

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, June 11, 1963

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

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of May 28, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Petition submitted by Cutine Taylor requesting the rezoning of the property at 2718 So. Wilkeson St. from an "R-2" to an "M-1" District. 258

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17498:

Fixing Tuesday, July 9th, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the improvement of sidewalks, gutters, curbs and driveways in the area of 1401-03 & 09 No. Proctor St. (SCF-63)

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

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

Resolution No. 17499:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute on behalf of the City a local improvement assessment deed to Neil D. & Nilmah H. Gray for property located at No. 7th, east of Stevens St. for the sum of \$25.00.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

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

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Resolution No. 17500:

Authorizing the contracting firms to proceed with professional and technical work in the amended New Tacoma Project (Wash. R-14) authorized by Resolutions No. 17376 & 17360-61-72 & 99.

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

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

Resolution No. 17501:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a written contract with Mid-American Appraisal Corp., Pacific Div., San Francisco, Calif., for appraisal reports for the amended New Tacoma Project No. Wash. (R-14).

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

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

Resolution No. 17502:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the Joint Labor Committee granting to all employees of journeyman level an increase of 12 cents per hour and a proportional increase to employees in other Utility Depts. of the City as more particularly set forth in the contract now in effect between the Electrical Workers Local 483 and the Light Div. of the Public Utility Dept.

Mr. Bott moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Bott then moved to amend the Resolution on page 2, 9th line down, after the word "however" to include the words, "that there be available funds for such purposes" which was inadvertently left out. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Bott said he understands if funds are available, he presumed it would be determined by the City Manager and the Finance Director.

Mr. Cvitanich said, Mr. Rowlands indicated three weeks ago, if the City Council saw fit to grant salary increases there were monies available.

Mr. Rowlands said the City Council knew last fall there would be monies available in certain utility funds to be used for whatever purpose they saw fit. This money could be used for equipment replacement, salaries or whatever the Council wishes. It was pointed out at that time if adjustments were made to certain utilities that funds were not available in other departments, such as Police, Fire, Public Works, Health etc.

Mr. Bott felt as long as the Utilities are separate from the General Government, individually operated as such, and funds are available, they should be given

increases.

Mr. Haley said, he didn't think the Resolution was appropriate and fair to the other City employees.

Mr. Murtland commented, even though there were monies available to give increases to a few of the employees, they should not be given increases. He felt if some are deserving of increases, they all should be given increases.

Mrs. Price asked how many employees would be affected in these utilities in proportion to the number in General Government who would not receive an increase.

Mr. Rowlands explained there are 2200 employees including the Utilities and approximately 700 employees would be affected, which includes the electrical workers who have already received raises.

Mrs. Price recalled the City Council last year agreed during the budget hearings, when this same proposal was presented, that no raises would be granted unless all employees received raises.

Mr. Ketler, Secretary of the Joint Labor Commission, said the General Government has had to absorb additional expenditures for the Parks, Transit, etc. It was their opinion that the proper method to finance those Departments was by imposing additional taxes to provide income; however, the Council saw fit not to impose additional taxes, therefore, funds were taken from the General fund to meet those expenses, consequently there were no funds available for an increase for the employees. He added, there are funds available for the Utility employees and feels they should get that increase. At the Joint Labor Committee meeting that represents (18) Unions and employees from the General Fund, who participated also, unanimously voted that the Utility employees receive the increase.

Mr. Finnigan asked Mr. Ketler if he would elaborate on his statement that the City Council should raise taxes to provide more income, as this is a touchy subject.

Mr. Ketler said his organization has submitted ideas on several occasions to the City Council regarding methods of raising additional revenue. Their organization feels, if the City is to offer these services to the citizens of Tacoma, the money should come from the taxpayers and not be taken out of the General Fund.

Mr. Finnigan noted that the Parks tried to obtain millage at the last election but the citizens voted it down.

Mayor Tollefson explained that with increased fixed expenses and the loss of (4) mills of property tax revenue it has cost the City more than \$1,000,000 over the past eight years. He added, the City Council has asked the Utility Board for help and they have refused. The City has asked the voters for additional millage for the Parks, and the Legislature for relief from the liquor tax and has been refused. The City must decide whether to raise taxes and keep services at their level or cut services. It will be difficult to determine what the public wishes, "should services be cut or should taxes be raised?"

Mr. Steele reviewed the past history which resulted in the City's financial plight. He commented upon the MC-AB submitted by the City Manager on May 31st, 1963 outlining a series of procedures for the City Council to raise revenue. He said he would like, at the end of the meeting, to request that Ordinances be brought in increasing licenses and taxes on various items.

Roll call was taken on the Resolution as amended.

Ayes 3; Nays 6; Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson.

The Resolution was declared LOST.

Mr. Steele moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 17503 which does not appear on the Agenda. Seconded by Mrs Price.

Mr. Murtland asked what emergency was involved that the Resolution should be taken up tonight.

Mr. Rowlands replied, the Urban Renewal Administrator called Mr. Maffin today requesting the necessary funds be approved for rehabilitation studies in order to meet the deadline which has been tentatively set for a public hearing on August 6th, 1963 on the Downtown Project. It is essential that we move as expeditiously as possible to make these surveys as Mr. Whitacre's assignment is to make an evaluation of each building on Broadway to determine the amount of rehabilitation that has to be made to bring these buildings up to the minimum standards required.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17503:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a written amendment to the contract with the firms of Rockrise & Watson, for professional services for the survey and planning work in the New Tacoma Project, Wash. "R-14".

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich, Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17363:

Authorizing the condemnation of property for additional land for the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17364:

Changing that portion of right of way lying generally in the northerly-southerly direction from Five Views Road to Hale Street between Lexington St. & Five Views Road to Frace Avenue.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17365:

Changing the unnamed right of way lying between So. 16th and So. 19th Streets between Sunset Drive and Titlow Road extended to Crystal Springs Road.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17360:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.060-5 to include property on the S. E. corner of No. 7th & Junett Sts. in the "R-4" Multiple-Family Dwelling District. (petition of Major Investment Corp.) 177

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bott and Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17361:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.040-1 to include property in the vicinity of No. 5th & D Street, in the "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District. [Amended petition of Camerer, etal.] 177

Mr. Marsico, Attorney representing the residents within the proposed rezoning stated, the neighborhood has been reverting back to single family dwellings. The residents in the proposed rezone are in favor of the zoning change, with the exception of Mr. Raymond, who is represented by his attorney, Mr. Thompson.

Mayor Tollefson asked if the people in the area would have any objection to an amendment to the zoning law that, where a conforming use now exists would become non-conforming by reason of changing the law. Under those circumstances, the particular party that would come under a nonconforming use would still have the right to continue in a nonconforming use, and thereby continue to make improvements etc., which would have been permitted had the use remained the same.

Mr. Marsico remarked that was a very broad question and had not been discussed with his clients. He pointed out, of the (13) structures mentioned last week that are of nonconforming uses, (4) have been returned to single family dwellings and the other (9) were either in favor or did not oppose the rezone.

Mr. Thompson, Attorney representing Mr. Raymond, who intends to construct an apartment building, said, his client had purchased the property for an apartment site and that he would lose his vested rights with the restriction of a nonconforming use.

Mr. Bott asked if Mr. Raymond's property could be excluded from this rezone and retain his present zoning.

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Mr. Hamilton, Assistant City Attorney, stated, in that event you would have an isolated spot of an "R-4" surrounded by an "R-2" which would make it spot zoning. According to the City Ordinance, spot zoning in his opinion would not be legal.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 2; Steele and Cvitanich. Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17362:

Amending Section 2.12 .030 of the Official Code of the City relating to sewage disposal-Side Sewers-Definition.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORT:

Report from the Employees Retirement System for the month of May 1963.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Steele said he would request at this time that the City Attorney bring in for next week's Council meeting the following Ordinances:

1. Increase the Belt Line Gross Earnings Tax from 5% to 8%.
2. Adjust over-all licenses and fees.
3. Increase Pacific Telephone Co. occupational tax from 8% to 9%.
4. Increase Washington Natural Gas occupational tax from 3% to 6%.
5. Tax all bowling, archery and billiard parlors, a 3 1/3% tax.
6. Tax all vending machines.
7. Remove small loan classifications from a flat-fee charge and impose a 1/4 of 1% tax.

Mr. Murtland said he would also request that an Ordinance be prepared and brought in for next week revising the deductions allowed on gross earnings tax of Utilities (Light, Water, Belt Line, Sewer and Garbage).

Mr. Haley requested a leave of absence for six weeks as he will be out of the City.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Mr. Haley be excused. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mayor Tollefson said the Metropolitan Park Board has extended an invitation to the City Council members to attend the dedication of the new Pt. Defiance Aquarium to be held June 23, 1963 at 2:00 P. M.

Mr. Cvitanich said the Salmon Bake Committee has been progressing, however, there is the problem of transportation from the parking lot to Owens Beach, He asked if either Mr. Rowlands or Mr. Bond could make arrangements for transportation.

Mr. Rowlands said that arrangements will be made so that transportation will be made available.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P. M.

WAM Tollefson
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk