

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
May 8, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 Sonntag.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of May 14 through 21, 1973 as  
"Bicycle Safety Week".

Dr. Herrmann arrived at 7:07 p.m.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of April 30, 1973 and regular  
meeting of May 1, 1973.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll  
for the following:

LID 6935 - modern street lights on ornamental standards  
with underground wiring along South Fife Street from  
South 15th Street to South 17th Street.

Fixing Monday, June 11, 1973 at 4:00 p.m. as the date  
for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Board  
of Administration meeting of March 29, 1973.
- b. Minutes of the Metropolitan Development Council Board of  
Trustees meeting of April 10, 1973.
- c. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of April 16, 1973.

- d. Minutes of Human Relations Commission meeting of April 19, 1973.
- e. Monthly report, purchases and sales of investments for April, 1973, Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.
- f. A Look Towards Annexation, City Planning Department.

Mr. Schroeder moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning the south side of South 19th Street between West Union Avenue and Washington Street, from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (4-2-73 Planning Commission recommended approval 7-0, 2 absent) (Richard Cook)

Russell Buehler, Planning Department Director, reviewed the request for Council.

Mr. Cook, the petitioner, was present but did not speak.

Mr. Robert Buckner, owner of the property on the southwest corner of South 19th and Washington, said this was spot zoning which is a disadvantage to the residents and felt that the entire area along 19th Street should be zoned "B" R-4 or R-5 in order that the residents in the area would be able to sell their property if necessary.

Fred Bondey, 1916 South Washington, said that he did not object to this specific zoning as such. He did, however, object to the spot zoning and felt that the entire area should have a comprehensive plan.

Mr. Buehler said this was not spot zoning as this proposed rezone is immediately adjacent to an apartment building.

On question of Dr. Herrmann, Mr. James Molmquist, representing the petitioner, advised that the rectangular space on the corner of 19th and Adams immediately adjacent to the L-shaped proposed rezone is vacant property and the petitioner tried to purchase the property for the complex but the owners were unwilling to sell.

After further discussion, Mr. Schroeder moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

- b. This is the date set for hearing the request for vacation of 20-foot wide alley between South 10th to South 12th, South Vassault and South Whitman Street. (4-2-73 Planning Commission recommended approval 8-0, 1 absent) (Harold Wick, et al)

Russell Buehler, Planning Department Director, advised that this alley has not been developed. In order to prepare the site for the proposed complex, it is

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necessary to utilize this alley. The petitioner has agreed to pay one-half of the appraisal price if the alley is vacated.

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

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19816      Accepting an additional \$2,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and appropriating \$2,000 from National Science Foundation Fund No. 584 for the purpose of carrying out the Technical Integration into City Operations 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.

Ordinance No. 19817      Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the west side of Lawrence between South 40th and South 43rd Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District. (Terry D. Reim)

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.

Ordinance No. 19818      Amending Section 1.12.365 of the Official Code by adding the positions of Data Operations Officer and Systems Programming Officer.

Mr. Sonntag questioned the fact that at a Council Study Session approximately a month ago, it was brought out that there would be only two appointive positions, that of the Director and Assistant Director.

Bill Donaldson, City Manager, advised that Mr. Dow, the Director of the operations, is presently setting up a program and found it necessary to have these two positions appointive due to the exceptional qualifications and skills involved. As to whether there will be further appointive positions, that would be determined as the reorganization progresses. He pointed out that the testing procedures used in classified positions do not necessarily secure the best possible technical and highly specialized individual. He said there are indications that past experience and performance have proven to be the best method of securing these types of individuals.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Moss, Schroeder, Schuur, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 1 - Nalley

Absent: 1- Jarstad

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19819 Amending Chapter 6.62 of the Official Code relative to tax on bowling alleys and skating rinks.

Mayor Johnston advised that he felt the economy at this time is such that the admission tax on bowling alleys and the one roller skating rink in the City could be removed.

On question of Mrs. Egan, Des Isaacson of the Tower Lanes confirmed that this admission tax, if removed, will be passed on to the consumer as the consumer assumed that tax when the admission tax was instituted some time ago.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19820 Repealing and reenacting Chapter 6.14 of the Official Code relative to licensing of Cabarets.

Mr. Donaldson requested that this ordinance be removed from the Agenda as it came to Council prematurely. He felt the entire structure of ordinances surrounding this should be reviewed and advised that the City Attorney's Office would bring a comprehensive ordinance to Council next week.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the ordinance be removed from the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was removed from the Agenda.

Ordinance No. 19821 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the east side of Lawrence Street between South 45th and South 47th Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.  
(A. Kuzmanich & A. Hackler)

Mr. Buehler advised that Council had previously held a hearing on this and all of the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission have been met and the matter is ready for passage by Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19822 Authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the Contingency Fund to the City Street Fund and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the 1973 Street Oil Sealing Program.

Yoshio Kosai, Traffic Engineer, explained the reason for the appropriation at this time was to get the oil sealing program underway. It is anticipated that the federal shared revenues would be providing an additional \$40,000 for the balance of the program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19823 Authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$10,000 from the Airport Fund and from the Contingency Fund to the Airport Construction Fund for use as matching funds and appropriating the sum of \$90,123 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Airport Construction Fund for the purpose of certain Airport improvements.

