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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 1967

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Haley and Cvitanich. Mr. Haley coming in at 4:20 P. M. and Mr. Cvitanich at 4:25 P. M.

Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes of the meeting of Oct. 24, 1967 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by Forrester Realty Co., for the rezoning of the north side of No. 26th St. between Vassault and proposed Scenic Drive from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L-PED" District.

An appeal was filed by the Forrester Realty Company and the suggested date for hearing is December 12, 1967.

Mr. Johnson moved that December 12, 1967 be set as the date for hearing on the above recommendation for denial. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Kay Parks Auto Body Rebuilding requesting rezoning of the S.W. corner of So. 12th & Cedar from an "R-3" to a "C-2" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19426

Fixing Monday November 27, 1967 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3650 for sanitary sewers in Huson St. from Center to 425 feet south of So. 30th and in other nearby locations.

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

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

Resolution No. 19427

Fixing Monday December 11, 1967 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4824 for paving on So. 37th from Thompson to Park Ave. and on Park Ave. from So. 37th to So. 38th Street.

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

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

Resolution No. 19428

Appointing fourteen (14) members to the Architectural Design Review Board.

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, Cvitanich.

Mr. Haley moved to suspend the Rules to take up Resolutions No. 19429, No. 19430, No. 19431 and No. 19432 that do not appear on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19429

Reappointing Mrs. Ellen Pinto as a member of the Commission of Housing Authority for the term of August 17, 1967 through August 16, 1972.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Bott explained that in light of the election results, he felt that these appointments should be held over until the new Council is installed. However, he added, he personally approved of the appointments.

Mr. Bott then moved that Resolutions No. 19429, No. 19430, No. 19431 and No. 19432 be postponed until the new members of the Council are installed. LOST for the want of a second.

Mayor Tollefson said the City has to carry on with its regular course of business and he felt these appointments were not in the purview of time fixed for a new mayor.

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

Resolution No. 19430

Reappointing Mr. Edward T. Broz as a trustee to the Library Board for a five year term expiring on August 3, 1972.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

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Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Bott; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

Resolution No. 19431

Reappointing Mr. Henry W. Loren as a member to the Public Utility Board
for a five year term expiring on June 30, 1972.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Bott; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

Resolution No. 19432

Appointing Mr. H. Russell Peters to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Leslie
Newton to the City Planning Commission which term expires June 30, 1973.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Bott; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18426

Vacating all of Durango Street between So. 29th & 30th Streets. (petition of
Services Investment Company)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18427

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.055-5
to include property on both sides of Durango St. between So. 29th & 30th Sts.
within "R-3-PRD" District. (petition of Services Investment Co.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18422

Amending the pay and compensation plan by adding a new section 1.12.628 to in-
clude the classification of Clerical Trainee & Field and Engineering Trainee.

Mr. Murtland asked if these salaries would be a fixed amount and not included
in the graduated steps as other salaries under civil service.

Mr. Bixel, Personnel Director, stated that just the hourly wage would prevail.

Mr. Murtland said that he felt these salaries should begin at the minimum rate.
He added, he has had a number of calls from businesses wondering why these hourly
rates are higher than the going minimum wage. He reminded the Council that these
persons would be trainees only and these positions are not to be considered as
regular positions. He recommended that the hourly wage for a Clerical Trainee be
changed to \$1.40 per hour and the Field and Engineering Trainee to \$1.75 per hour.

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Mr. Rowlands explained that the second series would include the personnel for the Police and Fire Departments who would be paid considerably higher. It was felt, rather than having several different rates, since there are approximately 300 separate positions in the City service, that the two rates would be sufficient.

Mr. Murtland felt these rates are out of line and, perhaps, a graduated scale should be formed.

Mr. Bixel explained that one of the comparisons made was with the Neighborhood Youth Corps, who are paid \$1.40 per hour to persons from 16 to 21 years of age. If this program is adopted, a more mature group will be hired from 20 to 30 years of age and the wage scale should be commensurate.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Murtland, Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18423

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-75 to include property in the area bounded by So. 47th, So. 48th, Alder and Cedar Sts. in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Carl G. Olson)

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. 18424

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-74 to include property on the south side of So. 72nd St. between Alaska and Ash Sts. in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Edwin C. Brenden)

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Mayor Tollefson remarked that he noticed some familiar faces in the audience and thought, perhaps, some of them were here relative to this ordinance. He said that this rezoning has been discussed at length at many hearings but he would limit audience expressions to fifteen minutes and exclude persons who have previously spoken.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that this matter be continued for a month. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion lost.

Walter of 7838 So. Alaska submitted a petition to the Council strongly urging them to vote down the ordinance.

Mayor Tollefson perused the petition and noted that the signatures were from people living on 72nd, 76th, 78th Sts. and the block of 80th and So. Wilkeson.

A number of residents spoke and contended that the proposed apartments would generate more traffic in an already hazardous area and detract from the district's residential identity and concluded that this was poor planning. They felt the Council should heed to the majority of the property owners who were against the rezoning.

Mr. Johnson felt there seemed to be some misunderstanding among the people in the audience. Most of the concern has been centered around the traffic situation and he felt the main concern should be to re-route this traffic, rather than impede apartment building. It is a protective buffer zone which will help to shield off any commercial area.

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Mayor Tollefson explained the rezoning had been approved twice by the Planning Commission, once for a zone that would have allowed a six story building rather than this four story.

Mayor Tollefson re-iterated that many hearings have been given on this matter. He said there is a time when the Council has to determine what is the best zoning under the circumstances.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 3, Bott, Cvitanich and Finnigan; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18425

Vacating all of So. C St. and the alley lying immediately to the west between So. 72nd and a point approximately 300 feet south thereof. (petition of Joseph Kotas)

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

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

Mr. Bott brought to the Council's attention that the property at 64th and Yakima Ave. which was rezoned to a "C-P-N" District, has never been developed. He suggested that the Council look very carefully at any petitions for rezoning near that location until it has been developed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of L I D 6866 for street lighting on No. 34th to No. 38th from Washington to Mason Ave.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, December 11, 1967 at 4 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment roll. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of September 1967.
- b. Personnel report for the month of Sept. 1967.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands submitted MC 503 relative to senior citizen bus passes. He explained that this program has been extremely successful and provides a real service to elderly citizens, however, it is costing money. A projection of an annual loss on the program to date will run in the neighborhood of an additional \$40,000 because of the \$2.00 monthly fee.

He added, if the Council wishes to extend the bus passes to senior citizens outside the City limits, the cost would, perhaps, range from \$500 to \$1,000 per month, based on the same frequency of riding as City users.

Mr. Rowlands suggested that the elderly citizens purchase their initial pass at the Pacific First Federal office, and once a person is eligible, perhaps, the renewal passes could be purchased elsewhere.

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Mr. Rowlands stated, additional information has been obtained regarding sprinkling systems in new buildings relative to rest homes, hospitals and nursing homes.

Mr. Ron Button, Chief of the Buildings Division, explained that the proposed ordinance, submitted to the Council for their verusal, will primarily enforce sprinkling systems within the City. He mentioned the State regulations for nursing homes, will require that sprinklers be installed by 1969 or their State license will be denied.

Mr. Rowlands asked if it would be agreeable to place the proposed ordinance on the agenda for first reading next week.

Mr. Murtland felt that the proposed ordinance should include hospitals, rest homes, retirement homes and commercial establishments. Also that a report should be submitted to the Council relative to the costs for installing sprinkler systems on all of these establishments.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the Council's primary concern was rest homes and hospitals; industry is in a separate category because of the cost factor. They would not have to be included in the same ordinance.

Mayor Tollefson explained it would not be difficult to combine the three in this ordinance.

Mr. Button explained that by 1970 these regulations will be nation wide, and if the Council adopts this ordinance, Tacoma will be ahead of the nation.

Mr. Rowlands stated this ordinance will be placed on the agenda for first reading next week.

Mr. Rowlands informed the Council that there is quite some discussion in Congress relative to the Anti-Poverty Program. The program in Tacoma is one of the finest in the United States, but unless something is settled by this Friday, there will not be any funds to continue this program. There are 74 people in this program, 20 of whom are working in the City departments.

He added, these young people offered to work without pay for the next week or two and when Congress makes its decision, be paid retroactively. The City's share would be approximately \$3000 for the two weeks.

Mr. Johnson felt this program should not be continued if the City does not have the funds.

Mayor Tollefson felt that Congress would act within two weeks and the Council should continue this program with the hope it will be approved by Congress.

Mrs. Price moved that the Council appropriate approximately \$3,000 to carry the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program for two weeks on an emergency basis to take care of the City's share. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands announced that Mrs. Carl J. Brown has been selected as the Human Relations Field Work Coordinator. Her husband is now a Captain in the Military. At the present time they are residing in quarters at Ft. Lewis, but they will be moving into the City within the next two months as he is separating from the Service.

Mr. Rowlands asked that Council permit Mrs. Brown to reside at Ft. Lewis until they make their permanent home in the City.

Dr. Herrmann moved to waive the residency requirements for Mrs. Carl J. Brown for two months. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 P. M.

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W. J. Johnson

MAYOR

Attest: *Josephine Melton*
City Clerk