

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
June 12, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Egan, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Schuur, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 2 - Herrmann and Jarstad.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Schroeder.

On instruction of the Secretary of State, City Clerk, H. B. Bond, conducted a drawing of numbered Council positions for the upcoming Councilmanic Primary Election in September. The Council members whose terms are expiring in January, 1974 drew the following numbered positions:

- Position No. 1 Dick Sonntag
- Position No. 2 Catherine Egan
- Position No. 4 John W. Schuur, Jr.

The remaining Position No. 3 was assigned to Deputy Mayor John Jarstad, due to his absence.

Dr. Herrmann arrived at 7:12 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 1973.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No.22232 Fixing Tuesday, June 26, 1973 at 7 p.m. as the date for hearing proposed amendment to 1965-1975 Recreation and Open Space Plan.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration meeting of April 26, 1973.
- b. Minutes of the Metropolitan Development Council Board of Trustees meeting of May 10, 1973.

- c. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System report of purchases and sales of investments during May, 1973.
- d. Minutes of the Tacoma Model Cities Program Land Use Review Board meeting of June 4, 1973.
- e. Public Works Department filing Update Cost Estimate for UAP 8-1-128(07).
- f. Monthly Report, Bill's Towing & Garage, Inc., May, 1973.
- g. Monthly Report, Traffic Division, April, 1973, Police Department.
- h. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Annual Report, 1972.
- i. Tacoma Model Cities Program Final Action Year Plan, May, 1973.
- j. Monthly Report, Workload for Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment, May, 1973.

Mr. Schroeder moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 22232, be approved. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning the southwest corner of South 23rd & Union Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-4-T" District. (5-21-73 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0, 3 absent) (Blyth-Tauscher)

Russell Buehler, Planning Department Director, reviewed the rezone request and pointed out that the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission have been agreed upon, including the right of Bellarmine Prep to retain use of the road which passes through the back of the rezone property.

Father Snaeringer, Vice President of Bellarmine Prep, spoke in favor of the rezone and asked that the entrance road to the school be preserved.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19844 Authorizing the City to accept the sum of \$4,200 from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for expanding the SAFETAR II Project.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Schuur, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Jarstad

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19824 (Continued from meeting of May 15, 1973)
Amending the Official Code by repealing and reenacting
Chapter 6.14 relative to Cabaret licensing.

Mr. Sonntag moved to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 19824 instead of the one continued from the meeting of May 15, 1973. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Sonntag listed the changes in the Substitute Ordinance and referred to research memos issued by the Police Department supporting the changes.

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

Ordinance No. 19845 Amending the Official Code by adding Chapter 1.42 relative to creation of a Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Mrs. Egan stated it had come to her attention that 40 percent of the historical buildings in the United States had been demolished and in order that this not occur in Tacoma, she proposed this ordinance. She reviewed the ordinance, pointing out the duties of the Commission.

Mrs. Egan moved to amend the ordinance in Section 1.42.010 on the fifth line after the word "realtor" insert "one member of the Civic Arts Commission", continuing on in that sentence and change the word "four" to "three" where it refers to interested citizens. On line 15, same paragraph, after the words "City of Tacoma" add "The Civic Arts Commission representative shall be nominated by the Chairman of the Civic Arts Commission". Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Allen Liddle, architect, spoke in favor of the ordinance and answered questions of Council.

Mrs. Ellida Kirk, President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, advised that the Arts Commission approves of the ordinance and makes the following recommendations: The Commission membership be reduced to seven, only one architect be appointed to the Commission, the Planning Commission member be advisory only with no voting powers, and that one member of the Arts Commission be included. Mrs. Kirk also advised that the Federal Government requires that governmental agencies have a historic landmark and site ordinance in order to qualify for federal funds which are available.

Speaking in favor of the Ordinance were Patricia Sias, an interested citizen; Mary Frances Borden, Director of the Tacoma Public Library; Lou Dunkin, County member of the Civic Arts Commission; Fred Chrisman, member of the Library Board; and Ted Amell also spoke.

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

Ordinance No. 19846 Appropriating the sum of \$61,100 from the Public Employment Program Fund for further implementation of certain programs pursuant to Grant No. EEA-53-2-0008.

Ruby Gray, Public Employment Program Coordinator, explained for Council how the funds would extend the employment period of certain employees.

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Mr. Schuur requested detailed information on this by next week.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19847 Authorizing the City to accept a grant award in the sum of \$10,000 to establish the Volunteer Programs Coordinator Program; creating a new fund to be known as the Volunteer Coordinator Fund; appropriating \$4,155 from the General Fund to provide required cash matching funds; and appropriating \$14,155 from the new fund to carry out the program.

Mel Jackson, Director of the Department of Human Development explained that the program is to coordinate existing volunteer efforts in order to develop new programs. He pointed out the position was created when the Department of Human Development was established.

Betty Jean Hash of the Volunteer Action Center spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Fred Van Camp, Business Manager of the Civil Service League, inquired as to the reference of the NYC, Work Study Program and the Main Stream individuals.