Mr. Severo Esquivel of the City Manager's Office advised that this is matching money to obtain funds from the Federal Aviation Administration for improvements to the Airport. The City's \$22,000 would match \$46,000 from the FAA and \$22,000 from the State. Mr. Esquivel asked that the ordinance be amended to delete the words "and in addition, 5. Taxi ways and apron seal and markings for which FAA funds are not requested".

Mr. Moss moved that that portion as requested by Mr. Esquivel be deleted from the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22178 (Continued from the meeting of May 1st)  
Rescinding Resolution No. 22054 relative to utilization of City Contingency Fund as cash match for project applications of Model Cities from the Washington State Planning and Community Affairs Agency.

Junior N. R. Ellis, Chairman of the Model Cities Executive Board, stated that the Board feels there was a commitment made for the City to pay for matching funds even though circumstances have changed where the LEAA now says that Model Cities can pay for the matching funds. He urged that the initial resolution wherein the City would pay for the matching funds be allowed to stand.

Joe Devish, member of the Model Cities Executive Board, also felt that the Council had made a commitment. He reported on the Model Cities budget and said that in order to balance their budget it was necessary for them to eliminate two projects and to cut back on others since Council had passed a previous resolution where it would be necessary for them to pay the \$27,300 cost for Grieffenhagen, Krueger, Inc. to make an analysis of the Model Cities programs and its relationship to the City. Having to pay the matching funds would further cut back their program.

The feeling was expressed by several Council Members that in view of the original commitment to pay the matching funds the City perhaps could pay the fee of the study.

Ted Amell spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Mr. Ellis said that if this Resolution which rescinds the payment of the matching funds by the City is adopted, and the City then pays for the cost of the study, he felt that this arrangement would be agreeable with the Model Cities Executive Board.

After further discussion, roll call was taken on the resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes: 2 - Nalley and Sonntag

Nays: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Moss, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Absent: 1 - Jarstad

The Resolution was declared failed.

Resolution No. 22182 Awarding contract to Econolite on its bid of \$43,861.65 for six (6) modular, solid state, fully actuated signal controllers.

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

Resolution No. 22183 Accepting the sum of \$46,268.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration and the sum of \$21,855 from the State of Washington Economic Assistance Authority for certain airport improvements and authorizing the execution of the necessary agreements for same.

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. 22184 Authorizing the sale of certain surplus property located at the northwest corner of South 48th and Alaska Streets to Mr. Thurman N. Palmer for the sum of \$7,000.

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

Resolution No. 22185 Authorizing the execution of Supplementary Agreement with Seifert, Forbes & Berry for engineering services relative to the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

Severo Esquivel of the City Manager's Office requested that this be continued for one week.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Resolution was continued to May 15, 1973.

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Resolution No. 22186 Approving certain amendments to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Hilltop Neighborhood Development Project, No. Wash. A-3.

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

Gary Sullivan, Urban Renewal Department Director, advised that the information they have is that there will be no funding in 1974 for the NDP program. He referred to Department of Housing and Urban Development letter of May 3, 1973. In order to allow the City to finance through 1974, he advised that the agreement on the First Year contract be terminated and to enter into a new agreement. The new agreement would run an additional two months which will put the program through July, 1974. By that time possibly funds could be coming through the Better Communities Act. If the City does not enter into a new agreement, the funds would terminate in August of this year. He indicated that there is a deadline of entering into a new agreement. The Department of HUD needs to have this matter resolved prior to May 11, 1973.

Joe Davish reported that the Model Cities Executive Board would like to see the NDP go forward; however, if the certain amount of \$70,000 is not returned to Model Cities within the lifetime of the Model Cities Department, they would have to reject the utilization of their \$70,000.

Mr. Donaldson advised that he could not guarantee the return of the \$70,000 within the lifetime of the Model Cities Program.

After further discussion, voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22187 Authorizing the filing of a Neighborhood Development Program annual increment application for Project No. Wash. A-3.

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

Mrs. Egan moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce a resolution relative to the letter of May 3, 1973 from HUD. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Hamilton then read the proposed Resolution.

Resolution No. 22188 Authorizing the termination of the first action year involving the Neighborhood Development Program on or before June 15, 1973 in order to provide for Second Action Year commencing on or about June 16, 1973.

Mrs. Egan moved to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston thanked Mr. Schroeder for representing the Council on the Planning Commission for the past year and one-half and appointed Mrs. Egan as the Council's representative on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Johnston appointed Mr. Schroeder to represent the Council on the Civic Arts Commission replacing Mr. Maule, who has resigned.

Mayor Johnston advised of a letter received from the Office of Economic Opportunity regarding the Recreational Support Program which is for disadvantaged youth 14 and under. He advised that the Department of Human Development will be in charge of administering the program.

Mayor Johnston moved to submit the preliminary application to OEO for funds for this program. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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Mr. Sonntag said he would be presenting to the City Manager amendments that were proposed at the last meeting by the Civic Arts Commission in regards to the Beautification Committee ordinance.


Mr. Sonntag announced that Mr. Hauser of the NYC has asked him to invite the Mayor and Council Members to meet with Mr. Hauser in his office on Friday, May 11, 1973 at 2 p.m. to provide assistance in drawing the names for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

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Mr. Nalley made reference to his comments of last January in which he understood that in April the Planning Commission would be preparing a report regarding the disposal of dredge in Commencement Bay. He requested the status of this report at this time.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

  
GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
CATHERINE URSICH - DEPUTY CITY CLERK

