

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, December 1, 1970.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 7:00 P. M.

Present on roll call 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Corsi.

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Mayor Johnston read a Proclamation proclaiming December 1st through December 15th as Voice of Democracy Week, calling attention to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Ladies Auxiliary sponsoring true patriotism by providing an opportunity for the citizenry and especially high school students to think, write and speak for freedom and democracy.

Mayor Johnston presented the proclamation to Mr. Andrew J. Martin.

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Mayor Johnston asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the minutes for the meeting of November 10th, 1970, being submitted for approval.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the minutes of November 10th be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

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HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the southwest corner of 80th & Pacific Ave. from an "R-4-L" to a "C-1" District. (United Mutual Savings Bank)

Mr. Russ Buehler, Planning Director, explained this request is for a rezoning for a Savings and Loan Branch of United Mutual to be constructed on the S.W. corner of South 80th & Pacific Ave. He said there are other commercial establishments in that location, but this site has been unused as there had been a problem of drainage. The Planning Commission has now recommended the rezoning to a "C-1".

No one appeared to protest the rezone.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and motion carried unanimously.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Communication received from Hal D. Murtland, attorney, requesting that the City Council consider Ordinance 18910 to properly bring before the Council the reclassification of property located on the north side of Olympic Blvd. between No. 9th extended and west of Skyline Drive.

Mr. Francis Chapin, Assistant City Attorney, explained he had contacted Mr. Hal Murtland, attorney for the appellant, and advised him that inasmuch as the matter was still on appeal in court, he would have to dismiss his appeal or wait until the court's decision on the appeal is final before the Council could take any action on his request. Mr. Chapin noted that Mr. Murtland was not present and said he apparently has decided not to request reconsideration at this time.

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b. Communication from A B C Motors, Inc. requesting withdrawal of their petition for rezoning of the area of 8233 So. Tacoma Way from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District and also the refund of the fee paid in the amount of \$255.00.

Mr. Buehler explained that this company requested a rezoning of the abutting property last October in order to enlarge its agency. However, they did not secure the additional property and, therefore, moved to another location and are now requesting a refund of their fee.

He said the Planning staff had recommended to the Planning Commission that only \$100 be refunded as there had been a hearing and some notices were mailed, which was additional paper work.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to refund only the \$100.00. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

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c. Communication received from V. F. Halsey filing an appeal from the Planning Commission's decision denying the request for a Special Use Permit to allow an airfield helistop on the east side of Pacific Ave. at So. 80th St. extended.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the date be set as of December 15th for the hearing on the appeal. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20970

Awarding contract for the official printing for the calendar year of 1971 to the Tacoma Daily Index.

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

Mr. Clar Gaisford, Finance Director, explained this bid is a 4¢ increase in the rates from last year.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20971

Awarding contract to Murphy Lumber & Salvage Sales in its bid of \$3,488.00 for the demolition of buildings at 1181-1189 Dock Street.

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

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained the bid is much lower than the Engineer's estimate of \$6,000. He said the contractor has agreed to inform the Council what he intends to do with the demolition materials before he starts.

Mr. Erling Mork, Assistant to the City Manager, explained the communication from the Public Works Dept. stated the demolition permit would not be issued until the contractor advised the Department of the disposal site.

Mr. Maule asked if the demolition would include the removal of the concrete footings and loading docks.

Mr. Schuster remarked that the concrete slab would be left intact, but the loading dock would be demolished. These factors had been considered when the bid was placed.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20972

Awarding contract to Potelco, Inc. on its bid of \$16,920.00 for Improvement 4931, Unit A.

Mrs. Egan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad.

Mr. Schuster explained that this bid is for moving the light poles at the cost of \$16,920. The question has come up from time to time relative to underground facilities. The City Light Dept. had made an estimate regarding underground wiring instead of moving the poles and came up with the estimate cost for the installation of \$95,000.

Mayor Johnston commented that all underground installations would continue to be high in the future. He asked if an estimate on underground installations could be made prior to submitting the project to the Urban Arterial Board for its review, so that possibly a higher allocation could be granted.

Mr. Schuster said as the program is set up at present, the funds allocated would be the same for either type of installation as the Board can only participate up to the original cost of the facility. He said the feeling of the Board is if the City is willing to spend the additional funds that is their decision.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the Urban Arterial Board had expressed any interest in having underground facilities and if there were any other Federal or State funds available to develop the newer type installations. He pointed out that a large number of citizens are interested in having the underground systems. He felt there should be some investigation made to determine what means could be used to fund a program which would coincide with the LID programs. Mr. Finnigan recommended that the Dept. of Public Works and Utilities research the possibility of obtaining more financial aid to establish underground installations in future years.

Mr. Schuster said at the time the LID improvement was made on Jackson Avenue, the Utility Dept. had made a study and recommended participation by bond funds and at the time the Design for Progress was instigated, some of the preliminary proposals included funds for underground utility installations. He added the Light Division had made an exhaustive study approximately two years ago.

Mr. Finnigan thought it would be unadvisable to not put underground wiring in now as in future years it would cost more to disrupt the areas to dig the trenches for the wiring. He thought everything should be done now to try to find funds to supplement the City's funds for this project.

Mr. Jarstad said he understood the Boeing Company has a group of engineers who are looking for new innovations that their company can participate in and that perhaps their services and products could be investigated.

Mr. Corsi indicated the University of Washington also has such a service whereby a team of men will go to a given area and assess the feasibility of various ideas and offer technical assistance.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20973

Authorizing the sale of surplus automotive equipment to various bidders.

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

Mr. A. J. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, explained this equipment was put up for the usual auction by the City and was not sold. Therefore, the equipment was put out for bid.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20974

Authorizing the transfer of property between So. 35th & 36th Streets west of Adams St. to the Public Works Dept. from the Public Utilities Light Division for the purpose of relocating and widening a roadway for the sum of \$9,150.00.

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

Mr. Benedetti said the transfer of this piece of property has been agreed upon by both departments which is necessary for use by the Public Works Dept. in the realignment and widening of So. 35th St. He said an appraisal was made and the value agreeable to both departments.

Mr. Schuster added that a correction should be made on Exhibit A in the property description to change the figure 495.51 feet to 452.52 feet.

Dr. Herrmann moved to amend the description accordingly. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20975

Fixing Tuesday, December 29th at 7 P.M. as the date for hearing for vacation of 33 feet of South 23rd right-of-way from Mason to Tyler St. to approximately 440 feet west; also the 20 foot alley directly west of Mason-Tyler from So. 23rd to vacated So. 21st Street. (Petition of Tacoma School District #10)

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20976

Expressing the Council's and the citizens of the City of Tacoma, its deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the effort and sacrifices made by service personnel throughout the world for the benefit of not only the citizens of Tacoma but of the entire country.

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

Mayor Johnston explained this resolution resulted from the correspondence the Council received from the Board of Supervisors in the County of Los Angeles. The letter points out that Bob Hope will tour overseas during the Christmas holidays and will carry a mile-long scroll bearing signatures of gratitude of the efforts being made by all service personnel. He added the scroll will be submitted for signatures in all legislative bodies starting in the office of the President of the United States on down through all Federal, State, County and City offices. He added the Councilmen have been asked to sign the resolution.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19256

Amending Sections 1.30.580 and .586 of the Official Code relative to allowance on service retirement.

Mrs. Esther Campbell, Retirement Board Manager, reviewed the employee retirement plan for Council's information and explained there are three variables for determining the amount of retirement allowed: the years of service, the average salary for the highest three consecutive years and a percentage factor for each year of service. The proposed ordinance would amend the percentage factor in this formula of variables. She added this amendment had been considered as a result of requests from various employee groups.

At present the goal of the plan is one-half salary at age 60 with 30 years of service and the percentage factor being 1.667. Employees may retire at age 50 with 20 years of service; age 57 with 10 years of service; age 60 regardless of years of service and after 30 years of service they may retire regardless of age. The 1.667% is constant from age 60 to mandatory retirement at age 65 and is adjusted downward to age 50 to reflect life expectancy. Years of service and average salary are the only two factors that increase the benefits between age 60 and 65.

The proposed amendment makes the percentage factor 1.667% effective at age 58 and, therefore, a person at that age, who has 30 years' service, will receive one-half salary. The range has been adjusted upward to maximize at 1.800% at age 62 through 65 and adjusted downward to reflect life expectancy between ages 50 through 58.

With this amendment, earlier retirement is made available and the maximum percentage factor is effective at the same date Social Security is available.

The actuaries reviewed the plan and advised that the amendment could be made without any additional contribution by either the employee or the City's share and could make earlier retirement possible if so desired.

The actuaries have recommended that the annuities, membership service and basic pensions be increased 7% for existing retirees.

Mrs. Egan asked for a clarification of Section 1.30.620.

Mrs. Campbell explained this referred to the additional contributions which are allowed to be made by the employees, but which is not matched by the City or that the additional amount may be used to purchase additional annuity and thereby increase their pensions.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 19257

Vacating the west 10 feet of the alley between Yakima & "I" Sts. between So. 12th & 13th Sts. (Petition of Tacoma School District #10)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 19258

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to include property on the east side of "M" St. approximately 120 feet north of So. 38th in a "C-1" District. (Petition of Shell Oil Company)

Mrs. Egan said she was not in favor of this ordinance as she felt there are

already two gas stations at that location and a third would add undue competition and also contribute to more air pollution.

Mr. Corsi agreed with Mrs. Egan's remarks, but stated that he could find no ruling concerning the limitation on the number of service stations. He pointed out there is a station at 38th & "L" Sts., which abuts one at 38th & "M" and also a third station at that location. He thought the Council, if possible, should keep from saturating the City with service stations. He said even though people had protested in writing and then not appeared at the hearing, that did not indicate a minimal amount of concern on their part. He felt their objections were legitimate and serious. He said he favored referring this ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

Mr. Buehler said he was not present at the Planning Commission meeting when this petition came up as he had been on vacation, but had contacted members of the Commission to determine their feeling on the matter. He remarked this is the first rezoning petition for service stations that has come before the Council in the last several years. He explained the site had been bad at this corner and the street had been widened to provide a 56-foot width. Part of the property there is zoned "C-1" and the Commission had thought it would be more advantageous to redevelop the balance of the area as "C-1" than to allow it to remain as it exists. The three stations had been allowed in that location because the Commission considered it a good redevelopment under the existing conditions.

Mr. Corsi said he did not see how any additional service stations would be of any benefit in the 38th St. area and thought the Council should give serious consideration to rejecting this ordinance.

Mr. Finnigan said it seems as though the City loses control once it has approved the rezoning of a piece of property. He referred to the service station at 15th & Union where the City had granted permits and extensions and there is still no indication the developers are ready to proceed. There are many service stations in the City that have become an eyesore. He asked if there was some method by which the Council could require the petitioner to show his financial need when a request is made for a rezoning for a service station such as the one in question. He mentioned that the economic status of the service station business fluctuates and often times a station is completely abandoned. He felt the Council should carefully consider each petition submitted for gas station rezoning. He also thought there should be a statute of limitations on the rezones.

Mr. Buehler said the Planning Commission had experimented with requiring a statement of financial need, but the former Council seemed to feel this was not necessary. In some instances, shopping areas have been allowed which were too large for the neighborhood involved, such as the one at 64th and Yakima and had caused problems. Possibly the financial statement requirement could be useful in some instances. For example at 15th & Union Avenue, apparently a permit had been granted and then the developer did not proceed with his plans. The Planning Commission had approved the present petition by a vote of 6 to 0 with 3 members absent.

Mrs. Egan said she did not feel the Shell Oil Company could show a financial need for having another station in that area and said she did not feel the Planning Commission should approve matters while having one-third of the members absent and, therefore, not voting.

Dr. Herrmann said the many points discussed here tonight had also been discussed in the past. He felt it would not be a mistake to extend the "C-1" zoning in that area so as to include the property in question and that the petition for a service station was not the main question. If the zoning is appropriate, there are various uses to which the area can be used, which includes service stations. He added the economic feasibility has not been

applied as a requisite for other office or business zonings. He did not feel the Council should sit in judgment on the economical feasibility of service stations or any other use for which a "C-1" zoning is granted.

Mr. Corsi pointed out that he was concerned about the present Council's viewpoint regarding a saturation point on service stations.

Mrs. Egan said she did not agree with Dr. Herrmann's viewpoint that the matter did not primarily involve the approval of another service station. She said the company had asked for a rezoning for the express purpose of building a service station.

Mayor Johnston asked for a clarification on the designation of areas which require a special use permit.

Mr. Francis Chapin, Assistant City Attorney, stated that "C-1" is one which requires a special use permit in addition to the zoning designation. He also advised that the legal department had written a sizable number of legal opinions on the control and types of stations which are permitted in the City as well as the extensive service station ordinance which sets forth the development standards. He added the City has no authority to control the specific number of service stations which may be allowed.

Mayor Johnston asked if the petition for a special use permit for a service station comes to the Council for final approval.

Mr. Buehler said if there is an appeal by any of the abutting property owners, or if the Commission had denied it, it can be appealed and will then go to the City Council, but a special use permit is granted solely by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Corsi said he has counted 31 service stations on Sixth Avenue alone. He said he thought there was poor zoning on Sixth Avenue where there were too many eating places and too many service stations.

Mr. Finnigan said he felt the reason for discussing this matter pertained to the high percentage of failures in service stations. He felt it was the Council's obligation to be conscious in its attempt to develop the environment of the City and specifically did not feel another gas station in that location should be allowed.

Mr. Corsi then moved to refer the petition back to the Planning Commission for further study in concert with the legal department. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 5: Corsi, Egan, Jarstad, Moss and Schroeder.

Nays 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule and Mayor Johnston.

The ordinance was referred back to the Planning Commission.

#### Ordinance No. 19259

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding Section 13.06.050-25 to include property on the south side of No. 9th St. approximately 65 feet west of Orchard Street, in an "R-3" District. (Petition of Karl A. Tongedahl)

Mr. Buehler explained this petition was before the Council on August 4th. All of the conditions have been met for the developer to construct a duplex.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.



FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19251

Adopting the 1970 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19252

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding Section 13.06.130-47 to include property on the east side of Park Ave. approximately 100' north of So. 38th St. from an "R-3" to a "C-2" District. (Robert R. Warren)

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

Ayes 8: Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 1: Corsi (abstaining).

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19253

Appropriating the sum of \$60,000.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of purchasing certain property on Ruston Way, declaring the passing of the ordinance to take effect immediately upon publication.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19254

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 4858 for paving between "I" and Yakima Ave. from No. 10th to 11th and other nearby streets.

Mr. Earl R. Uthus, residing at 6911 No. 24th St., said he was protesting the assessment on his property for the reason that sometime ago there had been a similar improvement two or three blocks away and only those owners whose property abutted the alley had been assessed. Whereas under this LID 4858, his property is only one lot away from the alley and is being assessed.

Mr. Finnigan said he was on the LID Committee and that members of the legal staff and the Public Works staff and Mr. Sparling, Chief of the Engineering Division, had also been present and had explained the methods of assessment to Mr. Uthus. He added that the committee had felt they had no alternative but to

approve the assessment roll inasmuch as Mr. Uthus had been the only resident present who was objecting and it was apparent that the majority were, therefore, in favor of the improvement.

Mr. Schroeder said it was possible the assessments may have been unequally applied and if so, some regress would be appropriate.

After some discussion, Mr. Jarstad moved to postpone consideration of this matter for two weeks, until December 15th, so that the subject material could be reexamined and again presented to the Council. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken as follows: Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The ordinance was continued for two weeks, until December 15th.

Ordinance No. 19255

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 6914 for street lighting on East 65th from "I" to "M" Streets.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Herrmann moved that the statement in the amount of \$900.00 for dues to the National League of Cities for the year 1971 be paid. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, said funds are available.

Mr. Maule remarked that membership in the National League of Cities was very beneficial to the City as valuable knowledge can be obtained through this association. He added this organization acts as a lobbyist in the national legislature and provides much information which aids the City in making decisions.

Voice vote was taken to pay the dues in the amount of \$900.00 and motion carried.

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Mr. Jarstad said the Council had previously removed from the agenda a resolution rescinding the City's action designating itself as a CAP agency on November 10th. He asked how this matter stands inasmuch as the time for appropriating such funds comes in February.

Mr. McCormick, Acting City Manager, advised that the resolution to withdraw the City's application to act as a CAP agency had failed to pass Council's approval as it was removed from the agenda. He said the application would, therefore, still be pending. He said he had heard nothing further and it would now be up to the Council to indicate whether or not they wished to pursue the matter. If the Council does not wish to pursue it, another resolution would have to be presented to the Council.

Mr. Moss said he had understood there would be additional meetings relative to the decision.

Mr. McCormick said he did not know exactly who was to hold the meetings, but inasmuch as it was merely a policy determination, any decision would remain between the County Commissioners and either the Mayor or a representative of the Council. He said it is not a question of administration, but one of policy. His office will study the matter further if so requested.

Mr. Moss said he is under the impression then that the Council is waiting for the other side to make some move toward pursuing the application.

Mr. McCormick said, as the Council knows, the County has a temporary or conditional appointment for R.E.O. as a CAP Agency. As the matter stands now, the application is pending wherever it was filed, he added.

Mr. Moss requested Mr. McCormick to make a further report to the Council after determining the status of the matter.

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Dr. Herrmann said he would like to have a report on what is being done with both the Old City Hall and the Annex. He pointed out there had been a number of promises about some use for these buildings.

Mr. McCormick advised he has a report ready for the Council on this matter as soon as the time on the agenda permits. The legal department has prepared an opinion stating the purchasers are in default on their contracts. He said his department is waiting to present the matter to the Council to determine what should be done.

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Mr. Jarstad asked Mr. McCormick when a report of the management audit could be presented to the Council.

Mr. McCormick advised that the firm making the audit had made a rough draft of their proposal and sent pertinent portions to each Department Director for review and comment to be sent to the City Clerk. He added he had sent a letter from his office asking Department Directors to contact Mr. Brown if they had any questions, corrections or suggestions and some Department Directors have already complied.

Mr. Jarstad pointed out it would be advisable to have the audit at the same time the 1971 budget was being considered.

Mr. Schroeder said he had talked to Mr. Brown and to Mr. Vale relative to the matter and had been advised it would be at least three or four weeks before the auditors would be finished with the report and presented to the Council in the completed form. It is not a matter of anyone holding the reports up.

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Mr. Maule said he did not think the subject of the O. D. I. should be discussed without knowing what had actually happened at Camp Seymour and what has happened since then.

Police Chief Smith said he had met with officers of his staff and the Sheriff's staff to consolidate the information which has now been compiled by the Tacoma Police Dept. and the O. D. I. He added they will now meet with the Prosecutor's office either this week or next.

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Mr. Jarstad said he had noticed some inflammatory posters on the Federal Post Office and had removed them. He asked if Chief Smith has had much of a problem regarding signs defacing buildings.

Chief Smith said he assumed the posters referred to the trial in connection with the Seattle young people being accused. He said there had not been any trouble with flyers or posters so far, but he would investigate to see that the City is not annoyed by this type of occurrence.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. McCormick, Acting City Manager, said Mr. Wayne Purdum had called at his office the day before relative to a program known as C.A.M.P.S. which means "Coordinating Arm of Manpower Planning System". This is a federally financed project being administered by the State through the Washington State Employment Security Dept. He said this is not a welfare project, but one to give employment to persons who are experienced and whose unemployment compensation has expired. He said Mr. Purdum had inquired if there were any available jobs in the City departments. The workers would be allowed to work 16 weeks and for \$2.00 per hour.

Mr. McCormick said he had made a survey of the City departments and sent a copy of his report to Mr. Purdum, indicating the City could use 66 persons to work on extra projects, but not to replace persons who would otherwise be hired by the City. There would be 66 workers in City Departments and 20 in the Park Department as well as 107 in the County offices. This means that \$100,000 would be circulated into the City's economic life stream. Mr. Purdum had indicated the project could be started right away and only a simple contract is required from the City. He said this type of program will give work to people who really need the income.

He added he recognized that the feeling of the Council would be not to enter into this program without having more information, but he knew the Council would not have been able to consider the matter for at least another week, but if the Council could approve it tonight, the money could be flowing into the community immediately.

Mayor Johnston recommended that the Council adopt the program, especially in view of the Christmas season and present economic condition in the community. He pointed out that the program could help employable persons to provide for themselves at least until spring.

Mr. Corsi asked for a clarification of the work time and method of payment.

Mayor Johnston said it would last 16 weeks and no longer and the State would pay the entire amount with no cost to the City.

Mrs. Egan asked what the City's legal responsibility would be if one of the workers was injured while working.

Mr. McCormick said it was his understanding that the State would carry insurance on these workers and also cover all the compensation with no liability to the City. He said there was only a one-page agreement letter and that he had checked it over.

Mr. Moss asked if the workers were to be only those who had been receiving unemployment compensation.

Mr. McCormick said that was not necessarily the case, but would include some who had been receiving compensation. All that is required is that they be capable of performing the work assigned.

Mr. Corsi asked if the State would be doing the interviewing.

Mr. McCormick said that was true and the State would only be sending persons whom they felt qualified to do the work. He added he thought the program should be coordinated with the City Personnel Dept. and Mr. Bixel had agreed to handle it.

Mr. Maule commented that by this program the City would get the benefit of having 86 experienced people to perform tasks which have not been able to get done at no cost to the City and that these people would be working and receive money at Christmas time, which they otherwise would not be able to earn. He said he felt it was a wonderful opportunity for the City and the workers.

Mayor Johnston moved that the Council approve this program. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Johnston, Dr. Herrmann, Mr. Corsi and Mr. Moss asked to be excused from the meeting of December 8th, 1970.

Mr. Finnigan moved to excuse the members. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston said the U. G. N. program among the City employees had been highly successful and reported that the total contributions amounted to \$19,132.38 which was over \$2,000 more than last year. He said he thought the people should be proud of the employees as there is an even greater need for the U.G.N. program than in recent years.

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Mayor Johnston commented on the automobile accident last week wherein one of the City police cars had struck a car belonging to a student at the Tacoma Vocational School. This incident happened at the State Employment Office after a man had shot at another man. The Mayor said he felt when a person is trying to improve himself by going to school and his car was demolished through no fault of his own, he should be given temporary transportation until the matter is rectified.

Mr. McCormick said he had talked to the young man and his car was completely demolished. Mr. McCormick said he had talked to Mr. Bratrud of the City's insurance committee, who had in turn talked to the insurance company. He further added the insurance company is questioning the liability and he did not yet know if the man had any insurance. Mr. McCormick said he would check with the legal department to see what could be arranged.

Mr. Jarstad asked if the City had liability insurance on all police cars.

Mr. McCormick said the City's insurance company is questioning whether or not the vehicle would come under the coverage in this instance and if so, whether there would be any liability on the City's part.

Mr. Corsi said he thought the man should be relieved of the inconvenience caused him regardless of the insurance coverage.

Mr. McCormick said his staff would proceed accordingly and assumed the City would cover the cost in the event the insurance company does not sanction its payment.

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Mr. Moss said that a few days ago the Firmoor Community had invited members of the Council and some State Representatives and a State Senator to meet with them in a continuing attempt to be heard relative to a reconsideration of the proposed interchange at 19th and Mullen and over to Bantz Blvd. He said that Mr. Maule, Mrs. Egan and he had attended, along with some others, to tour the area. They had then reviewed the plans again and he could see what the community was losing through the loss of the four homes planned to be demolished and the double left turn design.

As a result of the tour, they had gone over the plans again with Mr. Buehler and Mr. Anderson and there is a lot that could be done. There are facts and figures that could support that route. He added there had been ill feelings on the night the matter was discussed before the Council and they were given the impression the route would be restudied and that a determination beneficial to

the community would be the outcome. Mr. Moss said he did not feel such is going to be the case.

Mayor Johnston explained the false hopes may have arisen from Mr. Jarstad's having Mr. Zatkovich (who was on the Council at that time) attempt to have the Council reconsider its opinion. He explained Mr. Jarstad and Mr. Dean had abstained from comment at that time as they lived in that area. The matter had not been reconsidered because there had been a lack of a second on the motion. He said he did not understand the misconception as the Council had clearly expressed its opinion and it had been final.

Mr. Moss asked what options were open to the Council at this point and if there would be an opportunity to reconsider the matter.

Mayor Johnston commented the Council could bring in a resolution to rescind the former action and take the matter up again.

Mr. McCormick suggested Mr. Schuster be asked if the Highway Dept. has placed themselves in a position as a result of the Council's action, whereby they already have contracts finalized.

Mr. Schuster said the Highway Dept. has set a hearing for December 8th on the limited access for SR 16, from So. 23rd St. to the Narrows Bridge, which is the next move before it goes before the design boards. There had been no actual contracts as yet to his knowledge, but the Council had approved the plan and the resolution of approval has been sent to the State Highway Dept. and they are planning to present it at the hearing on December 8th.

Mr. McCormick suggested the matter be referred to the legal department to determine the details and then advise the Council and Mr. Schuster.

Mr. Corsi said he had been questioned on the matter and did not want to merely turn his back.

Mr. Jarstad said he thought it would take a resolution similar to the one which recommended the present plan to the State in order to rescind the first action and offer an alternate plan. The State will make its decision next week after they hold the hearing. There will be one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon. The interchange will not be completed until four years from now, he added.

Mayor Johnston said any Council member could request the matter be placed on the agenda again.

Mr. Moss said it would have been better if the citizens had left the prior meeting with a feeling they had been turned down completely, but they had been under the impression they would have another chance to present their case. Mr. Moss further pointed out that by going back to the maps, it has been evident there are some additional road problems. If there are further housing developments out near the Industrial Airport, that will add traffic problems to the area and there will be additional land requirements and use requirements which could negate some of the options heretofore considered feasible.

Mr. Schroeder said he had attended the former Council meeting on the matter as a visitor and it had been his understanding that the Council had acted, but that a public hearing would be held by the State on December 8th and notification would be given the public before that time. He added that was the only statement made at that time and nothing else had been promised to anyone.

Mr. Jarstad agreed with Mr. Schroeder and added he had not perused Mr. Zatkovich to take any viewpoint, but rather he had done so of his own accord. He commented that Governor Evans had commented he hoped the matter would be well considered before property with homes are taken for the arterials in this area. Mr. Jarstad said they are all hopeful that the quality of life already established could be protected by looking into every possible alternative. Possibly there are some alternatives which will be developed through engineering in the future. He said in the past week especially, the engineers had been adamant in the decision that the current design was the only possible solution.

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. George Goe, citizen, commented Tacoma had been designated as a Model City, but he said he thought the City ran short on protection of life and property, both in the Fire Dept. and the Police Dept. He reiterated that the City needs 25 more policemen and 60 more firemen.

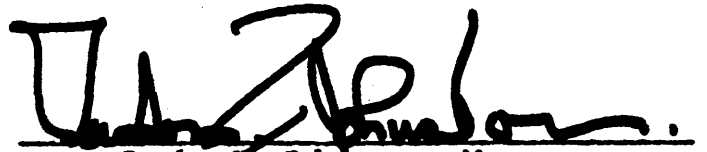
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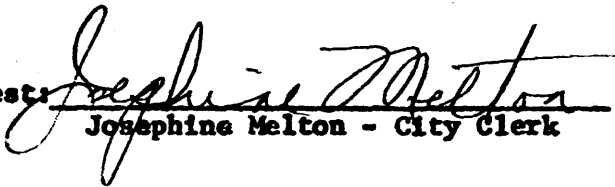
- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, October 20, 1970.
- b. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Administration of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System of November 4th, also Investment Report of November and the Actuarial Report submitted by Coates, Herfurth and England as of June 30, 1970.
- c. Report from Municipal Court of Tacoma for the month of October 1969 and 1970.
- d. Report from Personnel Dept. for October, 1970.
- e. Report of the Director of Finance, October, 1970.

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Mr. Finnigan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Maule. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M. to be reconvened at 10:00 P.M., the same evening, for the first meeting on the 1971 City Budget.

  
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 Gordon M. Johnston - Mayor

Attest:   
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 Josephine Melton - City Clerk