

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
February 20, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Maule.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 1973.

PETITIONS:

Bruce D. Knight - requesting rezoning of the southeast corner of South 74th and Oakes Street from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District.

For referral to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22075

Fixing Tuesday, March 6, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for rezoning of South 39th and 40th Streets at Ash and Wilkeson from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L PRD" District. (George Economou)

Resolution No. 22076

Fixing Tuesday, March 13, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing proposed zoning ordinance text changes relative to off-street parking, conditional use permits, etc.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of January 24, 1973.
- b. Minutes of Charter Review Committee meeting of January 31, 1973.
- c. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of February 5, 1973.
- d. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of February 5, 1973.
- e. Minutes of Human Relations Commission meeting of February 8, 1973.
- f. Monthly report, Traffic Violations and Court Cases, Municipal Court, January, 1973.
- g. Annual Report, Traffic Division, Police Department, 1972.
- h. Dept. of Public Works filing Update Cost Estimate for UAB 8-1-128(38).

Mr. Schroeder moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 22075 and 22076 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Jeannie Nielsen presented an antique horsehead hitching post to the City to be installed near the entrance of the central fire station and thanked the Fire Department for saving the life of her son ten years ago.

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REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS  
AND APPEALS:

(Continued from the meeting of February 6, 1973.)  
Richard L. Lee's appeal on the denial of his application  
for taxi cab driver's license.

Dr. Herrmann, Chairman of the Council Committee of three appointed by the Mayor to investigate and make recommendations regarding the license denial, reported that the Committee had investigated and recommends that the actions of the City Manager and the Chief of Police to deny the taxi cab driver's license be upheld.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the action of the City Administration be concurred in. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19756 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the south side of 6th Avenue between Yakima Avenue and South "G" Street from an "R-5-T" to a "C-2" District. (Marion V. Williamson)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19757 Appropriating the sum of \$9,300 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund to the Metropolitan Park District for the purpose of providing two weeks additional supervised playground activities for summer of 1973.

Mr. Maule advised that he had received a communication from Steve Orfanos of the Park Department advising that this amount of \$9,300 would not provide the use of swimming pools and that an additional \$12,296 would be needed to cover the costs of keeping the swimming pools open for the additional two weeks.

Following discussion regarding costs of the swimming pools, Mr. Jarstad moved that the Ordinance be continued for one week in order to research the matter. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Final Reading of Ordinance was continued to February 27, 1973.

Ordinance No. 19759 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the north-easterly side of Marine View Drive and southerly of Highline Road from an "R-2" and "R-3" to an "M-2" District. (Jones Chemicals, Inc.)

Mayor Johnston reported that it has come to his attention that additional time is needed to complete the gathering of signatures on some deed restrictions.

Mayor Johnston moved that the ordinance be continued for one week. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Final Reading of ordinance was continued to February 27, 1973.

Ordinance No. 19760 Vacating the alley lying northerly of North 30th Street and between Whitman Street and Narrows Drive; also, alley between the North 32nd Street cul-de-sac, west of Whitman Street and alley lying between Whitman and Narrows Dr. (Public Works)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19761 Approving proposed advance refunding program and bond ordinance for refunding of Light & Power Revenue Bonds, 1970 series.

A. J. Bennedetti, Director of Utilities, reviewed for Council the proposed refunding bond sale, the purpose, procedures, and the fact that there would be an anticipated five million dollar savings. It is expected the bid opening would be in about two months.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19762 Establishing a Public Housing Corporation for the Model Cities Program.

Mel Jackson, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, reviewed the concept of the Public Housing Corporation.

Hugh Judd, Assistant City Attorney, answered questions of Council. He advised that this would increase the efficiency in administering the Tacoma Model Cities Program.

Junior N. R. Ellis, Chairman of the Model Cities Executive Board, urged adoption of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19763 Amending Section 1.06.070 of the Official Code to add the Department of Human Development and the position of Director of Human Development.

Bill Donaldson, City Manager, advised that this Ordinance would authorize the creation of a new Department. The department would coordinate the existing programs and any other people programs that would come for consideration.

