

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, November 17, 1964

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1, Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Tollefson explained that Mr. Johnson is ill and would not be present for the meeting.

Mr. Haley moved that Mr. Johnson be excused from the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of November 4, 1964 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by Gay A. Tronson for the vacation of So. 39th between Steele and 40th Streets.

No one appearing and no protests being made Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the planning Commission and that an Ordinance be drafted approving the vacation. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18075 (Postponed from the meeting of Nov. 4th, 1964)

Fixing Monday Nov. 23, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5392 for water mains in 128th St. Ea. from Vickery Rd. to 37th Ave. East and 37th Ave. East from 128th St. East, north approximately 550 feet.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Dr. Herrmann moved to amend the date of hearing from Nov. 23rd to December 14, 1964. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution as amended was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mr. Johnson.

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Resolution No. 18077 (Postponed from the meeting of Nov. 4th, 1964)

Fixing Monday, Nov. 23, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5395 for water mains and fire hydrants in the Fife Heights Area.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

Dr. Herrmann moved to amend the date of hearing from Nov. 23rd to December 14, 1964. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution as amended was passed by voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 1, Murtland; Absent 1, Mr. Johnson.

Resolution No. 18083

Awarding contract to Nic-O-Ray Battery Sales on its bid of \$6500 for the furnishing of storage batteries for the period of Nov. 1, 1964 to Oct. 31, 1965.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Resolution be adopted, Seconded by Mr. Haley.

Mr. Rowlands stated there is approximately a 9% savings, amounting to \$340.00 over last year.

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

Resolution No. 18084

Awarding contract to Rogers Construction Co. on its bid of \$4,538.82 incl. tax for W. O. No. 91100-A which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

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

Resolution No. 18085

Fixing Monday December 14, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5399 for cast iron water mains in So. 11th from Verde St. to Tyler.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

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

Resolution No. 18086

Authorizing the proper officers to enter into an agreement with the firm of DeLeuw, Cather & Co. to make an engineering survey of the Tacoma Transit System. 44
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Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Rowlands said the Transit Subcommittee met last Friday and they discussed the importance of having this survey to obtain information to be presented to the Legislature. He said this action was approved unanimously by the committee.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the Transit personnel could do this survey. He didn't think this was a wise investment to have outsiders make this survey.

Mr. Rowlands said that Seattle has had a similar survey completed which cost them \$15,000. The Pierce County Taxation Bureau have indicated they are in accord with this survey to obtain answers that will be acceptable to the Legislature. He added, that every two years the City goes to the Legislature to renew the gas tax exemption for Municipal Transit Systems which amounts to approximately \$50,000 per year. He felt that this should be set up as a permanent basis instead of having to apply for this every two years. He said there is also another point to mention, that in the last few years there have been discussions with the school officials relative to the rates charged to school children. The thought was whether or not proper rates were being charged. Mr. Rowlands said, often times a person gets so close to an operation that an outside group coming in to analyze your management operation may come up with some constructive suggestions to again effect savings. He thought this study would go along way toward solving this problem for the Legislators.

Mr. Haley thought the money would be well spent in light of the size of the problem.

Mr. Finnigan asked what was the expected deficit of the Transit System by 1970.

Mr. Rowlands replied that it would be better than \$790,000 per year.

Mr. Finnigan suggested that the consultants look for a type of subsidy which will bring in more money each year to cover the rising deficits.

Mayor Tollefson asked if the study would cover projected decreasing income.

Mr. Rowlands said that is a good point and asked if a ten-year projection would be satisfactory.

After some discussion, Mrs. Price moved to amend Section 6 of the proposed agreement to include a ten-year projection of the operating revenues and expenditures for the next ten years to determine the amount of subsidies necessary each year. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Bott said he thought the City could spend \$7500 to a better advantage elsewhere.

A letter from T. B. Murphy, Chairman, Transit Subcommittee, was read stating the Citizens' Committee for Tacoma's Future Development, which met on Friday, Nov. 13, 1964, unanimously recommended that the City Council retain the firm of DeLeuw, Cather & Company to carry out a Transit Study as outlined in a letter from the Transit Subcommittee dated Nov. 6, 1964.

Mayor Tollefson asked that this letter be incorporated into the minutes as a matter of record.

The Resolution as amended was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Mr. Johnson.

Resolution No. 18087

Approving the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for Downtown Tacoma, Project No. Wash. R-6.

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

Mr. Maffin, Director of Urban Renewal, stated he submitted a report to the Planning Commission at its meeting yesterday relative to the amendments that have been made to the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for Downtown Tacoma since its adoption. He added, the Planning Commission approved the amendments in conformance with the general plan, and so indicated by a resolution passed by the Planning Commission that was distributed to the City Council members.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what the specific plans for parking garages are which the GNRP indicates will be built by non-profit corporations and for the extension of downtown escalades.

Mr. Maffin said there are no specific plans at present.

Mayor Tollefson stated, even though the project plans have received the necessary approval, no contract has yet been signed with the Federal Government for the execution of the project. He stated the City does not propose to sign such a contract, unless and until, the downtown property owners make certain commitments, which they are now reviewing, then the City wants to be in a position if the plan is accepted to move forward on the project.

Mr. Rowlands said the main issue now is whether the downtown businessmen and property owners want to go the urban renewal route by local improvement districts. He believed a decision would be forthcoming by the first of the year.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Mr. Johnson.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17719

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Ketron Island Enterprises, Inc. for the sale of electrical energy.

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Mr. Murtland asked if the rates paid by customers in our service area are the same rates as those paid inside of the City.

Mr. Erdhal, Director of Utilities, said City Light has but a single rate schedule.

Mr. Murtland asked if they needed additional customers.

Mr. Erdahl said, as a utility they have a responsibility to provide power to those in our service area.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17720

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.120-38 to include property in the area bounded by 6th Ave.; So. 7th; So. L & M Sts. in a "C-1" Commercial District. (petition of Randolph Fay, Inc.)

Mr. Cvitanich left the meeting at 4:25 P. M.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17705 (postponed from the meeting of Nov. 4th)

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3592 for sanitary sewers in So. 48th from Gove to Orchard; Gove from So. 48th to So. 49th; So. 49th from Gove to Manitou Way and So. 50th from Manitou Way to Madison.

It was reported that additional remonstrances have been filed against the L I D, totaling 53 1/2 %.

Mr. Bott asked if Dr. McNutt had purchased the Hansen property, which would lessen the percentage of protests.

Mrs. Jaynes, stated that Dr. McNutt was hospitalized and unable to attend the Council meeting and had asked for a postponement of the Ordinance for three weeks. She stated that Dr. McNutt has indicated that he would purchase the Hansen property and in that event the percentage of protests would be 39%.

Mr. Freeman, representing his Mother, spoke against the improvement.

Following a discussion by the Council members, Mr. Haley moved to postpone the Ordinance until Dec. 15, 1964 to allow Dr. McNutt to make arrangements with Mr. Hansen. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17714

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4761 for paving and storm drainage on No. 9th St.; Huson to Mullen and Stevens to Tyler and other northend streets.

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It was reported additional protests have been filed against the area of North 9th St. from Mullen to Huson Streets, making the total for this area 55%.

Mr. Bott moved to delete the area of North 9th St. from Mullen to Huson Streets from the L I D. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance as amended resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Johnson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17715

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2345 for grading and oil-mat surface on Ea. 67th from A to Ea. B and on Ea. B from Ea. 80th to Ea. 82nd Street.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Johnson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17716

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4717 for paving and storm drainage on No. 42nd from Pearl to Bennett St.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Johnson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17717

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4737 for paving on Pine and Oakes Sts. between So. 38th and So. 56th Sts.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Johnson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17718

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5385 for water mains and fire hydrants in Bristol St. from No. 42nd to No. 46th; also in No. 42nd from Visscher to Bristol St.

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Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Johnson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessment roll for hearing for the cost of L I D 6809 for street lights in the area of So. 66th to So. 72nd from Mason to Huson.

Mr. Haley moved that Monday, December 28, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 6809. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

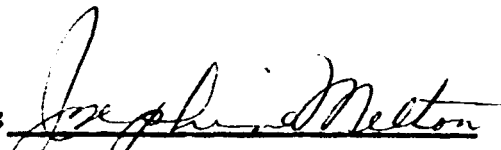
Report from the City Planning Dept. for the month of Sept. 1964.

COMMENTS:

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk