

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, December 20, 1966

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

Mr. Fred Shaw of the Public Works Dept. was presented a \$25.00 award for his suggestion in regard to an improved method of mounting shotguns in Police Department vehicles.

Mr. Paul Watterson of the Police Dept. was presented a \$25.00 award for his suggestion for a procedural change for delivering communication media.

Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Rowlands and members of the City Council congratulated Mr. Shaw and Mr. Watterson.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by Darrell H. Wilber for the rezoning of property located on the S. W. corner of So. 86th and Pacific Ave. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-1" District.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mrs. Price moved that the proper ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by Urban Renewal Dept. for the vacation of So. L St. north of Center St. and So. K St. south of So. 30th Street.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mrs. Price moved that the proper ordinance be drafted approving the vacation. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18973

Renewing the Memorandum of agreement between the Dept. of Transit for the City of Tacoma and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Division #758, effective Jan. 1, 1967 through Dec. 31, 1967.

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

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

Resolution No. 18974

Providing for salary increases for Urban Renewal Project positions not regularly or permanently existing in the Compensation Plan of the City.

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

Mr. Richmond, Urban Renewal Director, explained that Ordinance No. 18193 did not provide for salary increases for employees hired on a temporary basis for major independent urban renewal projects. This resolution is requested so the salaries will remain parallel with the salaries and classes of positions included in the City classification Plan.

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

Resolution No. 18975

Fixing January 3, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of property located on the East side of Orchard St. between So. 35th and So. 37th Streets extended from an "R-2" to an "R-4" District. (petitioner Jack Baty)

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

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

Resolution No. 18976

Fixing Monday January 9, 1967 as the date for hearing on L I D 5421 for water mains in Roosevelt Ave. from Ea. 68th to a point 774 feet south of the south line of East 68th St.

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

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

Resolution No. 18977

Appropriating certain funds from the Cumulative Reserve Capital Outlay and M & O Fund to the City Street Fund-Capital Outlay Category for immediate repair of a 24-inch storm drain which collapsed in the vicinity of No. 16th St. between Junett & Cedar Streets.

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

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, stated that the amount of \$6500.00 should be inserted in the two blank spaces in the resolution. He added, this is the cost of the emergency work that was required to repair the 24-inch storm drain which collapsed in the vicinity of No. 16th Street.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the \$6500 be inserted in paragraphs four and six of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Resolution No. 18978

Authorizing the release of an easement to the Union Oil Co. of California at So. 12th and Prospect St., which is no longer needed.

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

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

Resolution No. 18979

Authorizing the purchase of a parcel of land at 48th St., West and Beckonridge Drive from the M & M Developing Co. for \$3,000, necessary for a site for the construction of a new substation.

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

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

Resolution No. 18980

Authorizing the execution of an appropriate instrument to be approved by the City Attorney releasing and relinquishing right and privilege of the City of Tacoma to deposit storm waters over, upon, along, and across the vicinity of So. 74th and Mason Streets.

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

Mr. Schuster explained that the easement over the described real property is no longer needed as a storm drainage system has now been constructed. Therefore the Department has recommended that the easement be released.

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

Resolution No. 18981

Awarding the furnishing of the annual supply of Gas & Ammonia for the calendar year 1967 to Pennsalt Chemicals Corp. on its bid of \$28,291.21.

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

Mr. Glen Lockhart, representing the Hooker Chemical Corp., asked that the contract be given to his company again this year because the contract was awarded to the Pennsalt Chemical Corp. in 1964 and 1965. He added, that the Hooker Chemical Corp. has also offered to supply chlorine in larger tank cars

which would save the City switching charges. He noted that each company had submitted identical bids on the chlorine supply.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Utilities Director, stated the City has received identical bids on the annual contract for many years. The Utility Boards' policy, generally, had been to alternate the contract between the City's two large chemical companies. This was the first time that the Public Works Dept. has been involved since they have begun ordering chlorine in tank-car lots for its central sewage treatment plant. Therefore, the Council's approval is required for the first time.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Utility Board and the Board of Contracts and Awards have recommended that the entire contract be awarded to Pennsalt Chemical Corp. since Hooker Chemical Corp. held the contract for the current year. Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. McCormick if this would present a legal problem.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said there would be no legal problem involved.

Mr. Lockhart stated that at the time they were submitting their proposed bid, he had contacted the Purchasing Dept. and asked whether or not it was mandatory that they bid on both the chlorine gas and the ammonia. He was told that it was not necessary. He added, that Metro had awarded the Boeing Contract to Pennsalt on the basis of lower distribution costs within the last three days, and this was also for the second successive year. He felt that the entire chemical industry is built on competition and in his opinion their Corporation should be awarded the bid.

Dr. Herrmann stated he couldn't understand how supposedly competitive sealed bids could come out the same to the penny.

Mr. Lockhart acknowledged that chemical companies are involved in many bid offerings and become aware of each other's prices.

Mr. Haley felt since the Council had received identical bids, perhaps, they both should be rejected.

Mr. Benedetti stated the Hooker Corp. had offered to supply chlorine in larger tank cars and so did Pennsalt Corp.

Mr. Johnson remarked that apparently Hooker Corp. felt they could save approximately \$100 based on using a 30-ton tank unit.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this was an oversight in making up the bid forms as the 16 ton or 20 ton could be changed by both companies to 30 ton units. He added, another point, in all fairness should be brought out, that these are both fine, local industries and their cooperation over the years with the City has been admirable. It so happened that for the year 1966 Hooker has provided the chlorine very effectively as well as giving their advice regarding relining and making modifications when the City accepted the new type of chlorine installation.

Mr. Murtland said he couldn't see how the bids could be identical. He felt these weren't competitive bids.

A representative from Pennsalt Corp. stated they had submitted their proposal in the exact form on the invitation to bid. In addition, his company offers to use the 30-ton tank car.

After some discussion roll was called on the resolution.

The Resolution was declared LOST.
Ayes 0; Nays 9; Absent 0.

Mr. Haley then moved that bids again be called for on chlorine gas and anhydrous ammonia. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18982

Awarding contract for the official printing for the calendar year of 1967 of \$1.12 per column inch for each insertion to the Tacoma Daily Index.

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

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

Resolution No. 18983

Awarding contract to Phillips Petroleum Company for the furnishing of motor oil requirements for the calendar year 1967.

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

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

Resolution No. 18984

Awarding contract to Harmon's Service Station and Wested Tire Company for the furnishing of tire and tube requirements from December 1, 1966 through November 30, 1967.

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

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

Resolution No. 18985

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. on its bid of \$6,618.30 and for the supplemental bid of \$2,960.40 for W. O. No. 73906.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

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

Resolution No. 18986

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons on its bid of \$44,943.00 for Improvement No. 3632.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18199

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.067 to include property on the east side of Pearl Street between No. 31st St. extended and No. 33rd St. in an "R-4-L-PRD" District.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18200

Approving and ratifying action previously approved by the Public Utility Board in accepting for direct water service by the City of Tacoma the water system of the North Woodland Water District & King County Water District No. 106.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18121 (postponed from the meeting of Nov. 22, 1966)

Amending Chapter 12.06 of the official code of the City by repealing and re-enacting a new section 12.06.190 relative to Electric Energy Regulation and Rates.

Mayor Tollefson stated that action on this ordinance has been postponed since last August to permit more meetings between the parties involved. He felt, perhaps, the Council was ready to act on it at this time. He noted that he had had a call from St. Regis this afternoon and they stated one of their staff members was going to be present before the City Council at a study session to discuss the matter and they were awaiting our invitation. This meeting has been postponed twice due to other conflicts, he added.

Mayor Tollefson said, if the Council wishes, this matter can be heard tonight as there is a representative from St. Regis in the audience.

Mr. Robert F. Lynch, plant manager for St. Regis, explained that their company had not been given sufficient notice and was not fully prepared to present its case.

Mr. Erdahl, Utilities Director, stated that the ordinance had been postponed eight times since last August. He felt that the notice had been sufficient, particularly since Mr. Benedetti had informed them on Monday that the matter was on the agenda. He said the St. Regis power contract expired last April and since then the company has been billed under a regular industrial rate which the utility officials contend give the city insufficient protection against curtailment of, or wide variations in, the company's large power load. He added, after reviewing the proposed new rate provisions further with St. Regis, the Utility Board was standing behind its original recommendation to the Council.

After some discussion, Mr. Bott moved that the ordinance be continued until Jan. 3, 1966. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Haley moved that this matter be discussed at the study session on Jan. 3, 1966. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 18193

Amending (5) sections relative to the pay & compensation plan. (Salary Ordinance)

Mr. Rowlands stated that the ordinance should be amended on Page 2, under item (B) after the words "Maintenance-of-Way" to add the word "Foreman".

Mr. Haley moved that the word "Foreman" be added to the first line of item "B" on Page (2) after the words "Maintenance-of-Way". Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18194

Amending Section 12.12.040 of the official code relative to increasing transit bus rates in some areas outside the city limits.

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. 18195

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.130-37 to include property on the east side of Steele St. between So. 39th and So. 40th Sts. in a "C-2" District. (petition of Gay A. Tronson)

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. 18196

Amending Title II of the official code relating to Traffic.

Mayor Tollefson remarked the ordinance has been changed by deleting Item 26, as suggested by Mr. Finnigan last week.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Item No.(26)on page(1)be deleted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18197

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5434 for water mains in Pine St. from So. 35th to So. 38th St.; So. 36th from Lawrence to Nevada Ave.; Pierce Place from Pine to California. Ave.

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. 18198

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4771 for paving on So. Washington from So. 12th to So. 15th; No. 9th from Mullen to Huson; No. 10th from Stevens to Verde.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

Report from the City Clerk stating that her office has completed counting sufficient signature filed against the Transit Tax Ordinance.

Placed on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works and Utilities presents the following assessments:

a. L I D 5415 for water mains from East 19th & J St. to East 18th; East 19th from 640 feet east of D Street.

b. L I D 5409 for water mains in McKinley Ave. from East 82nd to the Monument line of East 80th; East 80th from East F to McKinley Ave.

c. L I D 4781 for paving on Sprague from So. 66th to So. 72nd St.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Monday, January 23, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the City Planning Dept. for the month of Nov. 1966.
- b. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of Nov. 1966.

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COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands extended New Year Greetings to the City Council and staff.

Mr. Murtland asked that a report be submitted to the Council in regard to the Transit tax. He asked, if the Transit tax is approved by the voters on Jan. 24, 1967 could each city householder be given three free rides each month which would be good only at the off-peak hours, excluding 7 to 9 A. M. and 4 to 6 P. M. He said they could be attached to the utility bill in the form of coupons or, perhaps, be placed on a designated bill stub. He said he would like to know what would be the cost to convert the billing into the I B M system to accomodate this type of program. He also asked that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, check to see what would be the possible loss of revenue to the City if this were put into effect. 102

Mr. Rowlands stated he would have a study made of the proposed plan and would have a report in about two weeks.

Mr. Finnigan said, about 7:55 Tuesday morning, the 11th Street Bridge over the City Waterway had been raised to allow a pile driver to be towed up the Waterway. He felt that such water traffic could be scheduled for non-peak traffic hours. He had recently checked and found that there has been an increase from 1300 to 1400 employees working in that area in the last year. The Port of Tacoma has increased their tonnage handling by 50 percent in one year and expect an increase of 100% in 1967 over 1966. He asked again that more attention be given to the traffic in the industrial area. He felt there had been no progress toward an improved roadway system and something should be done immediately. 59-51

Mr. Finnigan requested that a letter be written to the proper authorities relative to a scheduled time for the bridge to open.

Mr. Rowlands stated this would be done.

Mr. Rowlands assured Mr. Finnigan that the City's staff has definitely been working on this project.

Mr. Bott thanked the Council for allowing him to attend the convention in Las Vegas. 16

Mayor Tolleson stated he had been exploring the potential additional transportation costs which would have to be borne by the school district in the event the City would be forced to shut down the Transit system.

He stated it had cost the Highline School District more than \$1.6 million dollars to set up its 59 bus system 10 years ago. The Tacoma district would need 62 buses. At the present cost, to set up such a system, it would be about \$2 million dollars. Operating costs for a school-only system would be about half the City's annual \$1.7 million transit budget. He hoped that the City residents would take this into account when they vote on the proposed transit tax on January 24, 1967. 102

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

W. J. Felleman
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Mecton
City Clerk