Speaking in favor of the ordinance were: Robert H. Davis, 828 South Ainsworth, Chairman of the Human Relations Commission; Mason Jackson, 928 North Pearl; Ted Amell, 629 St. Helens; Robert Waring, 13705 Dana Lane East; Bertie Edwards, Director of Model Cities Senior Citizens Center; Jay Noel, President of Pierce County Community Coordinated Child Care; Francis Messcamin, 3855 East "I"; Thomas Dickson, Executive Director of Urban League.

Speaking in opposition to the ordinance were: Francis Smith; Irma Whitlock, a senior citizen; Joe Reece, 930 East 52nd Street; H. R. Arnesson, 1741 Fawcett;

Bill Buell, Chairman of Architectural Barriers and Legislative Committee of the Handicapped made inquiries as to whether provisions would be made for handicapped people.

Elizabeth Brown, 830 East 66th Street, suggested the proposal be submitted for vote by the citizens of Tacoma.

Dave Johnson, a Northeast Tacoma resident, questioned the concept of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22069 Authorizing the execution of an application for a grant under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 in the amount of \$2,155 to assist in providing certain specialized training of police personnel.  
(Second Reading)

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22077 Authorizing the sale of various scrap items to Sternoff Metals Corporation, the highest and best bidder.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22078 Awarding contract to Irwin-Jones Motor Company, Inc. on its bid of \$7,098.88 for one GMC dump truck.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22079 Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company, Inc. on its bid of \$459,686.68 for Improvements No. 3123, Unit B and No. 4942.

Mr. Nalley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22080 Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$242,975.50 for Improvement No. 4927, Unit A, and Work Order No. 91170.

Mr. Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22081 Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Richard Marra d/b/a LaPort Air for space at the Airport Terminal Building for a coffee shop.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Bill Donaldson, City Manager, introduced Joyce Thornton, a new employee in the City Manager's Office.

He advised that after a nationwide search, Keith Palmquist, the Interview Board's number one recommendation, has been appointed Director of the Model Cities Program.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston reported that he has been invited by Senator Jackson to fly to Washington D. C. on Monday for a presentation to the Senate Interior Committee on the National Land Use Planning Policy.

Mayor Johnston commented relative to the possibility of a green belt and bicycle route adjacent to Route 16 through the City and asked that the City Manager explore this.

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Mr. Maule suggested the Planning Commission come forward with their plans for Mini-Parks.

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Mr. Jarstad suggested that the Arbor Committee survey the prospects of obtaining trees and having them planted along various boulevards within the City.

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Mr. Sonntag felt that some of the citizens are under the impression that Ordinance No. 19763 is a Human Relations Department ordinance. He said they should know it is an operational function of City Government. The programs to be developed are not of a racial or minority type program. They are programs for handicapped, for youth, senior citizens and that type of programs. He explained that the new department would be dealing directly with the citizens on input and questions on projects.

Mr. Sonntag asked that a policy for providing mini-bus services be made when the present funding is terminated.

Mr. Sonntag asked Mr. Donaldson to obtain for him the reason for the transit tax, what does it do for us, and why do we still have it. His understanding was that it was to be a temporary program. He asked that a resolution be brought in that would negate the current legislation which authorizes the current transit tax.

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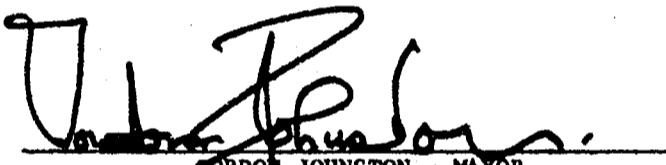
Dr. Herrmann commented that he and Mr. Moss had attended a meeting with the Family Clinic. He stated he would like to see the clinic funded in part by City funds as he felt it was a worthwhile enterprise that should be continued in operation.

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Mr. Jarstad reported that one of the areas in which cable television has been actively researching is in the medical services to people who are home-bound, where the doctor can talk to the people directly on closed circuit TV.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

  
GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK