director of the Tacoma Narcotics Center at 1138 Commerce Street, read a prepared statement relative to the center. He felt that any program that has made it possible for many young people to stop using dangerous drugs for the first time in their lives was a worthwhile program. The center in Tacoma is to serve the citizens and their children. Mr. Cawdrey asked that the Mayor and Council appoint two members to a select citizen's evaluation committee, which has been in existence for sometime, for the purpose of hearing suggestions by citizens, and monitor the program at the community level. He added, the program is funded primarily by the Office of Economic Opportunity and has provided services for several hundred drug abusers and narcotic addicts since its inception two years ago.

Mayor Rasmussen questioned Mr. Cawdrey on a number of circumstances that had been brought to the attention of the Mayor. He felt the center is not properly administered.

Mr. Cawdrey explained he did not feel this was a subject for public debate as treatment of addicts is sensitive and experimental. He explained that residents and patients of the Narcotics Center come to them as volunteers and also to be committed from the Justice and Superior courts in Tacoma. They come in a condition of parole and/or probation from various police departments.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he had information that the Narcotics Center has applied for a use permit to occupy the old Northern Pacific Hospital and also a permit to open a branch office on 38th Street.

Mr. Cawdrey stated in regard to the N.P. Hospital, the O.D.I. which is the poverty program and the Narcotics Center is a component, has made an overture to to the N.P. Beneficial Assn. for the development of a Humanities Center in that building. The out-reach office that is contemplated on 38th & Yakima has been endorsed by the businessmen in that locality, and they have offered to help in every way possible.

Mr. Zatkovich agreed with Mayor Rasmussen and felt it was a loose operation and somewhat irresponsible. He said he has been investigating the program and felt many questions should be answered. It is quite apparent that something is radically wrong. He felt there was not responsible people and supervision at the center.

Mr. George Galinkin, the Narcotic Center's Chief of treatment, explained he had been at the center since June of 1968 and is on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week at the Halfway House. There is a rotating staff that is on duty each day, in three separate shifts after 5 P.M. There is always a case-aid who is in charge of the Halfway House during these hours. He also explained there is a doctor who is a consultant to the program who spends ten hours or more with the program, as well as many volunteers.

Mr. Galinken further explained, that the courts had previously directed juveniles to the Center; however, in Feb. of 1969, the Center itself established a policy that they would not take anyone into the center under the age of eighteen. He also mentioned

that any use of drugs by patients or staff of the center's facilities is strictly forbidden. Any one found using drugs is removed immediately from the program.

Mayor Rasmussen mentioned that two employees had been dismissed because of the use of drugs and he wondered why the staff of the center had not detected such a problem.

Mr. Galinken explained that the two people mentioned by Mayor Rasmussen were transporting marijuana and this is not detected in an uranalysis. Therefore they were not aware of the people using the drugs. Their extra activities were performed away from the halfway house. He also explained it is their responsibility to be aware of a change in behavior in a person, to see that he is a responsible and an accountable person, it is then felt that such a person is ready to take on more responsibility. He mentioned the whole aspect of the program is to prevent the use of drugs and this is why they were interested in working with the teenagers where the problem is so prevalent today.

Mayor Rasmussen felt it was criminal to spend a million dollars and still have young people engaged in drug traffic in an institution where they are supposedly to be cured of such a problem.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the Pierce County Medical Assn., as well as the State Medical Assn. should take immediate steps to see that a program of this type is placed under the proper supervision in a recognized hospital. He also said he had no intention of appointing anyone to any committee.

Mr. Zatkovich said that a former mental patient had been placed in a position of responsibility and he did not feel under any circumstances that this is correct.

Mr. Fimmigan felt if the Council thought an investigation was necessary a communication should be directed to the federal officials requesting an investigation, as they are responsible for the funding of O.D.I. and O.E.O. programs.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had the deepest sympathy for a person who is an afflicted drug addict, but he also felt a federal investigation should be held.

Mrs. Banfield said she has requested an investigation on the federal level, but as yet has had no response. She also felt that treatment should be administered by a medical physician.

Mr. Cawdrey explained, after the withdrawal phases of drug addiction there is no longer a medical problem, but a problem of an adjustment to life for which the social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists are trained. He also stated that officials of O.E.O. have conducted a stringent evaluation of the program recently and they were satisfied with the procedures involved.

Mr. Cvitanich mentioned that an appeal was filed by the Rack & Cue at 38th & Yakima, and the establishment continues to remain open. He wondered what measures have been taken in terms of the Police Dept.

Mr. Rowlands explained that meetings had been held with Chief Zittel and Deputy Chief Duppenhaler and surveillance of the firm will be continued.

Mr. Bott requested a brief statement as to what plans have been made for the 38th & Yakima annex of the Narcotics Center.

Mr. Cawdrey said it had been their observations that there are a number of young people who need help and guidance regarding the drug problem. The idea is to counsel those who have not been in the drug scene to any degree. The three facets are to help communication among young people, act as a health referral source, and the facility will be open to everyone. There is not therapy or treatment at the Center.

Mrs. Kathleen Skrinar, M.D., explained she has brought suit against the Narcotics Center to obtain records that she was not allowed to inspect. She felt the persons who are giving therapy are not qualified to do so. She also pointed out many differences that existed in her opinion, with Mr. Cawdrey's statements. She also mentioned that the detoxification unit was added to the center without the knowledge or consent of the Planning Commission, which by law must approve any change because of the special use permit that was issued.

Mr. Cawdrey explained the records Dr. Skrinar referred to are taken in strict confidence and are forwarded to Washington D.C. No name is listed on the records. He felt it is very important that the Council understand that this type of treatment is held in strict confidence. He also said the City of Tacoma should be proud that they are

called upon by citizens of this State to provide a service that is not provided elsewhere.

Mr. George Hess, Chairman of the Center's policy Advisory Committee, said the success of the program is indicated by the fact that it has been funded again by the Federal government, despite a tight budget.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20407

Authorizing project agreements with the Urban Arterial Board for improvement of Orchard St. from Columbia Ave. to Fircrest City Limits and of Wilkeson St. from So. 19th to South Tacoma Way.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich.

Mr. Cvitanich asked when the widening and paving of No. Pearl St. from 6th Ave. to No. 46th will be accomplished, as it was scheduled for the year 1967.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Dept., explained that project has been forwarded to the Urban Arterial Board, as it is the next project on the program, however the funds were allocated on a priority basis against the other projects in the region, and a freeway in Seattle was allotted a majority of the funds. It is now known that the City of Seattle has had reservations regarding that particular freeway and it may well make a difference in the allocations in the near future.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20408

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tribune Publishing Company for construction of streets and other public improvements located generally between the Elks Allenmore Golf Course and So. State and So. 19th to 23rd Sts.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20409

Rejecting the only bid received for Improvement 4843 & W.O. 91133 as it exceeds the engineer's estimate.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20410

Appointing Percy B. Watkins as a member of the Commission on Human Relations for a three year term, expiring on Sept 30, 1972.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Rasmussen explained there are four appointments to be made to the Human Relations Commission. He said he was very concerned over the trouble in Seattle during the last week or two where work on large contracts has been shut down. Therefore, he felt that the Human Relations Commission should have more labor representation and consequently he had asked Mr. Watkins who is a carpenter, if he would agree to serve on the commission.

Mayor Rasmussen also explained another resolution appoints Mr. John Starke to the Commission who is a business agent for the local Sheet Metal Workers Union. Mr. Starke also agreed to serve.

Mayor Rasmussen also mentioned that he has submitted a nomination for Mrs. Kathleen Skrinar on the Commission to fill the position vacated by Mr. Swan Johnson.

Mr. Murtland stated no information had been forwarded to the Council on the nominations by the Mayor to the Human Relations Commission.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that he felt the situation was critical but he had no objection if the Council wishes to postpone the resolutions for a week.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Res. 20410 be postponed for one week, until Oct. 14, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1969.

Resolution No. 20411

Appointing John Starke as a member of the Commission on Human Relations for a three year term expiring on Sept. 30, 1972.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Res. 20411 be postponed for one week, until Oct. 14, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1969.

Resolution No. 20412

Appointing Mrs. Kathleen Skrinar as a member of the Commission on Human Relations for a three year term expiring on Sept. 30, 1972.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich.

Mr. Bott felt that the Mayor's appointments should have been considered on Oct. 21, along with the appointments requested by Mr. Bott, Mr. Murtland, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Finnigan and Dr. Herrmann.

Mayor Rasmussen said he did not mention his choices last week because he felt it was improper to nominate a successor until the commissioners' terms expired, which was on Sept. 30, 1969.

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

Ayes 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 4: Bott, Johnson, Murtland and Finnigan (abstaining). Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that this resolution be placed on the agenda at the next week's Council meeting.

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Resolution No. 20413

Re-appointing Arthur Chester Richardson as a member of the Commission on Human Relations for a three year term expiring on Sept. 30, 1972.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Rules be suspended in order to consider Res. No. 20414. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 20414

The City Council and citizens of Tacoma expressing heartfelt sorrow because of the untimely death of County Auditor Jack W. Sonntag.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Mr. Finnigan suggested that the resolution be read in full.

The entire resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that a proper resolution be prepared for all the Council members to sign and to be forwarded to the Sonntag family.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18946

Vacating Circle Way from So. 16th to a point approx. 150 feet north. (petition of John Canonica)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18947

Vacating the S.W. corner of Port of Tacoma Road and East 11th St. (petition of Benjamin Erhart)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18948

Appropriating the sum of \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Tacoma Municipal Transit System Fund to meet the obligations which will become due and payable during the operation of the System during the calendar year 1969.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Gaisford explain the intent of this ordinance relative to the salaries & wages, maintenance and operation of the Transit System.

Mr. Gaisford explained the \$50,000 is for salaries and wages, however there will still be an overdraft of approx. \$40,000. The request for \$100,000 for M & O category will leave approx. 75 to \$80,000 in overdraft. The reason for this difference is because of the cash situation. The operating cash must be kept in the black and the other is to take care of necessary expenditures. Mr. Gaisford further stated he has estimated that approx. \$151,000 is the cash needed to operate the Transit System for the balance of the year.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the Transit System serves University Place, Fircrest and Parkland and what additional charge is being made.

Mr. Walsh, Transit Supt. explained that an additional five cent fare is charged in Fircrest and in a certain portion of University Place. In Parkland to 133rd St., a ten cent fare is charged, and fifteen cents is charged if a passenger travels to Spanaway. A zone fare has always been charged on Parkland and Spanaway runs.

Mr. Cvitanich explained the State has granted the City permissive legislation for the Senior Citizens as well as allowing the cities to charge a \$1.00 per month Transit tax. When this came up before the Council he was in favor of a seventy-five monthly charge for the City. He added he was definitely opposed to any rate increase or additional curtailment in service. It is his personal belief that a warrant system should be instituted until such time the new Council adopts the 1970 budget.

Mr. Gaisford explained a warrant system could be instituted but he doubted if any bank would take the warrants for less than 8%. However, the Council would be jeopardizing the transit employees as they would lose approx. 10% of their checks as they would have to sell them to banks or persons interested in buying such warrants.

Mr. Gaisford explained further, he thought what had been presented relative to the Transit System is the best financial advice he could offer. During the year 1970 after labor negotiations the Council will probably be faced with a \$500,000 additional subsidy. This is what the City and the entire Northwest is faced with because of the economic income at the present time.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the City employees pay checks have ever been held by the banks.

Mr. Gaisford said they have never asked any bank to hold any of the City's warrants.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the City has ever asked the County for anticipated tax revenues prior to the end of the year.

Mr. Gaisford replied "no", as it would be a diversion of the County's authority. However, the City would have asked for it if the tax revenue was collected and had not been disbursed. This would not help the City in this transit problem, he added.

Mr. Johnson felt that the warrant system would not be acceptable to the citizens of Tacoma.

Mr. Finnigan explained the Transit problem has been apparent for a number of years and has been analyzed year by year, and in the end the Transit system has had to be continually subsidized. He noted that other cities are also having the same problems. But rather than being put on a warrant basis, which is nothing in the long run but credit, he felt this subsidy should be given for the balance of the year.

Mr. Cvitanich thought if the City would enter into negotiations with the banks, the warrants would be accepted at face value. He also explained it was not his intent that any city employee should work below the prevailing wage. His suggestion to put this on a warrant basis is definitely a stop-gap measure.

Mr. Cvitanich further explained that the Transit system, contrary to what Mr. Rowlands stated, when the City acquired the system, is not a money making proposition. It is true that every metropolitan area has the same problem, but service must be provided, just as Police & Fire Depts., regardless of the cost.

Mr. Rowlands explained in 1961 when discussions were held he had said that the Transit system could operate for the first couple of years without a subsidy but he did not say that this would last. He also explained he would support the position taken by Mr. Gaisford to subsidize the Transit System for approx. \$150,000 at this time. However, during the budget hearings the Council will have all the facts available for the financial picture for the year 1970. During the year 1971 a subsidy

will be made available to the cities from the State.

Mayor Rasmussen pointed out that Mr. Rowlands is in direct charge of all departments and the Council indicated at the time of the adoption of the budget they wanted the departments operated within its budget. He also stated that Mr. Rowlands had told the people if the City purchased the Transit System it would be in the black. He had also told the citizens if the Transit tax were adopted, it would carry the Transit System.

Mayor Rasmussen said that the Council is now being told by Mr. Gaisford that \$500,000 the people are subsidizing will not be sufficient and next year the system will be faced with an additional \$500,000 or over a \$1,000,000. Mayor Rasmussen said it seems the Transit System may have to be revised to give less personalized service to help maintain the system within its budget. He asked that Mr. Rowlands explain what is covered under the Maintenance and Operation category.

Mr. Rowlands said an MC was submitted to the Council showing a breakdown relative to the additional appropriation and additional revenues required to complete the year 1969. He felt for the record, it was peculiar, in spite of all this information, the Mayor would take the position of opposing any assistance to the Transit System at the Legislative level last spring. He felt the public should know that.

Mr. Rowlands read the breakdown under Maintenance and Operation of each division of the Transit System which amounts to \$74,270 for the remaining months of 1969. He noted a number of suggestions had been made by the Transit Dept. to help alleviate the situation, however, if the Council does not desire to reduce services or raise fares, it will be necessary to increase the subsidy to the System from the General Fund.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the General Fund had borrowed \$350,000 from the LID Fund and he wondered if there would be sufficient funds to repay this loan by the end of the year.

Mr. Gaisford explained that the request for the \$350,000 loan which was made some months ago was to replace the loss of State aid in the amount of \$428,000. It was felt, with proper execution of the budget through the balance of the year, a portion of the \$428,000 would be picked up. At the end of August, using the \$350,000, the \$428,000 has been picked up and there is a surplus of approx. \$57,000. No consideration has been given to any estimated surpluses from departments. All Departments have cooperated in trying to comply with the 5% cut in operations which was requested at the end of May. It is estimated that the Departments will return to the City unexpended appropriations of \$138,000.

Mayor Rasmussen felt since the \$350,000 loan would have to be repaid in 1970, the operation has not been very well managed.

Mr. Gaisford explained the investment program of the City of Tacoma and stated, in the first seven months of 1969 they have gained for the City \$2,249,000. It is hoped that by the end of the year this will exceed well over \$4,000,000 in interest earnings for Tacoma.

Mr. Gaisford said, as far as the General Fund is concerned, an estimate of \$150,000 was made at the beginning of the year. The General Fund is considered as the tax fund as well as the support fund of the City, and there is not money available, as it is on a cost and tax basis, nevertheless, through prudent investment, a little over \$200,000 was earned which partially has helped to take care of the the loss of \$428,000.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the bus routes be rearranged and that the public be informed of the change in time so they could still use the buses but the City cannot close the Transit system.

Mr. Johnson reminded the Mayor that the Transit System is continually being reviewed to see where the cost can be reduced. He said the Council itself had added costs to it, as the Crosstown bus, unlimited use of the elderly citizens pass, which have definitely tended to raise the cost of operating the system. He also mentioned he thought the system had been run on a most efficient basis. Mr. Johnson further added he has never found a bank that would accept any warrants at face value without a discount.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if warrants would be tax exempt under the ruling of the internal revenue.

Mr. Gaisford explained that the City had not been on warrants for 33 years.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Gaisford to check into the matter as he would not envision anyone not cooperating with the necessity and need if understood.

Mr. Gaisford explained there are all types of ways to finance such a measure. The City could even call for bids. However, he noted, he has tried to present the method which would be the least possible cost to the City.

Mayor Rasmussen asked what the State law required regarding a revenue utility.

Mr. Hamilton explained that generally a revenue utility has to fix rates and charges sufficient to carry the operation. The State law only authorizes the creation of Transit Systems. The Transit System of Tacoma was created specially by the vote of the people who voted on an ordinance establishing the system, and specific authorization was given to loan, give or subsidize the Transit System out of the General Fund of the City.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the Light, Water, Sewer, or Garbage Utility cannot receive contributions from the General Fund.

Mr. Gaisford further explained it would be impossible to use the Transit System as a method of borrowing but you might be able to set up the General Fund as a guarantee.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18940

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

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18941

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

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

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 & So. State from So. 19th to So. 23rd in an "M-1" District. (petition of Trib. Publishing Co.)

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 28943

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.

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

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

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, if the streets in the area of 58th & Cedar are being repaired, as previously requested by a citizen. Mr. Schuster explained the graders are in the area now and have been for a week. 286

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Mr. Cvitanich said he took exception to the remark made by Mr. Rowlands on a radio broadcast which, in part pertained to the audit. Mr. Rowlands stated that the State Auditor is now auditing the books.

Mr. Cvitanich said that the report of the technical advisor to the Board of Freeholders when the Charter was prepared did not imply that the State Auditor would be the auditor for the City. Section 7.14 of the Charter does not mention this fact at all, he added.

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Mayor Rasmussen called attention to the editorial page of the News Tribune of Oct. 6, 1969, relative to the treatment of prisoners by the Hanoi government. He asked that each Council member cut it out and read it as he has proposed that a resolution be drafted relative to the matter be placed on the agenda next week. It was written by Roscoe and Joffrey Drummond and they proposed that Congress and the country join in a massive protest to Hanoi against their continued cruel, and inhuman treatment of American war prisoners. He felt the Council should go on record opposing such treatment.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands explained he has submitted information concerning purchasing procedure as requested by the Council. He explained that Mr. Manconi, Purchasing agent for the City, reported that the problem of notification of bidders has been discussed in detail by the Pacific N.W. Public Purchasing Assn. which met in Oregon recently. Those in attendance stipulated that they felt it was desirable to contact interested vendors by telephone and by direct mailing from their established commodity lists, which helps to secure more bids.

Mr. Rowlands said he hoped the Council could see their way clear to support the procedure which was followed in the City for many years, to contact bidders by telephone and by direct mailing. This, of course, refers to formal bids after they have been legally advertised, he added.

Mr. Cvitanich said he thought if notification is made by phone a log should be kept, as this would protect the City as well as the bidder.

Mr. Finnigan felt since the bids are legally advertised he thought there was no need to notify by phone. If the telephone procedure was to be adopted, he felt it would be too prone to err and some contractors would also feel they were being slighted.

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This could lead to a tremendous amount of criticism and misunderstanding of the City.

Mr. Rowlands thought this procedure would save the City money over the long run as more bidders would submit bids.

Mr. Zatkovich felt that a lot of extra work would be involved and was not in favor of notifying the contractors.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he was inclined to agree with Mr. Finnigan and Mr. Zatkovich.

After some discussion Mr. Johnson moved that the Purchasing Dept. be authorized to contact bidders by telephone, letter or any other method in addition to the legal procedure of advertising. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote was taken. Motion LOST.

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Mr. Rowlands explained that MC-630 provides the City Council with the breakdown as requested relative to the Emergency Appropriation of \$163,363 occasioned by the severe storm in January of 1969. He felt the report was self explanatory.

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Mr. Rowlands submitted to the Council a copy of a report by City Engineer, Mr. Anderson, relative to the work required to make the old Fire Station No. 9 on No. Pine habitable.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if a copy had been sent to Disabilities Inc.

Mr. Rowlands said he did not know whether Mr. Patterson had the report in this form, but he was certain that Mr. Button had talked with Mr. Patterson regarding the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Rowlands mail a copy of the report to Mr. Patterson. Mr. Rowlands also felt that Mr. Patterson should have the details.

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Mr. Rowlands reminded the City Council that Monday, Oct. 13, 1969 is a Holiday for City employees.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Rasmussen stated he would like to schedule a meeting with members of the Council and Police Dept. officials relative to discussing policies concerning riot control.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if any of the Police Dept. employees are being sent to Yakima, and if they are, for what purpose.

Mr. Rowlands explained he did not know that any employees are going to Yakima. However, he explained there are special schools from time to time in various parts of the State that have classes for both the Police and Fire Depts. He would submit a report on the matter to the Council at the next meeting.

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Mr. Bott asked that all political signs of candidates who are not in the General election be removed.

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Mrs. Banfield asked that copies of the department budgets be submitted to the Council before any changes are made.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked that the Council study the Baseball contract which is included in this evening's agenda.

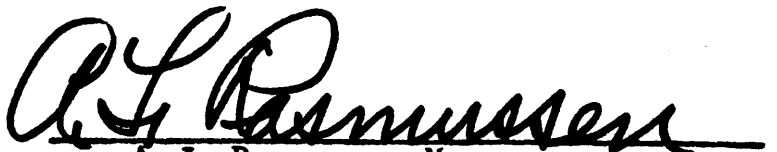
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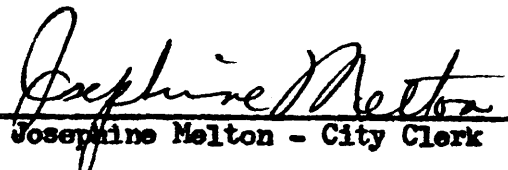
- a. Minutes of the Tacoma City Planning Commission for Sept. 15, 1969.
- b. Resolutions No. 18521 and 19875 pertaining to agreements with the Cubs Baseball Team.
- c. Personnel Report for the month of August 1969.
- d. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System report for Sept. 1969.
- e. Director of Finance report for August 1969.
- f. Wage and Salary Survey from Personnel Dept. for August 1969.

Placed on file.

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Mr. Finnigan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.


A. L. Rasmussen - Mayor

Attest: 
Josephine Melton - City Clerk