

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, October 24, 1967

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Bott and Civanich. Mr. Bott arriving at 4:15 P. M. and Mr. Civanich at 4:30 P. M.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 1967 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of Safe Driver Awards for City personnel.

Awards were presented to twenty-six employees with five years of safe driving records.

Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager and members of the City Council congratulated the participants for their fine records.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of the area bounded by So. 47th and So. 48th between Cedar and Alder from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District, submitted by Carl G. Olson.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezone and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the northerly side of Marine View Drive between McMurray Road and Lincoln Ave. from an "R-2", "R-4" and "C-1" to an "M-1" District, submitted by George R. Marvin.

Mr. James V. Ramsdell, attorney, appeared to represent Mr. Marvin.

No protests being made, Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezone and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c. This is the date set over for hearing for the rezoning of the south side of So. 72nd between Ash & Alaska St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District, submitted by Edwin C. Brenden.

Mr. Howard Lee residing at 1315 So. 72nd, stated he was in the real estate business and was in favor of the rezone.

Dr. Herrmann asked if it had been his experience that property values suffer when property is rezoned to a higher density.

Mr. Lee felt that apartments do not effect values of adjacent properties.

Mr. Lee H. Burnett residing at 1717 So. 72nd, was also in favor of the rezoning.

Norma Marchesini of 1713 So. 72nd, remarked that she would not object to a new apartment building, but she would object to a high-rise structure.

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Mr. Wiley, Assistant Director of Planning, explained that the petition had been amended to an "R-4-L" request and the revised site planning calls for a four story structure having a total of seventy-four units. Certain conditions were also agreed upon which include proper site screening, a 1.5 off-street parking ratio and access on Ash Street only.

Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, explained that the location of Ash Street was previously determined when the street was dedicated for a street to serve the area to the south. A left turn lane could be provided on 72nd St. which would turn into Ash St.

Mayor Tollefson asked, if there was a plan for a stop light at So. 72nd and Sheridan.

Mr. Kosai remarked, there is a request from parents of school children from Birney School. Studies have been made and there seems to be sufficient evidence for a pedestrian signal light.

Mr. Petrino, 7034 So. Alaska, protested the four story apartment.

Mrs. Carmichael, 7444 So. Asotin, asked if a stop light would be installed at Alaska and 72nd Street.

Mr. Kosai explained that the volume of traffic has not warranted a signal at that site. He noted that a signal is warranted at So. 72nd and Hosmer St. by the frontage road, and as soon as crews are available, it will be installed.

Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezone and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 5; Nays 3; Bott, Cvitanich and Finnigan. Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson (temporarily).

d. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by Ernest Harmon for rezoning of the west side of Alder St. approximately 150 feet south of So. 43rd from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

Last day to file an appeal was Oct. 16, 1967 and no appeal was filed.

Mr. Wiley explained that the area is presently zoned "R-3" and the applicant had proposed an "R-4-L" District to construct a six unit apartment. The Planning Commission denied the requested zoning generally on the basis that the density permitted under the "R-4-L" classification would not be compatible with the surrounding "R-3" district.

Mr. Haley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 19409

Fixing Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1967 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of Court A between So. 12th and 13th Streets. (petition of National Bank of Washington.

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

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

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Resolution No. 19410

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons on its bid of \$16,325.09 for W. O. No. 91117.

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. 19411

Accepting certain offers to sell real property within the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-14.

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

Mr. Richmond, Urban Renewal Director, explained that this is a three story building located at 1124 Pacific Avenue.

Mr. Haley asked what will be replacing this building.

Mr. Richmond stated this area is designed for office structures and the contract has been awarded to Mong & Larsen of Spokane. They are moving their equipment at this time and hope to start demolishing by the first of next week.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 0.

The Council then took up Resolution No. 19412 which was not on the agenda.

Resolution No. 19412

Authorizing the City Attorney to proceed in the Chlor-Alkali Litigation.

Mayor Tollefson explained to the Council that this is an antitrust damage suit against Hooker Chemical Corp. and Pennsalt Chemicals Corp. It was filed in Seattle Federal District Court by the State Attorney General's office in behalf of twelve Washington cities and the Public Utilities. The City of Tacoma was named as plaintiff, pending approval by the Utility Board and City Council.

He added, the defendants have specifically denied any illegal activities, nevertheless they consented to the entry of a restraint order and that is now in effect. The City's legal staff have investigated and they have advised that the Utility Board and the City Council would probably be derelict in their duties if they did not proceed with this action.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained he had prepared a six page letter approximately six weeks ago wherein he had set forth the status of the litigation, pointing out that the defendants have in effect admitted certain illegal activities by consenting to the entry of the judgment in question. In his opinion a consent judgment is similar to an accident case in which a party wishes to avoid legal action and agrees to pay damages out of court. It was his recommendation that the Council and Utility Board join with the other cities in this suit. He explained that the consolidated action would save each plaintiff the heavy cost of individual action.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Council give the City Attorney the authority to proceed with this suit in behalf of the Utility Board and General Government to join with the State of Washington in this matter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18417

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-73 to include property on the N. W. corner of No. 29th & Carr Sts. in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Forrester Realty Co.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18418

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.130-43 to include property on the east side of Sheridan Ave. between So. 54th & 56th Sts. in a "C-2" District. (petition of Orville R. Hanson)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18419

Amending Chapter 14.06.020 of the official code relative to urban renewal land disposition policies by changing the provision for twelve (12) members on the Design Review Board to fourteen (14) members.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18407 (postponed from the meeting of October 17, 1967)

Amending Sec. 1.12.430 of the official code and adding sub-section 1103.5 to include a Human Relations Administrative Assistant, in the pay and compensation plan.

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Mr. Rowlands explained that this ordinance had been postponed so that the Human Relations Commission would have an opportunity to review this matter with the Human Relations Director at last Thursday's meeting. The Commission approved the position of a Human Relations Administrative Assistant and were concerned that this was a matter of urgency, and suggested that the name could be "Human Relations Field Work Coordinator" in lieu of the Human Relations Administrative Assistant.

Mrs. Price asked what would be the nature of the work that this position would require.

Mr. Rowlands explained it would be basically field work and meetings to attend, and also office work. The percentage of each is not known at this time. However, this person will be qualified to check on matters and talk to groups as well as performing office work.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if employees in the City service would qualify for this position as a promotional advance. He felt this position should not be filled with personnel outside of the City service if there is anyone that would qualify.

Mr. Rowlands remarked that in this particular instance, concerning the feeling of the Human Relations Commission members, the type of person that is wanted in this position should come from outside the City service.

Mr. Newhouse, Civil Service League representative, stated this position would probably compare with the position of a Relief worker in the Health Dept., however those positions are covered by classified positions in Civil Service. This ordinance creates a new department within the City government and creates the Human Relations Field Work Coordinator as an unclassified position. He felt the qualifications are too high for what would be required for a secretarial position and for a field worker the salary is too low. This provides for combining two

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positions. The Council is removing a chance for another civil service employee to be promoted to a better paying position.

Mr. Rowlands suggested, perhaps, the title should remain as an Administrative Assistant. He said this work would not be work comparable to a case worker, The person would have to have peculiar and particular qualifications to meet some of the basic problems in this area. Furthermore, this is not a precedent as the City has a good relationship with the civil service group.

Mr. Bixel, Director of Personnel, stated this employee would be responsible for providing assistance in both field and office activities of the Human Relations Commission. The work would require independent judgment and the application of knowledges and skills gained through previous experience. The employee would have to help coordinate private, religious and governmental groups or projects.

Mr. Rowlands stated the City has always tried to maintain good relations with the Civil Service League and the only reason he wished this ordinance to pass tonight was to help the Human Relations Department.

Mr. Bott moved that under Sub-section 1103.5 (A) the title "Human Relations Administrative Assistant" be amended to read "Human Relations Field Work Coordinator." Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Finnigan asked that Mr. Rowlands confer with Mr. Newhouse and if this does not meet with his approval it should be brought to the City Council's attention immediately.

Mr. Bott asked that a report be given the Council as to how much work has been done by the Director of the Human Relations Dept. at this time, and what is the urgency of this position that it demands an assistant immediately.

Rev. Hodges, Human Relations Director, stated he did not have a report at the present time, however, each month in the future one would be submitted to the Council. He did have youth corps help but this was not sufficient.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, as amended.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18416

Amending Sub-section 1.12.200 A of the official code relative to pay and compensation plan to establish General Municipal election day as a holiday.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, as amended.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of L I D 3569 for sanitary sewers in Union Ave. from So. 23rd to So. 29th; So. 30th from Puget Sound Ave. to Center and in Center from So. 30th to Cedar St.

Mr. Haley moved that Monday, Nov. 27, 1967 at 4 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 3569. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the State Auditor-fifty-seventh Examination-First Class Division of Municipal Corporations.
- b. Tacoma Police Department report for September 1967.

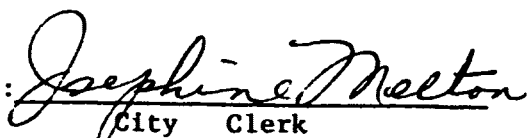
COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands announced the collective bargaining meeting will be held in Tacoma October 25th through October 28th, 1967, conducted by the Personnel Administration. Any of the Council members are welcome to any of these meetings. ✓ 43

Mr. Cvitanich remarked he was pleased to see the proclamation from the Mayor in connection with Edward G. Rhodes American Legion Post.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 6:05 P. M.


MAYOR

Attest: 
City Clerk