

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 8th, 1968

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

Present on roll call 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Herrmann and Murtland.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Johnson.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the minutes of the meeting of Sept. 24th, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

James Reiser, Fire Chief, informed the City Council that the week of Oct. 7th through 11th is being observed nationally as Fire Prevention Week.

Chief Reiser presented a plaque to Mayor Rasmussen denoting a first place award which had been given to the Tacoma Fire Dept. for their efforts and plans during the year of 1967 relative to Fire Prevention.

Chief Reiser outlined heroic action of six citizens during fires in 1968. Mayor Rasmussen presented the meritorious Awards to each of the citizens.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19868 (postponed from the meeting of Sept. 10, 1968)

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

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Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone the resolution for two weeks, until Oct. 22, 1968 since Mr. Murtland is absent and has an amendment to present to the Council. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19880 (postponed from the meeting of Sept. 24th, 1968)

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to expend from budgeted funds such amounts as may be necessary for medical care and treatment of City prisoners as may be recommended by the Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept. and the Chief of Police and rescinding Resolution No. 19448.

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

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, suggested that this resolution be removed from the agenda as arrangements have been made for the City Health Dept. to care for the prisoners.

Mr. Johnson moved that Resolution No. 19880 be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was removed from the agenda.

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Resolution No. 19900

Fixing Monday, October 28th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for I. I. D 4856 for paving on Ea. 59th from East F to East G and other nearby streets.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Herrmann and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19901

Fixing Tuesday, October 22nd, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for reopening of the south side of So. 19th between Union Ave. & Cedar Sts. (petition of Allenmore Medical Center, Inc.)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Herrmann and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19902

Fixing Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of Kellogg St. between Villard & Orchard Sts. (petition of Don McGoldrick, et al.)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Herrmann and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19903

Rejecting the bid submitted by K. O. & Phyllis W. Schmidt for property at 4326 So. 36th Street.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Herrmann and Murtland.

Resolution No. 19904

Endorsing the concept of constructing a canal between the Columbia River and Puget Sound and that preliminary feasibility and engineering studies be made by the United States Corps of Army Engineers.

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

Mayor Rasmussen stated an amendment is to be proposed for this resolution.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone this resolution for two weeks, until Oct. 22, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1968.

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Resolution No. 19905

Establishing the policy of the City Council that no new or additional urban renewal projects will be undertaken by the City Council unless and until the Proposition for the establishment of such urban renewal project has first been submitted to and approved by a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Robert Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained that according to the City Charter, five affirmative votes are needed to pass an ordinance as well as a resolution.

Yeas 4: Banfield, Cvitanich Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 3: Bott, Finnigan and Johnson. Absent 2: Herrmann and Murtland.
The Resolution was declared Lost by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19906

Appointing Charles Towne to the Building Code Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Howard Chapman which terminates the 4th day of February, 1970.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Herrmann and Murtland.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18658

Amending Title 8 of the official code by adding a new subsection to Sec. 8.80. 80.2h relative to filing complaints of discrimination in housing.

Mr. Cvitanich explained this ordinance was recommended by the Open Housing Review Board so that persons who flagrantly discriminate would not get a second chance to violate the ordinance.

Mr. Hamilton, City Attorney, explained that the existing ordinance provides that a matter be referred to the City Attorney's office for potential or possible prosecution only after the offending party violates an order to cease and desist which is entered by the Board after a public hearing.

Mr. Bob Maguinez, a member of the Open Housing Review Board, explained that the Board is an advisory board only and the passage of this ordinance would greatly assist the board so that persons would not have a second chance to discriminate.

Mr. Cvitanich felt it was wrong to allow anyone in the City of Tacoma to discriminate once, and this ordinance would prevent such action.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18669

Amending Chapter 8.12 of the official code of the City by adding a new subsection 8.12.010.41 relative to disorderly persons defined and enumerated.

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Mr. Zatkovich explained this ordinance makes unlawful the printing of any material which might incite crime. He felt it was desperately needed in the City.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18665

Vacating the alley between So. 11th & So. 12th Sts. from Union Ave. to Puget Sound Avenue. (petition of the Salvation Army)

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

Ayes 6: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 2: Herrmann and Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18666

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-89 to include property in the S. W. corner of So. 40th & Lawrence Sts. in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of G. A. Boucher)

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

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Herrmann and Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18667

Authorizing the transfer of \$3,485 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund to the Capital Outlay Category of the Legislative Budget for the purpose of paying the expenses of the renovation of the City Council Chambers. 193

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

Ayes 5: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 2: Finnigan and Johnson. Absent 2: Herrmann and Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared Lost by the Chairman as an emergency ordinance needs six (6) votes for passage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Cvitanich mentioned, he felt the Council should go through the Budget for 1969 page by page as the Council does represent the taxpayers.

Mayor Rasmussen stated, if the Budget is not adopted within the allotted time, all ordinances would have to be passed on an emergency basis which would require six votes for passage. This would certainly save a considerable amount of money for the taxpayer, he added.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated he was pleased to announce that Mr. Marshall McCormick, City Attorney is making exceptionally fine progress from his illness and he has every hope of a complete recovery.

Mr. Rowlands reported that Sitts & Hill, consulting engineers, are checking the 26th St. Bridge which has been closed because of damage to the supporting column.

Mr. Rowlands explained he has submitted the Plan Control Changes to the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project which were adopted under Resolution No. 18969 on Dec. 13th, 1966 as requested by the Council.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the Council also be provided with the ordinance which adopted the Fawcett Urban Renewal Plan.

Mr. Rowlands submitted a list of organizations and departments which might be involved in the work undertaken by the Human Relations Commission. He also submitted pay vouchers relative to the program as requested.

Mr. Rowlands felt that the members of these organizations are doing an outstanding job in the human relations' field and serving a very useful purpose in the community.

Mr. Rowlands submitted MC 562 in regard to the Community Service Program Designed to Communicate the Cultural Development of Black People. He added, the MC briefly defines the problem, summarizes the objectives and explains the activities of the program scheduled for ten weeks beginning June 17th, 1968 to coincide with the activities and programs of the Metropolitan Park District as they originate from the Hilltop Youth Center.

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Mayor Rasmussen felt the Council had been misinformed and has been told that the money in the amount of \$23,000.00 spent for the black culture program would be spent for park playground leaders.

Mr. Rowlands said he had explained to the Council how the money was going to be used.

Mr. Zatkovich felt that the hiring of Reginald Douglas for \$500.00 a month for three months was not proper as Mr. Douglas was an officer in the Harambee organization.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that Mr. Douglas had moved to Tacoma from Oakland, Calif. just a short time ago and he felt there were other persons in the City who would be more qualified as a community resources expert.

Mr. Johnson said that he was aware for what purpose the funds were being appropriated when the Council approved the expense.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the City's contribution to this program was approximately \$7100.00.

Mr. John Epps, a member of the Human Relations Committee and the Open Housing Review Board, explained that he did not consider any money wasted that will put before white America the story of black America.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that he was not against black culture, but he was against this instructor, Mr. Douglas, and what portion of black culture he was teaching.

Mr. Finnigan felt this was a joint effort between the City, the Metropolitan Park District and Pacific Lutheran University, and the funds were approved by the State Attorney General's office.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the Park Board members did not know what had transpired until the plan was completed.

Mr. Cvitanich felt that such a matter as this, whether it should be administratively handled should be set by the Council.

Mr. Bott asked that a consultation be held with Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, in regard to the Sensitivity training program, particularly in the area where City Policemen are involved.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Cvitanich felt there seemed to be some misunderstanding in regard to the position of Detective Sgt. in the Police Dept.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that at the present time, according to the decision of the City Council, the position of Detective has been deleted and the classification of the position is now Detective Sgt.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. John C. Frai spoke in regard to City Light being in private enterprise and also on juvenile delinquency.

Mr. Wallace Walker, Sr., President of the Central Area Progressive Improvement Association, residing at 2336 So. M., spoke relative to the Model Cities proposal now pending before the community. He informed the Council they are one hundred percent behind any movement within the community which will ultimately put its planning directly in the hands of the people it is intended to serve, the citizens of the Hilltop Community themselves. He further stated that too often the Black movements for self-help and improvement have been fragmented from within by forces which operate upon their weaknesses from without; this shall not happen to the Model Cities program if it is within their power to prevent it, he added.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Personnel report for Aug. 1968.
- b. City Planning Dept. report for Sept. 1968.
- c. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System report for Sept. 1968.
- d. Tacoma Industrial Airport quarterly financial report of June 30, 1968.
- e. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library for Sept. 1968.
- f. Minutes of the Tacoma City Planning Commission for Sept. 1968.
- g. Minutes of the Park Board Commissioners for Sept. 1968.

Placed on file.

Mr. Bott moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P. M.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Council reconvene at 7:30 P. M. to take up matters on the 1969 budget. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

A. L. Rasmussen

MAYOR

Attest: *Josephine Melton*
City Clerk