

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
March 27, 1973

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

Present on roll call: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Moss.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilwoman Egan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 20, 1973.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22122 Fixing Monday, April 23, 1973 as the date for hearing L.I.D. 6939 for street lights with underground wiring along North 28th from Lawrence to Warner Street.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for the following:

LID 3734 - sanitary sewers in easement located approximately 180 feet east of Crystal Springs Road from South 17th Street southerly approximately 230 feet. In easement located approximately 230 feet south of South 17th Street from approximately 180 feet east of Crystal Springs Road to Brookside Terrace. Brookside Terrace from a point 230 feet south of South 17th Street to South 19th Street.

Fixing Monday, April 23, 1973 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of March 5, 1973.
- b. Minutes of Board of Trustees of Tacoma Public Library meeting of February 20, 1973.
- c. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of March 12, 1973.
- d. Minutes of Board of Trustees of Metropolitan Development Council meeting of March 13, 1973.
- e. Minutes of Tacoma Model Cities Program, Land Use Review Board meeting of March 19, 1973.
- f. Monthly report, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, February, 1973.
- g. Monthly report, Police Department, I & R Division, February, 1973.

- h. Dept. of Public Works filing Update Cost Estimate for UAB Project No. 8-1-128(17), 8-1-128(27), 8-1-128(35) and 8-1-128(39).
- i. Dept. of Public Works filing Aging Schedule for various Urban Arterial Projects.
- j. Application for public corporation to be known as "Municipal Authority" filing by Junior N. R. Ellis.
- k. Emergency Service Dept. filing Personnel and Administrative Claim for February, 1973.

Mr. Schroeder moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 22122, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

The Planning Commission recommending denial of the request for rezoning of the east side of Jackson Avenue from 120 feet north of South 19th Street to approximately 400 feet north and on the northwest corner of South 19th and South Geiger Street from an "R-1" and an "R-2" to an "R-3" District. (Universal Guardian Acceptance Corp.)

Last date to file an appeal was March 19, 1973 and no appeal was filed.

No discussion was held on the matter. The item was placed on file.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19782 Amending Chapter 6.60 of the Official Code relative to licensing of Dogs and Cats.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19783 Amending Section 1.12.570 of the Official Code by adding the position classifications of Solid Waste Route Supervisor, Assistant Solid Waste Operations Supervisor and Solid Waste Operations Supervisor.

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Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19784 Vacating the alley immediately west of Pacific Avenue and south of South 72nd Street except the north 75 feet thereof. (Roundup Properties, Inc.)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19785 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the west side of Puget Sound Avenue approximately 132 feet north of South 74th Street from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (Tacoma Outdoor Recreation)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Abstaining: 1 - Jarstad

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19786 Appropriating \$15,413.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Joint County-City Public Health Pooling Fund for the purpose of administering Model Cities Home-maker Project for Second Action Year.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Nalley, Schroeder, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 1 - Sonntag

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19776 (Continued from the meeting of March 20th)
Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Official Code by repealing Section 1.12.628 and reenacting the same as Section 1.12.626 and adding a new section to be known as Section 1.12.627 relative to Training Classifications.

Odd Lund, Personnel Director, reviewed the progress of the program to date. He advised that before any candidate can be enrolled in the program the Civil Service Board must approve the recruiting, examination and classification. He also reported that as a result of meetings between the Civil Service Board, Unions and others concerned regarding Civil Service aspects of the program, there is an endorsement by the Joint Labor Committee; however, there are some reservations involving money. The position taken by the Joint Labor Committee is that the training position should be funded above and beyond the regular City complement of employees.

On questions of Mr. Sonntag, Mr. Lund confirmed that there are 10 or 11 vacancies and the Department of Public Utilities has identified five of these vacancies for enrollment in the training program; however it will not interfere with any present City employees who are on the list. The other vacancies will be filled from the regular employment list.

Mr. Sonntag commented that this was not his interpretation of the original explanation given to Council by the Civil Service Board. He understood the trainee classifications would not be replacements for regular City employees or anyone who is on an eligible list waiting for employment.

Mr. Lund explained that the five positions to be filled by the trainees would be in a salary range of 15 percent below the electrical helper. After the training period, the trainees would take a Civil Service exam, and if they passed would be placed on the eligible list for appointment to a permanent Civil Service position.

Mrs. Egan moved to delete the position of personnel aide from the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and carried. The position was deleted from the ordinance.

John Willis, Chairman of the Joint Labor Committee, reported that the Joint Labor Committee voted unanimously that they are against replacing employees by trainees. They request that the positions be above the regular complement of the respective department. He reported that the Joint Labor Committee feels that the program is a just program and asked that the City Council help secure financing for these positions above the present department budget. In respect to the fire service, he advised that the Fire Department had a trainee program a year and a half ago which was successful and was sponsored by the Union and U.S. Department of Labor. He advised that there is a possibility a similar grant could be secured in September, six months prior to the next entrance exam for firefighters. He asked that the Union be permitted to take part in this training program for the fire service. He pointed out that the federal grant would save the City money. He also requested that when a good candidate is found, that they be permitted to start a training program on Wednesday evenings and Saturday as they did in the past. He also asked that these candidates be given a physical examination and endurance test prior to training with the City financing the exam.

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Mr. Lund reported that an application for trainees has been submitted to the Program Management Team for funds over and above the present year's budget. Presently, there is \$75,000 in the Public Utilities budget and \$46,000 in general government budget. An additional amount of \$138,000 is asked for the 40 positions that they are planning to fill.

Lois Farmer, 5002 North 26th spoke against the ordinance.

Fred Van Camp, Business Representative of the Civil Service League, advised that the League is in agreement in training people, but feels the trainees should take the examination on an equal basis as others and placed on an employment list in order of passing grade.

Mr. Lund reported that the Civil Service Board has agreed that the trainees would be placed on an eligible list in the same manner as other candidates and not be given promotional preference.

Frank Fleshman, President of the Civil Service League, advised that the Civil Service League accepts the trainee program as presently proposed with a stipulation that placement on the eligible list after examination shall be by test score only on an open basis.

Bill Buell, 32 California Street, inquired as to where the handicapped persons would fit into this trainee program.

Nick Nickolas, president of the Police Local #224, advised that after meetings with the Civil Service Board and Civil Service Coordinator, Charles Kennedy, the major objection remaining was where the money was coming from to train these people. The police union objects to use of presently budgeted funds for police officers being used for the trainee program. If funds can be found for the program over and above the present police budget, they would have no objection to the program. As matters now stand, the Police Local rejects the police officer aid position.

Thomas Dickson, Executive Director of the Tacoma Urban League, spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

On question of Council, Mr. Lund reported that funds for training come from the Public Services Career program. However, there are no funds in the Public Services Career program for paying of salaries of the trainee positions. Salaries for these positions will be paid by the regular departments in which they are employed.

After further discussion, the Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19777 (Continued from the meeting of March 13th)
Appropriating the sum of \$200,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the 1973 Federal Shared Revenue Fund for the purpose of implementing a Summer Youth Employment Program.

Mr. Maule moved that this ordinance be removed from the agenda and sent to the Program Management Team so it may be evaluated along with and in the same manner as all other programs and all other projects coming before the City. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Mr. Sonntag asked for a point of personal privilege. He reported there were several people in the audience who had been at the prior Council meeting and were here again at this meeting to speak on this ordinance. He asked that they be allowed to speak. The request was granted.

Lloyd Orne, Director of In-School Neighborhood Youth Program, urged adoption of the ordinance.

Lois Farmer spoke against the ordinance.

Mr. Sonntag felt that this program could not wait to be evaluated with the other programs as the summer will be half over. This would not allow sufficient time to develop and implement the program for the balance of the summer. He suggested that Council set aside certain number of dollars towards youth programs so that they could be considered and implemented prior to the fixed deadline date of application for revenue funds. It was the feeling of other councilmen that in order for the evaluation process to be effective, all programs should go through the prescribed system and be considered against each other and placed in priority order for the benefit of the entire City.

After considerable discussion, roll call was taken on the motion to remove the ordinance from the Agenda and refer to the Program Management Team.

Ayes: 3 - Herrmann, Maule, Schroeder

Nays: 5 - Egan, Jarstad, Nalley, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Absent: 1 - Moss

The motion was declared failed.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Mayor Johnston announced that he would like to name a committee of three council members to sit between now and the final reading of Ordinance 19777 with the Management Team in order to come forth with recommendations as to whether this is a realistic figure or not. He asked Councilman Maule to chair such a committee and appointed council members Egan and Moss to serve on this Committee.

Ordinance No. 19787 Granting a franchise to Dr. Lewis G. Despain and Beverly L. Despain d/b/a Stellar Industries, to place bus benches with advertising on designated streets and sidewalks in the City.

Mrs. Egan moved that the ordinance be amended in Section 7 that "50 benches" be changed to "25 benches" and in Section 8 instead of reading "for each bench", she amended it to read "for each 20 benches". Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Maule moved that in Section 5 on page one, fifth line, that the words "or advertising of intoxicants" be deleted from the ordinance. Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Lewis Despain advised that they will maintain the benches with no cost to the City, i.e. will keep them clean and in repair.

After further discussion, the ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22109 (Continued from the meeting of March 20th)
Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Washington State Highway Commission for operation of ferry landing at Pt. Defiance for service between Pt. Defiance and Vashon Island.

City Manager Donaldson advised Council that since there presently is litigation between the Park Board and the State of Washington regarding property either adjacent to or a part of this lease, he recommended that it be removed from the Agenda. In the meantime, the State will continue to operate on a month-to-month basis. The matter will be returned to Council after the Park Board has indicated they have completed litigations with the State.

Dr. Herrmann moved that this Resolution be removed from the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was removed from the Agenda.

Resolution No. 22123 Authorizing execution of Fourth Amendatory loan and grant contract No. Wash R-14 (IG) between City of Tacoma and U.S. of America.

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

Resolution No. 22124 Awarding contract to General Motors Corporation on its bid of \$738,815.28 for twenty (20) Transit Motor Coaches.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Bill Buell, 32 California Street, inquired as to provisions for handicapped. There was discussion regarding specially equipped buses for this purpose in the near future. The impracticability of equipping the new buses for the handicapped was pointed out.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22125 Approving the final plat of Garden Park First Addition located in the area of the northeast corner of North 23rd and Vassault Streets.

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

Resolution No. 22126 Authorizing the purchase of thirty (30) vehicles equipped for Police Detective use through the State Purchasing Office.

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

Resolution No. 22127 Authorizing the execution of lease agreement with Cloverdale Community Improvement Association for property located between East 59th and East 64th, Portland Avenue and Pipeline Road, for the sum of \$1.00 per year.

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

Resolution No. 22128 Authorizing the purchase of certain real property at South 25th and Sheridan Avenue from Jack F. and Mildred M. Trunk for the sum of \$6,055.08 for use as a Mini-Park.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Junior N. R. Ellis spoke and urged adoption.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22129 Authorizing the execution of lease agreement with Tac-Lak for office space at 911 Tacoma Avenue South for \$975 per month for use by Tacoma Human Development Department.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Jerry Barr, 2320 South Wilkeson, spoke against the Resolution.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22130 Granting an additional 60 days to Burke-Davis General Contractors, Inc., Werner S. Storch & Associates, Inc. and the Old Tacoma City Hall Partnership to comply with agreement relating to remodeling of Old City Hall Bldg.

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

Robert K. Nyquist, representing the contractors, reviewed the present status of the progress of the remodeling of the Old City Hall.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 22131. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 22131 Establishing the Program Management System as the process to evaluate proposals for use of federal shared revenue and setting the deadline for program proposals as April 30, 1973.

Mr. Sonntag moved to amend the Resolution by adding a Section 4: "That \$250,000 revenue sharing dollars be set aside and considered by March 30, 1973 for proposals relating to summer youth programs with ending dates on or before September 10, 1973". Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

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

Ayes: 3 - Egan, Jarstad, Sonntag

Nays: 5 - Herrmann, Maule, Nalley, Schroeder, Mayor Johnston

Absent: 1 - Moss

The motion was declared failed.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Maule reported that a communication was received from the County Commissioners advising that they are unable to pay their \$2,000 share of the part-time secretarial and administrative help for the Civic Arts Commission. Since the County is unable to come forth with their share, the payment for administrative and clerical help will not be forthcoming from the City.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Johnston directed the City administration to commend the Building Superintendent on the outstanding illuminated daffodil decor on the County-City Building.

Mayor Johnston commented on the recent, untimely death of Airport Manager, Al Barney, and his dedication to the City.

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Mrs. Egan asked for a performance report on the CATV franchise of Teleprompter. Mr. Donaldson reported that the local management of Teleprompter has recently changed and the new management has indicated a desire to meet with the City Council at a study session to review the status of their operations and plans. Mr. Donaldson suggested that a date be set for this.

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Mr. Sonntag thanked the Tacoma Public High Schools, the Hilltop Jaycees, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Democratic Luncheon Club for endorsement of the summer youth employment program.

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Mayor Johnston asked Mr. Donaldson for a status report on the franchise held by Community Tele-Communications, Inc. Mr. Donaldson reported that the company was in default of their franchise, therefore, the franchise is no longer valid.

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Mr. Maule advised that he is resigning as a member of the Tacoma City Council as of the end of the meeting of April 10, 1973 due to pressures of his job and family obligations.

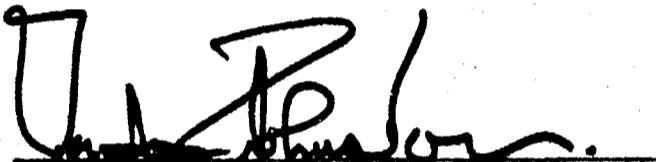
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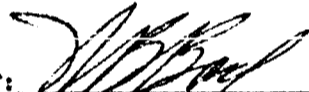
Mr. Sonntag moved to suspend the rules to allow a citizen to speak on summer youth activities. Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Sally Harkness, Executive of Local Girl Scout Camps and Chairman of Youth Activities Coalition, spoke on a proposal asking for funding of summer camp programs.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK