

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Thursday, Dec. 26, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4 P. M. Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Rasmussen announced there will be no minutes to approve since there was no meeting on Dec. 10th due to the lack of a quorum.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of Ash St. between Center and the NRR r/o/w and between Wilkeson & Hosmer Sts., submitted by the Atlas Foundry & Machine Co.

Mr. Russell Buehler, Director of Planning, explained there was a 100% petition from the property owners abutting the street for the vacation and no objections were made. This vacation will allow for expansion of an existing parking facility and for a substation for use by the Atlas Foundry and Machine Co. The right-of-way is not anticipated to be improved for future public use.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to vacate Ash St. and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing on the Proposed Amendment of the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Plan, Wash. R-14, bounded by So. 11th & 13th Sts. & Pacific Ave. and Commerce Street.

Mr. Gary Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney, outlined the sound legal and procedural record that should be followed for the proposed amendment to the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Plan, No. Wash. R-14, including the local requirements, State requirements and Federal requirements.

Mr. Sullivan submitted Exhibit A, encompassing Exhibits 1 through 30 and asked that the Council approve the exhibits and all the included materials to be incorporated within the minutes of this hearing so there will be a complete concise record of the matters on record.

Mr. Bott moved that Exhibit A which encompasses Exhibit 1 through 30 be incorporated by reference and be entered for the record as having legally been submitted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan said he would like to mention for the record that a Court Reporter is also present to record this hearing.

Mr. Sullivan also advised the Council that insofar as the legal office could

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determine, all procedural prerequisites to this hearing have been met and testimony is now to be presented to the Council in respect to the proposed amendment.

Mr. Sullivan added that presentations will be made by several in the audience; Mr. James W. Wright, Director of Urban Renewal for the City of Tacoma; Mr. Gordon Johnston, Chairman of the Tacoma Planning Commission; Mr. Floyd Jones, Vice President of Dean Witter & Co. Mr. Robert Evans, the Architect for Dean Witter & Co. and Mr. James Wisner of the law firm of Bancroft, Avery & McAllister of San Francisco. They will be available to answer any questions by the Council.

Mr. Sullivan further explained that the proposed amendment provides that the use of the parcel of land lying within the block, bounded by So. 11th & So. 13th Streets and Pacific Ave. and Commerce St. designated as "P" (Public) in Map No. 2 of the exhibits to such plan, be changed to "HDOC" (High Density Office Corps) use.

Mr. Sullivan also asked that the Workable Program for 1968 and 1969 passed by the City Council on August 6th, 1968, be incorporated into this hearing.

Mr. Johnson moved to incorporate the Workable Program for 1968 and 1969, certified to by the Federal Government, in this public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. A voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. James Wright, Urban Renewal Director for the City of Tacoma, outlined the general purposes and objectives of the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Plan as established by the City Council. He pointed out that the proposed amendment will be consistent with the overall objectives and will meet the needs of the municipality as a whole for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the urban renewal area by private enterprise.

He added, the open spaces, as indicated in the Urban Renewal Plan, are intended to form an improved appearance to the downtown core and may be in either public or private ownership. The proposal accomplished a greater objective than that originally set forth in the plan. First, a design feature of the Dean Witter Building will be to provide landscape and beautification treatment within and upon their building to attractively present their development in a better relationship than would a small public landscaped feature adjacent to an exposed and unattractive escalade wall. Second, it permits the construction of a more attractive and useful private structure to enhance the Pacific Ave. area, destined to become an important redeveloped portion of the core area, and finally, permits the public and private developments to be better related by creating a replacement of the public escalade with a new escalator at a more suitable location adjacent to the north wall of the proposed public garage and interconnecting upper level pedestrian ways from the skybridge at the garage to open space at the Broadway Plaza and open space within the Dean Witter Development.

Mr. Wright further stated, the development of a modified open space feature by private enterprise enables the municipality to enjoy the objectives and amenities originally set forth in the Urban Renewal Plan and at considerable cost savings to the public. He then introduced the next speaker, Mr. Gordon Johnston.

Mr. Gordon Johnston, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, read from an extract of the minutes of the City Planning Commission of Dec. 2, 1968, relative to the amendment of the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Plan.

Mr. Johnston explained, after further questioning and discussion the Planning Commission passed a resolution by a vote of 7-2 (Banfield and Gerla voting negative) stating that the proposed amendment changing the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project No. 1-14 Plan, by using the parcel of land lying within the block, bounded by So. 11th and So. 13th Sts. and Pacific Ave. and Commerce St., designated as "P" (Public) to HDOC (High-Density Office Core) use, be approved and adopted, as being in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and parts thereof for the development of the Municipality of this City of Tacoma as a whole.

Mr. Sullivan introduced Mr. Floyd U. Jones of Dean Witter Co. Inc.

Mr. Floyd U. Jones, Vice President and Manager of the Dean Witter & Co., Inc. explained their company had found it necessary to ask for this change in order to better utilize the area involved to prove economic feasibility for the project and

they also wished to avoid any possible legal and/or philosophical conflicts on the question of private versus public use.

He pointed out, by the approval of this change, they would construct an attractive building with amenities of beauty and convenience to the public on Pacific Ave. and Commerce Street and an open plaza at the Broadway level coinciding with the setback at the side lot line in the tower portion of the building, the new escalator and other features that will add to the quality and the desirability of the life of downtown Tacoma, (2) a modern building which will provide new office space to upgrade the space available for present Tacoma Firms and to entice outside firms to come to Tacoma, (3) a substantial building requiring a large investment in downtown Tacoma, which together with the National Bank of Washington development will help revitalize downtown Tacoma and create a financial center for the Tacoma trading area. They also felt their proposed program is an act of faith in the future of the City.

After the presentations, Mr. Sullivan asked that the Council continue the hearing until Jan. 2nd at which time a resolution will be presented approving the amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the hearing on the amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan R-14 be terminated and the adoption of the plan be continued until next week, Jan. 2, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. Finnigan felt that any conversation and comments of anyone who is allowed to speak on this subject should be allowed to speak only on the amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan, not on the overall philosophy of urban renewal.

Mayor Rasmussen called for the vote on the motion by Dr. Herrmann to terminate the public hearing as of this evening and the resolution adopting the amendment be considered at next week's meeting on January 2, 1969. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Jean C. Ellington requesting rezoning of the N. E. corner of Yakima Ave. and So. 46th St. from an "R-4-L" district to a "C-1" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19974 (postponed from the meeting of Dec. 17, 1968)

Authorizing the execution of agreements between the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line Railway, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and Railroad Trainmen and Yardmasters of America for changes in basic rates of pay effective Jan. 1, 1969.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19975

Approving the final settlement with the defendant American Pipe & Construction Company on the Pipe Antitrust litigation.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19976

Authorizing the sale of Parcel I & II to Dr. Charles O. Evans and H. V. Williams and Parcel III to Mrs. Gertrude E. Rosso in the vicinity of So. 130th St. and Tule Lake Road & So. 122nd St. and So. J.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19977

Requesting release of two easements on So. 32nd & Orchard (Town of Fircrest) by Mr. John Nagel.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19978

Fixing Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 1969 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for rezoning of the S. W. corner of Ea. 72nd St. & Portland Ave. from Pierce County Classification "G" General to a "C-2" District. (K Mart)

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19979

Awarding contract to Mobile Oil Corporation for the furnishing of Diesel Fuel requirements for the calendar year 1969.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19980

Authorizing the proper officers to execute for and on behalf of the City an Urban Mass Transportation Capital Grant contract between the City and the U. S. of America for project No. Wash. UIC-5.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19981

Authorizing the proper officers to execute a quit claim deed to Winfield S. Harris for property located at 1823 East Sherman.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18707

Providing for the making of certain additions and betterments to the electric Utility system and adopting a plan and system therefor, declaring the estimated cost providing for financing and construction and amending Sec. 3 of Ordinance No. 14386 as last amended by Ordinance No. 18201 relating to the financing of the City's Power Development Project.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, explained that Ordinances No. 18707 and 18708 approve and adopt a plan and system which authorizes the issuance and sale of \$20,000,000 Light and Power Revenue Bonds in order to properly provide funds for the completion of construction costs of the Mossyrock Development.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there would be any increase in electrical rates because of this proposed bond ordinance.

Mr. Benedetti assured the Council there would be no increase in rates or any increase contemplated because of these expenditures.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Mr. Finnigan was excused at 5:45 P. M.

Ordinance No. 18708

Providing for the issuance and sale of special obligation bonds of the City of Tacoma consisting of \$20,000,000 Light & Power Revenue Bonds to be issued for the purposes referred to in Ordinance No. 18707.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18711

Amending Title 6 of the official code by amending subsection A of Section 6.62.010, 020, 030, 040 and 050 relative to admission charges for various amusement devices.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained the proposal to extend the amusement tax was introduced as a result of a Council discussion on the matter during the October budget hearings. He noted that removal of the exemptions on the first 50 cents of theater admissions and on other admissions of 10 cents would produce an estimated \$17,000 in revenue for the City in 1969. Another proposal in the ordinance would extend the amusement tax to include shuffleboard, picture machines, kiddie rides, automatic baseball and table-type bowling games, he added.

Mayor Rasmussen asked why bowling was omitted.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a number of years ago the Council had decided not to include bowling as the taxes already paid were high. He added, he hoped a discussion could be held on the matter as he felt a tax on bowling should be considered.

Mrs. Banfield felt the matter should be withheld to allow a study of the admission charges.

Mr. Bott felt the ordinance should be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Zatkovich said he saw no reason to penalize the people in an attempt to add a few thousand dollars to the City income, therefore, he was opposed to the ordinance.

Mr. Zatkovich moved that Ordinance No. 18711 be removed from the Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Johnson. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion carried.

The ordinance was removed from the agenda.

Ordinance No. 18712:

Amending Title 13 of the official code relative to the Zoning Text Change for Offstreet Parking Space Standards.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18696

Amending Title 11 of the official code relative to Traffic to conform the City Traffic Code to the recent State enactment of Initiative 242.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18697

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Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained the proposal to extend the amusement tax was introduced as a result of a Council discussion on the matter during the October budget hearings. He noted that removal of the exemptions on the first 50 cents of theater admissions and on other admissions of 10 cents would produce an estimated \$27,000 in revenue for the City in 1969. Another proposal in the ordinance would extend the amusement tax to include shuffleboard, picture machines, kiddie rides, automatic baseball and table-type bowling games, he added.

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Ordinance No. 18698

Amending the Pay & Compensation Plan to include employment of nurses from the Health Dept. who were formerly hired by and paid by United Good Neighbor Fund in the Compensation Plan for the purpose of vacation allowance and sick leave.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained this ordinance employes the nurses in the Health Dept. who were formerly paid by the United Good Neighbor Fund.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that a report be submitted on the cost of the fringe benefits the City will be paying due to this change as well as how many of these nurses work inside of the City and how many work outside the City.

Mr. Rowlands said he would submit this report.

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Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18699

Amending the Pay & Compensation Plan to include positions for Licensed Practical Nurses and a new position of Public Information and General Services Director.

Mrs. Banfield stated she did not approve of including different positions in the same ordinance. She added she had requested a number of months ago that this not be done.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the two positions be placed in two separate ordinances. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Rasmussen said the two positions can be separated by numbering one Ordinance 18699-A and the other Ordinance 18699-B.

Dr. Herrmann felt since this ordinance relates to the pay and compensation plan, it was not necessary to separate these items.

Roll call was taken on the motion to separate the ordinance as Ordinance No. 18699-A relative to Item 1140 and Ordinance No. 18699-B relative to Item 3008. Ayes 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 5: Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion Lost.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18700

Amending the Administrative Code to include the position of Public Information and General Services Dept.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the ordinance be amended to include that this new Department be under the Legislative Division, namely the City Council. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

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Mrs. Banfield moved that the ordinance be amended to include that this new Department be under the Legislative Division, namely the City Council. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Cvitanich explained, that for the past several years the City Manager's office has provided staff assistance to the Mayor and the City Council. He felt this practice should continue as it will be some time before adequate space is provided for consolidating this new Department.

Mr. Rowlands explained that under the Administrative Code, the Public Information Officer works with both the City Council as well as any department of the General Government.

Roll call was taken on the amendment by Mrs. Banfield that the new Department be under the City Council. Ayes 2: Banfield and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 6: Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion Lost.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18701

Appropriating the sum of \$1,702.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying additional salaries & wages to the Director of the Dept. of Public Information & General Services and M & O costs for 1969.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18702

Amending the Pay & Compensation Plan by adding a new section 1.12.629 relative to retired Personnel.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18703

Amending Sec. 1.29.010, 020 and 060 of the official code relative to the Human Relations Commission to add an additional two members to the Commission who shall serve until Sept. 1971 and thereafter for three year terms.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18704

Appropriating the sum of \$1,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new public address system in the City Council Chambers.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that a substitute ordinance has been submitted to the Council amending the ordinance by changing the \$1,000 figure to \$1,200 to allow sufficient funds for two additional microphones.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to amend the Ordinance to change the amount of \$1,000 to \$1,200. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18705

Amending Sec. 12.06.170 and .190 of the official code relative to Electric Energy Regulations and Rates.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18706

Condemning properties to be used for the widening of So. 74th from the Northern Pacific R/W to midway between So. Warner & So. Puget Sound Ave.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

L I D 3658 for sanitary sewers in alleys between Ea. 61st & 62nd Sts. from Portland Ave. to "Q" St. and other nearby streets.

L I D 4808 for paving on No. Highland from No. 30th St. north 550 feet and other northend streets.

L I D 6887 for Street Lighting between So. 56th & 66th St. between Oakes and Alder Streets.

Mr. Johnson moved that Monday, Feb. 10th, 1969 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated there are several matters that he would like to discuss at a study session, but due to the Holidays it has been difficult to schedule one.

Mayor Rasmussen stated, there would not be any study sessions until next year.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would submit the Accomplishments during the year 1968 and Goals for 1969 at the next Council meeting.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had received a request for a lease of the Fire station at 9th and A Sts. at a rental fee of \$200.00 a month. He asked if the Fire Dept. has completely vacated that building.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would like to discuss this matter with the Council in detail in connection with the various requests that have been received in regard to this building. He also mentioned that in all probability the station will have to be removed to make way for the proposed arterial street that will connect with the planned State Highway.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated the Council was delaying a decision on this matter until the equipment had been removed from the building. He added, he did not want the building to remain unoccupied. He felt that any street construction should detour traffic around the City as much as possible. He felt this was a logical place to bypass and it would be more usable than any scenic driveway.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Rowlands, submit a report on the matter, particularly if any positive information has been received from the Highway Department.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if he had completed the report requested by the Council relative to curtailing the appropriations for Association dues.

Mr. Rowlands stated, the breakdown has been submitted to the City Council, and he did not recall that he was to recommend any changes.

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Mayor Rasmussen said the Council left it up to the City Manager to make recommended changes in the amount of \$29,000 for association dues.

Mr. Rowlands stated he did not have any recommendations at this time and he has not had an opportunity to work on the report.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the report should be submitted before too long as they have received a billing from the Association of Mayors again for \$500.00.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he had requested an ordinance to be prepared relative to a position of Venereal Disease Inspector.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained they could prepare an ordinance, however, they must have the qualifications, etc. to place in the ordinance.

Mr. Rowlands stated, this request has been looked into and several problems have arisen. One problem is a classification position which has to be developed.

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Mayor Rasmussen appointed a Legislative Committee from the City Council to the 1969 Legislature comprised of Mr. Zatkovich, Mr. Cvitanich and Mrs. Banfield.

Mayor Rasmussen stated Mr. Floyd Oles, has compiled an analysis of Tacoma's crime rate and the percentage rate is far higher than the average. He felt that the City Council should meet with Police officials and work out some plan whereby Tacoma's rate of crime can be reduced.

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Mr. Zatkovich reviewed the Nov. Police Department's report. He also brought the matter of a disciplinary measure by Chief Zittel against his treatment of a detective involved in an automobile accident.

Mr. Zatkovich stated that the decision of the Accident Review Board was not upheld and Chief Zittel still disciplined this police detective.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, felt that anything that is done to insure the safety consciousness of all employees is good. He also assured Mr. Zatkovich that the accident was one that could have been prevented. The detective was grounded to make the department more safety conscious.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that police morale is very low and has been driven lower by unwarranted discipline.

Mr. Rowlands felt that the morale was excellent. There are fine men in the department. The emphasis is on the patrol division and he felt the safety campaign is going to have a salutatory effect and the department has performed outstandingly. Furthermore, the crime rate is on the rise all over the nation. He felt Tacoma's statistics should be examined for the last five years to get a fair and accurate picture.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he had checked the 1958 budget and the total police force manpower stood at 252 whereas ten years later it was only 253. He noted that the department has not been increased even though crime has increased. He requested that a report be made with a breakdown on the number of men in each division today as compared with 1958.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that in past negotiations with the police union, the police representatives said they preferred more money over more men. A report will be forthcoming, he added.

Mr. Cvitanich also asked Mr. Rowlands to check to see if the physical agility test has been eliminated from the Police Department's entrance examination.

A number of Councilmen reported on the National League of Cities convention in New Orleans, that they attended the early part of December.

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Mayor Rasmussen hoped that the City Council will return to a two-way street system as he felt that businesses are suffering on Commerce St. and Fawcett Ave. because of the one-way traffic pattern.

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Mrs. Banfield stated, since she had been on the Council she did not recall seeing a report from the Tacoma Housing Authority, she would like to know if one had been filed.

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Mr. Robert Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, stated he did not know whether an annual report is submitted from the Tacoma Housing Authority. However, he knew the Authority is an independent municipal corporation under the statues of 'body politics'. He was not sure they were answerable to the Council.

Mrs. Banfield read the State Law regarding the Housing Authority, Section 35.82.230, stating that the authority should file a report with the City Clerk once a year.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the City Clerk obtain an annual report from the Tacoma Housing Authority.

Mr. Cvitanich thanked the Department of Public Works for putting 'No Parking' signs at the old Fire Headquarters.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Human Relations Commission for Nov. 21, 1968.
- b. Report from the Personnel Dept. for Nov. 1968.
- c. Report from the Police Dept. for Nov. 1968.
- d. Report from the Finance Director for Nov. 1968.

Mr. Cvitanich stated that every member of the Council is in receipt of the letter from Knight, Vale & Gregory relative to the Management Audit and he hoped the Council will discuss it within the next two weeks.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that the City Clerk obtain copies of the specific letter and forward them to the Council members.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

A. L. Rasmussen
MAYOR

Attest: *Josephine Meeter*
City Clerk

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