

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, September 8, 1964**

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 0.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the minutes of the meeting of Aug. 25, 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 Harris & Reed, Architects 373 for the rezoning of the property located at the S. E. corner of So. 11th and Ainsworth from the "R-3" District to the "R-3-T" District.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the proper ordinance be drawn approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Fanning Starkey Inv. Co. requesting the rezoning of the property located between North 24th and North 25th between North Madison and North Proctor Streets from the "R-2" to the "C-1" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17993 (Postponed from August 18, 1964)

Awarding contract for the furnishing and installation of manual double and single parking meters to the Motor Products Corp., Duncan Parking Meter Division.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

Mr. Murtland said he did not think action should be taken for the purchasing of meters until it was decided if meters should be placed at these new locations.

Mr. Rowlands stated Ordinance No. 17682 is on the agenda for first reading, and if the meters are going to be installed they should be ordered for placement before the cold weather sets in.

Mayor Tollefson thought the Ordinance should be acted upon prior to ordering new meters.

Mr. Haley moved to postpone the Resolution until Oct. 6, 1964.
Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mrs. Price asked if this would affect the budget in anyway.

Mr. Rowlands stated this will definitely affect the budget to the amount of approximately \$25 to \$30,000. He added, they anticipated using the additional revenue for the disposition of the old City Hall annex.

Mr. Rowlands asked if it would be possible to postpone this Resolution until Sept. 22, 1964.

Mr. Haley moved to amend his motion to postpone the Resolution until September 22, 1964. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18012

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a lease to Marshall and Marjorie Perrow for the property located at the intersection of So. 7th St. and Commerce St.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated this rental property will provide a little income to the General Fund. The agreement states that Mr. Perrow will not be penalized by an additional rental fee if improvements are made to the property. A rental fee of \$60.00 per month has been based on the condition of the premises at the present time.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18013

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute local improvement assessment deed to Kurtis & Pamela Mayer in order to clear the title for the property located at 6th Ave. and M Street.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Resolution No. 18014

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an owner participation agreement with Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co. owner of Parcel E-9 in the Center Street Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-1.

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

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

Resolution No. 18015

Awarding contract to Morris Const. Inc. for IMP 1980, Unit C on its bid of \$13,102. 46 which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0. Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18016

Fixing Monday Sept. 28, 1964 as the date for hearing on L I D 3591 for sanitary sewers on No. 42nd St. from Pearl St. to Vassault St.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17680

Amending Section 1.12.600 of the Official Code of the City relating to the pay and compensation plan creating two new positions in the Fire Dept.

Mr. Rowlands said this Ordinance involves two more appointive positions in the fire service, the Deputy Fire Marshall and a Fire Training Officer. At present there are only two appointive positions in the fire service, the Fire Chief and the Deputy Chief.

Chief Reiser explained they were assigning more duties to these two positions and wished to have these positions appointive. The duties were explained by Chief Reiser.

Mr. Cvitanich said he did not like to see classified service positions placed in appointive positions. Each year the number of appointive positions is increasing, he added.

Chief Reiser felt these should be appointive positions as they involve key staff positions. They will help formulate policy and then have the responsibility of carrying out policy in the division.

Mr. Ketler, Secretary of the Civil Service League, thought these positions should be classified service positions and be filled through study and program of promotion rather than appointment.

Mr. Haley asked if the rule of one would apply in filling these positions under the present rules.

Mr. Bixel, Director of Personnel, stated it would.

Dr. Herrmann thought the Fire Chief and the City Manager should be given the authority of appointing the key personnel in the Fire Department. He felt it would enhance the morale of the department by being picked for the position rather than by examination where the rule of one applies.

Mr. Willis, Representative of the Firefighters Union, stated the City has a good Personnel Dept; he felt they could have an examination set up for both positions, then there would be a list of qualified men available.

Mayor Tollefson thought every Personnel Director will admit that there hasn't been any examination devised which can accurately gauge the type of performance that the man in the first position would require for the position he sought to have filled.

Mr. Bixel agreed, stating that this is one of the basic arguments he had used against the rule of one. He said the differences in the examination grade may be very small, but some one has to be number one under the current program. It could be found, however, that the man who is number two is the better man.

Mr. Ketler felt the better chance of getting the right man for filling a position is through an examination which would require them to serve a probationary period.

Mr. Bott thought that the Fire Chief should have men in his immediate surroundings that he can delegate responsibility to and be responsible for and should have the right to choose the men he will have immediately under him.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17681

Amending Title 11 of the Official Code of the City relative to parking zones.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17682

Amending Title 11 of the Official Code of the City relative to parking zones.

Mr. Cvitanich questioned the 10-hour parking on Pacific Ave. from 410 feet north of So. 7th St. to So. 4th St. He thought this ordinance was to eliminate all-day parking because of the narrow street and for traffic control.

Mr. Rowlands said the roadway is to be slightly widened and parking will be parallel, which will make it safer to gain ingress and egress to the area .

Mr. Murtland said he did not think the City should install parking meters for the sake of additional revenue and was opposed to parking meters on Tacoma Ave. and on both sides with the exception of 11th St. He was also opposed to the 10-hr. parking meters as he could not see how this would control traffic.

Mr. Rowlands said at present a policeman marks cars on Tacoma Ave. and if there was not a parking problem, the policeman would not be needed. He added, parking meters give better control of enforcement.

Mr. Bott agreed parking meters on Tacoma Avenue were not necessary for traffic control.

Dr. Herrmann thought the location of meters was a technical matter for the engineers to decide.

Mr. Finnigan disagreed, stating this was a matter of policy for the Council if additional meters are to be installed. He thought this matter should be discussed further by the Council.

Mr. Johnson felt additional parking meters in Tacoma are necessary for the congested areas and felt this should be the responsibility of qualified engineers. He added, he would be in favor of placing meters on K St. as he has found that he can rarely buy from those merchants as parking spaces are not available.

Mrs. Price also suggested they should have the parking meters in the area of the vocational school as it is congested making it difficult to find parking space.

Mr. Haley moved to amend section 11.28.260 where it read, "south", to read "north". Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken, Motion carried.

Mr. John Foy, representing the Tacoma Ave. Boosters, stated, there isn't a parking problem on Tacoma Ave., He said business is down and businessmen are just making a living. He said his jewelry business was located at 524 So. 11th and his customers did not have a parking problem.

Mayor Tollefson said, since some of the Council members wish to have additional discussion on this matter, it will be reviewed at the next Study Session.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17661. (Motion to reconsider from the meeting of Aug. 11, 1964)

Appropriating the sum of \$375.84 from the General Fund to the Salary and Wage Category of the Fire Dept. and \$469.80 from the City Street Fund to pay for additional wages for certain Fire Alarm employees and Traffic Signal employees. 367

Mr. Haley said he had asked for reconsideration of this ordinance regarding the utilities recommendation to accept the wage scale and other benefits and terms of employment of Local Union No. 483. It was decided by the Council to approve the salary increase for utility electrical workers, but he thought it was ethical that this be heard by the full Council as all were not present when it was voted down.

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Mr. Finnigan thought the electrical workers in the General Government were as qualified as those in the Utilities Dept. and they should receive the same rate of pay. He had voted against the 5% increase for the utilities and would also vote against this increase for the same reason.

Mrs. Price felt these people should have the same consideration as other electrical employees.

Mr. Bott said, these men are performing the duties, they should be given the same increase as the rest.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 3, Finnigan, Haley and Murtland; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17678

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City to add a new section 13.06.052 to include the west side of So. "L" St. between So. 9th and So. 10th St. in a "R-3-TM" District. (Petition of T. O. Murphy, M. D.) 380

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0. Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17679

Amending Section 12.12.080 of the Official Code of the City in reference to Sunday passes issued by the Tacoma Transit System.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

1965 Preliminary Budget.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, Sept. 1964.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands stated the Auditorium consultants will be reporting tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 P. M. on the financing aspect of the program.

Mr. Rowlands asked for the Council's opinion concerning Mr. Betts' monthly service charge of \$3.00 per trailer, as Mr. Betts thought the rate excessive, as the rate charged City residences is approximately \$1.40 per unit. He added, perhaps there is the possibility of Mr. Bett's annexing to the City and then receiving the same lower rate as for City residences. He said his recommendation would be the \$3.00 rate per month for single family residences outside of the City limits.

It was the consensus of the City Council that the facts concerning annexation be presented to Mr. Betts. If he did not wish to annex, then he should be charged the \$3.00 rate per month per unit, the same as anyone else residing in the County.

Mr. Rowlands said MC 444-Comparative Firefighters Data, has been submitted. In the report comparisons were made with other cities and the Tacoma Fire Dept.

Mayor Tollefson said the recent enactment of Congress is the Economic Opportunity Act. Under that Act there are certain areas where the City may proceed and take advantage and provide job opportunities. He presumed Mr. Rowlands had investigated this matter and imagined this would have to be included in the budget. He thought they should proceed immediately to take advantage of this.

Mr. Rowlands said, discussions have been held on this matter and will be presented to the City Council at the Study Session next week.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 
Deputy City Clerk