Graham Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator for the State of Washington enumerated the many institutions and agencies who now employ full time volunteer coordinators and urged the establishment of a Volunteer Programs Coordinator Program in the City of Tacoma.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22214 (Continued from the meeting of May 29, 1973)
Establishing a Shoreline Master Program Citizens Advisory Committee and appointing twenty-two citizens to the Committee.

Mayor Johnston moved to amend the Resolution by changing the third individual named in the resolution to read "Curtis Mehlhaff". Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston moved to adopt the amended Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Amended Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22233 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Baseball Tacoma, Inc. for leasing of Cheney Stadium.

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

Robert Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that this agreement contains provisions for maintenance of the ballpark. In all other respects it is the same as last years.

On question of Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Hamilton confirmed that Baseball Tacoma, Inc. has not completely paid their obligation of last year.

Mr. Schroeder requested that the City Manager settle this financial matter as soon as possible.

Erling Mork, Acting City Manager, advised that details are being worked out and will be brought to Council in a week or two.

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

Resolution No. 22234 Authorizing the renewal of the concession for parking of automobiles at Cheney Stadium with the Disabled American Veterans Harmony Chapter No. 18 for the calendar year 1973.

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

Resolution No. 22235 Authorizing the conveyance of City surplus property to Helen D. Dawson in exchange for property for street right-of-way.

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. 22236 Authorizing the initiation of a 1973 Summer Work Program for youths and establishing an employment class "SYA 1 Summer Youth Aide" in the City of Tacoma.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schuur.

Fred Van Camp, Business Representative of the Civil Service League, questioned the supervision of the youth. He was advised to contact Ruby Gray to work out the mechanics.

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

Resolution No. 22237 Allowing the Tacoma School District No. 10 to connect intrusion burglar alarms to the City of Tacoma fire alarm circuit and providing for the transmission and reception therefrom to the Tacoma Fire Department.

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

Resolution No. 22238 Awarding contract to Westinghouse Electric Supply Company on its bid of \$7,673.40 for copper cable to be used in the Radio Communications Project.

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

Resolution No. 22239 Awarding contract to Magnasync/Maviola on its bid of \$41,388.90 for logging recorders and ancillary equipment for the Police Radio Communications Center.

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

Major James McDonough of the Police Department explained the contract to Council.

On Mr. McDonough's recommendation, Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be amended by adding that the bid award is approved subject to the concurrence by the County Commissioners. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Resolution No. 22240 Awarding contract to Magnasync/Maviola Corporation on its bid of \$4,277.43 for heavy duty recorders and ancillary equipment for Police Radio Communications Center.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be amended by adding that the bid award is approved subject to the concurrence by the County Commissioners. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Resolution No. 22241 Awarding contract to Puget Sound Auto Electric on its bid for furnishing the annual supply of oil filter cartridges for the City shops.

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

Resolution No. 22242 Awarding contract to R. W. Rhine, Inc. on its bid of \$95,601.19 for demolition of buildings and site clean up within the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-14.

Mr. Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules in order to name an individual to the Sewer Utility Board of Review. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston explained that the term of Edward J. Hill as a member of the Sewer Utility Board of Review had expired in February and a full membership is needed for a hearing which is scheduled.

Resolution No. 22243 Appointing Weldon Hebllich as a member of the Sewer Utility Board of Review for a one year term expiring June 12, 1974.

Mayor Johnston moved to amend the Resolution wherever it says "one year term" that it be amended to read "four year term". Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Erling Mork, Acting City Manager, on behalf of Mr. Benedetti, Director of Utilities, requested a waiver of the residence requirement for Michael J. Mulcahy to fill the position of Systems and Programming Officer.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the residence waiver be granted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston moved that Mr. Jarstad be excused from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston requested that he be excused from next week's meeting as he will be attending the annual meeting of the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

Mr. Schroeder moved to excuse Mayor Johnston from next week's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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Mr. Schroeder asked that he be excused from next week's meeting as he will be representing the City on the Resolutions Committee of the Association of Washington Cities Convention in Spokane.

Mayor Johnston moved to excuse Mr. Schroeder from next week's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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Mr. Sonntag asked that he be excused from next week's meeting as he will be chairing a meeting at the Association of Washington Cities Convention in Spokane.

Mayor Johnston moved to excuse Mr. Sonntag from next week's meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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Dr. Herrmann asked that he be excused from next week's meeting as he plans to attend the Association of Washington Cities Convention in Spokane.

Mayor Johnston moved to excuse Dr. Herrmann from next week's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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CITIZENS REQUESTS TO BE HEARD:

Ellida Kirk, President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, advised that the Theatre, Inc. has submitted an application to the National Endowment for a Federal Grant for summer art projects, but in order to receive the Federal Grant for the proposed 24 separate programs in the parks of Tacoma, she asked that the City Council allow the use of \$5,000 of the \$16,000 previously allocated by the City Council to the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission as matching funds

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for this National Endowment Grant.

Mayor Johnston advised that it would not be proper procedure for Council to make this allocation in this manner, as a Resolution should come to Council on the Agenda so that the citizens of Tacoma would be informed that this was to be voted on.

Mayor Johnston instructed the City Manager's Office to bring in a Resolution at the next Council meeting.

There was a question raised as to whether the County would in any way be participating, and Mrs. Kirk advised that there would be a legal opinion from the County Commissioners Office within the next two weeks.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK