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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, April 11, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson.

Mayor Hanson asked if the Council had examined the minutes and the suggested corrections that were submitted of the meeting of March 13, 1961.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes be approved as amended.
Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Murtland said there is one date in the suggested corrections which appears on page 16 of the minutes that he would like to comment on. He said although the tape records the date spoken of as April 21st, the correct date is March 21st. He thought the minutes should contain the correct date rather than the date actually mentioned. He then moved that the minutes be corrected so that the proper date of March 21st will appear. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Olson said on page 14 of the minutes in the 9th paragraph on the 4th line where the words "with a due past unanimous" appears; the words should read "with a do pass unanimous." She moved that the words "due past" be corrected to "do pass". Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Voice vote was then taken on the approval of the minutes of March 13, 1961 as amended. Motion carried. The Chairman then declared the minutes approved as corrected.

Mr. Bott asked that in the minutes of March 28th, 1961 the word "presented" on page 20, line 3, be changed to "represented."

Mrs. Price moved that the word "presented" be changed to "represented" on page 20, line 3 of the March 28th, 1961 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Mrs. Price that the minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was then taken on the approval of the minutes of March 28, 1961 as corrected. The Chairman then declared the minutes approved as corrected.

Mr. Rowlands explained before proceeding with the regular agenda, he would like to comment on the City winning the Second Sweepstakes Winner award of the entire Daffodil Festival Parade. He then introduced Fire Boat Pilot Jack Harkins, who conceived the idea of the "Visitors from Mars" and Firefighter Paul McNail who had much to do with the mechanical work and trimming of the float.

Mr. Harkin and Mr. McNail presented the banner that they received to the Council on behalf of the employees of the City of Tacoma.

The Mayor, Council and Mr. Rowlands expressed their appreciation for the outstanding work done on this project.

At this time Mrs. Price remarked that approximately two years ago the Council gave the Tacoma Youth Center Organization permission to fix up the Fire Station on North 13th and Steele St. for their group. Tonight, she said, the publicity chairman for TYCO is present to display some of the architect's drawings for the Fire Station. Last Thursday evening a dinner was held to help raise money to finance their project, she added. They also had a contest in the various High Schools and Junior High Schools and an award was given for the emblem of which Mr. Krugmire had a drawing. She introduced Richard Krugmire to the Council and asked him to comment on the drawings.

Richard Krugmire said, six years ago the City of Tacoma leased to the TYCO the condemned fire station at North 13th and J with the understanding that it be rebuilt within the period of one year. The advisors found that the remodeling would take longer and they requested an extension of the lease which was granted. He added, that Mr. Ben Wilson, an architect, has donated his time and efforts in designing the Youth Center. Mr. Krugmire displayed the sketches to the City Council along with a sketch of the emblem which was drawn by Joe Morris of the Lincoln High School and was chosen as the official emblem of the Youth Organization.

Richard Krugmire said progress is moving quite slowly in this organization due to the fact that all the work is donated by people who want to see this building completed. However, it is hoped that the construction work will begin shortly after June 9th, 1961. He thanked the Council for allowing him to make this presentation.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Krugmire for appearing before the Council.

Mrs. Price said the Youth Center Organization is planning on duplicating this drawing and using it for pins for their membership. She added, there were several members of the Council present at the dinner last Thursday evening, which was a wonderful affair and very well attended. She was sorry that everyone could not have attended to see how well the youngsters work together and how beautifully they conduct themselves.

Mayor Hanson said they are doing a fine job and it is pleasing to see the determination of the young people to provide facilities for their operations.

Mr. Cvitanich said he felt the Council should consider itself fortunate that we have Mrs. Price as a very strong supporter of this type of project. He as an individual thinks it is a tremendous job that Mrs. Price is doing in the community.

Mayor Hanson said he was sure that the entire Council agreed with his statement.

PETITION:

Petition from A. H. Barnhisel, requesting the rezoning of property located by Center Street and Tyler Street intersection, from an "R-2" and "R-3" District to an "R-4-L" District.

Referred to Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16518:

Authorizing David D. Rowlands, City Manager to file an application with the government of the United States of America for Federal advance of not to exceed \$25,000 for preliminary engineering, design and planning for the proposed reconstruction of the 15th Street Bridge over the City Waterway.

It was moved by Mrs. Olson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Rowlands said this procedure has been approved by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the City's Planning Commission and Planning Staff were working in conjunction with the State Highway Department on the Freeway System on the method of egress and ingress on this particular road.

Mayor Hanson said they are working with them on a basis of very close cooperation.

Mr. Rowlands said for the past 5 to 6 years Mr. Buehler and his staff and the Public Works Staff have been working very closely with the State Highway Dept. As a matter of fact, he thought that this section of Road has had probably more direct cooperation than any other section of the entire stretch from Everett on down in eliminating the dead ends and trying to make sure that there is accessibility. Their relationship has been very fine, he added.

Mr. Cvitanich said his question may have been misinterpreted, or perhaps he did not state it clearly. What he meant was, for all the agencies to coordinate so that we can get the maximum out of what we are investing.

Mr. Rowlands replied that they were.

Mr. Cvitanich said, for example, the A Street ramp, --we have no definite location as to where it will go, other than discussing it in terms of Court "A" several months ago. He was wondering how that ties in with the 15th Street project.

Mayor Hanson said we have a fairly good idea of where it is going to connect.

Mr. Cvitanich said connecting is one thing, but the overall project is another.

Mr. Rowlands said 25% of the money for that project will be put up by the City and the balance by the State and Federal Govt. so that will also be considered in this planning of the 15th Street Bridge.

Mayor Hanson said the purpose of this Resolution is to apply for

Federal Funds to gain the necessary knowledge to determine the detailed information with reference to this project. Once this is obtained it can be determined where the priority should be placed.

Mr. Bott remarked that this request will then be on the same basis as previous requests. It will be charged against the City if we go through with it.

Mr. Rowlands said that was correct.

Mrs. Olson asked if this would do away with the necessity of an on-ramp in the 13th Street location.

Mr. Rowlands said, not necessarily, there are still some discussions being made on that particular proposition.

Mrs. Olson asked if they will be studied together.

Mr. Rowlands said they could be studied together unless it is decided there is no direct relationship. In other words if the 13th Street on-ramp could be constructed without waiting for 3 or 4 or 5 months that will certainly be brought before the Council for their consideration.

Mayor Hanson said the Council will have the opportunity to analyse the matter before any action is taken.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16519:

Authorizing David D. Rowlands, City Manager to file an application with the government of the United States of America for a Federal advance of not to exceed \$25,000 for Public Works planning.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution again involves a combination program. The Public Works Dept. has spent a considerable amount of time and thought on this matter to date. The Garbage and Refuse Utility Garage will be eliminated by the Freeway. The Maintenance Garage at present is in a deplorable condition making it very difficult to perform the work efficiently. He thought that some consideration should be given to combine the two units thereby reducing costs so that the Personnel can be properly utilized. In that connection, there will probably be some consideration given to some possible utilization of the present site of the Transit Garage. There are many problems to consider in connection with this request for a grant.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16520:

Awarding contract to Coast Contractors on their bid of \$4,900 plus tax for demolition and site clearance for the Center Street Urban Renewal area.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Bott asked if all the salvage was included in this contract.
Mr. Rowlands replied that everything was included to clear the site.
Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16521:

Appointing a member as Manufacturer's Representative on the Elevator Safety Board of the City for a five year term expiring October 31, 1965.

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

Mayor Hanson said the name has been left blank on the Resolution. He said he has indicated his intentions and if there are no objections, he will suggest the name of Les Johnson to be placed in the Resolution for a reappointment.

Mr. Porter moved that the name of Les Johnson be inserted in this Resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution to adopt.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16522:

Settling the claim of Alice F. Johnson and John A. Johnson, Sr. in the sum of \$750.00 plus special damages in the amount of \$103.29.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16523:

Accepting certain offers to sell real property within an Urban Renewal Project Designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16524:

Adopting a Workable Program for 1961-62 for Urban Renewal within the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this matter was reviewed by the Council at a study session last week. The Press should note that suggestions incorporated into this program are quite far reaching and divided up into several sections: Codes and Ordinances, Comprehensive Community Plan, Neighborhood Analyses, Administrative Organization, Financing, Relocation, Citizens Participation. This forms the framework of the Workable Program and must be certified by the Housing & Home Finance Agency in compliance with Urban Renewal regulations.

Mr. Bott said on Page 2 under the section entitled "Financing" is the Sub-section "A", Revision of inspection fees and license fees. He asked when there are any changes to be made will the businesses and crafts affected be consulted and will an equitable set of rules be worked out. The Council just experienced two of these code revisions and there is still discussion whether or not they were fair. He added, this would not automatically set up an authority that could just go right down the line and bring the Code up to what they want.

Mr. Rowlands said no it would not. Any changes in codes and ordinances must be approved by the City Council. For example the fire Code right now is being reviewed by different organizations; labor unions, crafts and the Chamber of Commerce, etc. Then the Council is the final authority on these changes.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Porter at this time moved to suspend the rules in order that Resolution No. 15625 and Ordinance No. 16778, neither of which appear on the Agenda, might be taken up at this time. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16525:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to release all right, claim and interest accruing to the City pursuant to an easement granted by D. W. and Evelyn R. Weaver for property located at 716 East 56th Street.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Rowlands said this is being released since we no longer have any need for the easement.

Mr. Schuster said that is correct. An easement was obtained for the purpose of making certain cuts and fills for original street grading. The street has now been fully constructed and the need for the easement no longer exists. Since the existence of this easement upon the property creates a cloud upon the title, the owners have requested the City release the easement.

Mr. Cvitanich said, could this not come up on the regular agenda rather than a matter of emergency.

Mr. McCormick explained that a call was received from the party to whom this easement is being released, and he said he had a deal on for the property but the Title Company would not clear the title until this easement was obtained. Since the option runs out one day before the next Council meeting, he asked that it be presented to the Council tonight. Voice vote was taken.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16778:

Amending Sections 5, 6, 10 and 11 of Ordinance No. 16660 entitled, an Ordinance granting to the State-Wide Advertising Co. the right, privilege and permission to place, construct and maintain benches with advertising at designated locations on the streets and sidewalks in the City of Tacoma. Read by title.

Mr. Porter said Mr. Copeland, Attorney for the Statewide Advertising Company, has asked him to introduce this Ordinance amending Ordinance 16660 in order to make several minor corrections and also establish or broaden upon some of the procedures in the previous Ordinance. One of the corrections is in section (5) of the Old Ordinance which states that "Commercial advertising is prohibited by the laws of the City." Since bringing this to the City Attorney for approval as to form, Mr. Copeland upon his recommendation, is preparing a proposed amendment to this amending Ordinance to improve the language which will probably be presented at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Porter said the reason for introducing this Ordinance under the suspension of the rules was because of the fact this being an amendment to a franchise, it requires at least 15 days before it can be acted upon and does not become law until 30 days later. These people have some contracts for advertising on benches which puts them in a little bit of a bind, so they were anxious to have this introduced, he added.

Mr. Murtland requested that on the next week's agenda, the original Ordinance be submitted and also indicating what the changes are being made in this Ordinance.

Mayor Hanson asked for general information, what changes were made?

Mr. Porter said beside the one already mentioned, there are changes in the matter of setting up appeals, he believed there were also changes regarding the cost of the necessary procedure of the appeals.

Mayor Hanson asked if there was any reference to the right of abutting property owners to object.

Mr. Porter said that was one of the changes being made.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16767: (postponed from the meeting of March 28, 1961)

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code and adding a new section 13.06.160 (4) to include property on the west side of Sprague Ave., between So. 35th and So. 37th Street in an "M-1" Light Industrial District. (Lincoln Land Co.) Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said from what he understands there has been no lease signed as yet but the parties still hope to come to some agreement. He said it was his recommendation that this matter be postponed for one more week in hopes that a settlement can be negotiated.

Mr. Steele moved that the Ordinance be postponed one week. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mrs. Olson said she would think, if this is good zoning, it is good zoning regardless of whether or not an agreement has been signed between the parties involved, and inasmuch as it has come to the Council as a recommendation of the Planning Commission, and has already been before the Council for first reading and for final reading and also on a week's postponement, she thought it would be well if the Council would act upon this tonight.

Mayor Hanson said tonight you are giving great weight to the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Porter said when this was acted upon by the Planning Commission he recalled that the general feeling was that this should be expedited, and wondered if the reason given for the delay is really an important one.

Mayor Hanson said he understands the reason this is being expedited is to give one of our finest industries an opportunity to move because of the injection of a factor, and that is the Freeway, into their operation, and also

another principle reason is because it affects an existing industry that we are very desirous of retaining in this community, and until the matter is actually resolved and determined that this will actually solve their problem, he did not feel that it would be proper to proceed.

Mr. Rowlands said on page 2, Sec. 5, of the Planning Commission's recommendation it is outlined that the Planning Commission recommends that the "City Council adopt an Ordinance reclassifying the above described property to an 'M-1 Light Industrial District' classification with the understanding the owner and prospective buyer will, prior to the Council taking final action, consider signing a restrictive covenant binding said parties to development of the site in a manner providing Industrial Park Type Standards." He said in answer to what Mrs. Olson has mentioned, this entire Industrial Park Zoning District is being studied now by the Staff for presentation to the Planning Commission. It may take 2 or 3 months to get this ready for presentation and discussion. Therefore, this is more or less an interim situation designed to assist an industry if at all possible. Although if this does not materialize, perhaps some other industry can go into this area under similar conditions as spelled out in this recommendation.

Mayor Hanson explained we are moving faster than we would ordinarily because of the fact that we are faced with a peculiar situation. Therefore he could see no reason why this could not be set over for one week.

Mr. Steele said it would seem to him that the Planning Commission's recommendation, that the matter be contingent upon their getting together on this restrictive covenant, should be respected.

Mr. Bott said he believed Mr. Rowlands said it would take 2 or 3 months to compile the necessary requirements for this Industrial Park. "In the event they did consummate their deal and the Council did rezone it, then would they have an uncertain set of requirements they would have to adhere to?"

Mayor Hanson replied they would not as it would be co-extensive with the concept of the Industrial Park.

Mr. Rowlands said it is conceivable that this agreement could be consummated in a week or two.

Mrs. Price said she understood some reference has been made as to waiting for the State to act. She asked for clarification on this subject.

Mr. Rowlands said at this point the State is not only approaching Day's Firm but also other property which is to be acquired for the big interchange on Pacific Avenue. It is just a matter of getting together and agreeing as to the amount of money which they should receive for the condemnation or acquisition of their property.

Mr. Bott said he could not see that it is good zoning to zone an area just for two people to make a deal because he felt it would possibly give one person an unfair advantage over another. He thought it was poor zoning and bad planning to do this. He thought if it were good zoning for Day's it would be good zoning for Adams Peanuts or anyone else who would want to locate here. He added, for that reason, he thought the Council should observe the recommendation of the Planning Commission and rezone the area to an "M-1" as stated in the 4th paragraph of their recommendation, and then there is no restriction upon it other than just their Industrial Park requirements.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Bott has stated a sound rule but every rule must have its exception and this is an exceptional circumstance. However, he said, he thought the various aspects presented this evening indicate that a week's delay would not be detrimental to anyone.

Mr. Bott said he would like an opinion from the people involved.

Mr. Johnson, President of the Lincoln Land Co., explained that the proposed purchaser has reaffirmed their desire for that piece of ground. The reason they have not put up the money while negotiating with the State is that they do not want to tie up all their money in that piece of ground and let it sit there; so they are waiting until they finish negotiating with the State before they buy this property.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Johnson if he would have any objections to a week's delay.

Mr. Murtland said as he understands it, if the Council were to rezone this to an "M-1" District then of course the restrictions as to an Industrial Park would not apply. In other words, he added, that has to be entered into ahead of time.

Mr. Rowlands replied that was true.

Mr. Murtland said, so then the Council could by classifying it as an "M-1" District open it up to any kind of industry.

Mr. Rowlands said the point is the "M-1" zone would permit other types of uses and other types of restrictions other than what would be contemplated in the Industrial Park Zoning when it is completed. So in effect the "M-1" Zone with the addition of a restrictive covenant entered into by both parties would result generally in what would be considered later on as an Industrial Park Zone.

After further discussion, voice vote was taken on the motion to postpone the Ordinance for one week. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16775:

Vacating Portland Ave., in the vicinity of Sherman Street extended. (petition of Joe Pennington et al) Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16776:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as Sec. 13.06.120 (20) to include property located on the west side of So. L between So. 10th and So. 11th Street in a "C-1" Commercial District. (George Gagliardi, petition) Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16777:

Providing for the improvement of an oil mat on East G from East 91st to East 93rd; Bell from So. 74th to 76th; So. 76th from Bell to Pacific Ave. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessments for hearing:

L I D 2277 for grading on Pearl from 6th Ave. to So. 19th; Woodlawn from So. 11th to So. 13th; So. 17th to So. 19th.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, May 22, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 2277. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

L I D 3512 for sanitary sewers in Skyline Dr. from No. 18th to No. 24th Hawthorne Dr. from No. 18th to 24th; No. 18th from Hawthorne to Skyline and in the alley north of No. 18th from Skyline to Bridgeview Dr.

Mr. Easterday moved that Monday, May 8, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 3512. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Tacoma Municipal Court for the month of March 1961.

Mr. Price said she has noticed a lot of tile piled out in the north end, and asked if this was for the interceptors for the sewage as a number of people have asked her for what purpose this is to be used.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, said this is a portion of the separation program that is being financed through the sewer charge, separating the storm drainage from the sanitary drainage so that in the future we will be treating not storm waters, but sewage.

Mr. Rowlands announced that Mr. Ives, Assistant Regional Director, from San Francisco, will be in, in the morning and he would like to meet with the Council to discuss some phases of Urban Renewal. Instead of meeting at 9:00 A.M. his schedule makes it necessary to set the time at 11:00 A. M.

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Mayor Hanson announced that Friday at 4 P M in the Utility Board Room there will be preliminary presentation with reference to "Century 21." The Utility Board, The County, Port of Tacoma and Chamber of Commerce have been invited to attend as are the Council members.

Mayor Hanson said a week from Wednesday at 10:00 A. M. there will be a meeting of the Industrial Committee. The principal reason the meeting was not scheduled prior to this date was that he was waiting for the report from authorized areas, which was presented this afternoon. This will be available for discussion a week from Wednesday with reference to the Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot, he added.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to ask Mrs. Price to serve as representative to the Puget Sound Governmental Conference, the organization composed of the Counties of King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap and also Seattle, Tacoma, Bremerton and Everett. This Conference is studying regional planning with particular reference to the Transportation Study that has been authorized and financed by the Government with contributions by each governmental body.

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Mr. Murtland asked, "Is this meeting in Portland pertaining to development and power?"

Mayor Hanson said he read one article where the California Interie was the topic of discussion and he believed that would be the principle topic of this meeting referred to by Mr. Murtland. In fact this will probably be discussed by the Utility Board within the next month.

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Mr. Murtland added perhaps the Council will want to express something to the Park Board on this initiative in this Meadow Park Golf Course matter. I think it is a wonderful thing and hope that they are more successful than we were 3 years ago in acquiring the property. He, for one, as a citizen, a Council member and a non-golfer wish them all success. He thought the

citizens should give them their support, vocally if not otherwise.

Mayor Hanson said it was well this was brought up. The Park Board, particularly Ralph Williams, showed very admirable initiative in following this up since action was required in a very short time. After discussion and analysis in terms of methods of handling this matter, he was very happy to say that the Board of County Commissioners have shown their usual initiative and concern for the development of this area by participating in the financing of the golf course acquisition. Only those who do not fully understand the potential earnings of a golf course would object because invariably golf courses do not lose money, they make money. The financing plan will enable the earnings to pay off the cost of acquisition as well as taking care of the maintenance. This is a very fine thing and preserves for a community a 27 hole golf course which would perhaps otherwise been lost to another type of development.

A Communication was received by the Fire Chief, Harold Fisk, announcing that they will conduct a fire burning program of an apartment house on 1919 Fawcett Ave., for training purposes which will include, King, Thurston and Pierce County volunteer Fire Depts. on April 16, 1961 at 9:30 A. M.

Mr. Bott asked why this program could not be conducted on some other day rather than on a Sunday as he felt a good number of people observe Sunday as the Sabbath.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Rowlands if it would give rise to any complications if this were held on another day.

Mr. Rowlands explained, it was his understanding that Sunday was chosen because of the fact that complications did arise particularly from the volunteer departments coming in. He added, many of these men work on Saturday.

Mr. Bott said Saturday is the day that fewer people work than any other day with the exception of Sunday. He asked if it was felt that the number of people being benefited would override the objections of those taking exception to this. He said he felt this was serious in many peoples' mind and it should be given serious consideration.

Mayor Hanson asked if the present training program required additional personnel on Sunday, or is it a matter of making use of the time of the people who would have to be standing by.

Mr. Rowlands said the men would have to be on duty in any event. In this particular case there might be some that are called back for this particular program. Mr. Rowlands said he would be happy to make an entire report on this matter for the Council's information.

Mr. Murtland said along that same line, he would like to know if there is any extra expense because of overtime, etc. which is paid to the firemen because they are called back on Sunday for training.

Mr. Rowlands said he was certain there was no overtime, but he would include this in his report.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would like an MC on the income from the sewer rate and the method of how the money is being dispersed.

He said also, he drove by Court "A" between 21st and 22nd today, and noticed posted on each end signs "No through street." Some time ago, he added this alley was up for vacation and it was not granted. However, he said these signs posted are the next best thing to a vacation as far as he is concerned. If "here is traffic," then that means the alley should be opened for public use, he added. If there is no traffic, then why the signs for "no through traffic."

Mr. Rowlands said this was discussed about 3 or 4 months ago by the City Council, with the thought in mind of doing everything possible to assist an industry that is a very fine asset to the City. He added, they were having difficulties, there were rumors that they were interested in going elsewhere if something could not be worked out. This particular situation was carefully analysed and it was felt that the City would try to see if the posting of these signs, after careful study by the Traffic Engineer, might discourage unnecessary traffic from going back and forth. To his knowledge there have been no complaints received.

Mayor Hanson said first of all perhaps this is a matter that should be referred to the Industrial Promotion Committee and secondly it would appear that anyone with any business through the alley would not be stopped by such a sign. Perhaps it inconveniences those who would like to make a very hurried shortcut, but he was sure they could bear with that.

Mr. Cvitanich said the point is that the Council discussed this matter and finally decided by unanimous vote that the alley would be kept open.

Mayor Hanson asked if Mr. Cvitanich was construing this to be a vacation.

Mr. Cvitanich said it was the next best thing.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, if he would give an interpretation that a sign indicating that it was not a "through street" would be a closure of the street.

Mr. McCormick said he did not think that a "No through street" sign could be put up and be made binding. If a person desired to go through this alley he has that right.

Mr. Easterday said the sign would simply discourage the usage of the alley.

Mr. Rowlands said that was correct.

COMMENTS: Verbatim as requested:

Mr. Porter: I have a brief statement here that I would like to read and I hope that I may read it without any interruptions. Following reading, that I have another little excerpt to read and then I would like to ask four or five simple questions. I hope I can get short simple answers to them.

Statement: "News commentator Murray Morgan, in his broadcast on Wednesday, April 5, 1961, brought to light a facet of the Rowlands-Kerr dispute not discussed in the public City Council meeting on Tuesday night, April 4, 1961. Mr. Morgan stated that Police Chief Kerr was told by the Manager to rotate Lt. Hickey off the Morals Squad, quote "to take the wind out of the sails of" unquote, certain councilmen not in attendance at the meeting in the Mayor's office on Friday, March 31, 1961. To help defeat them when their terms of office expire in the Spring of 1962. This was intimated as being one reason for Kerr's indignation and subsequent resignation. Mr. Morgan further stated in the same broadcast that Mayor Hanson conceded that one reason given for the move was that it would disarm some critics. In a conversation between Mr. Morgan and myself following the broadcast Mr. Morgan further stated that he had spoken to Mayor Hanson after his regular broadcast on Wednesday. Mr. Morgan stated Mayor Hanson had called him to say among other things, I stress that, among other things, that he, Mayor Hanson disagreed, with Mr. Morgan's conclusions but that the facts were accurate. Mr. Morgan's statements were further substantiated in a telephone conversation between myself and Police Chief Kerr on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 5, 1961. And the lunch news of Wednesday, April 5, 1961 which was sponsored by the Pacific First Federal Savings and Loan Association states, quote "Chief Kerr said he was instructed to make the changes to disarm the opposition in the next City election." unquote, and in the week which has followed the original broadcast, no effort has been made by Mr. Rowlands, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Morgan or Mr. Kerr to deny or alter the above statements. Chief Kerr has been lauded by the press and other news media, by the Mayor and Manager and by many leading citizens for being the one principally responsible for cleaning up Tacoma and obtaining for us the All American City Award. Kerr had often stated "when Hickey goes, I go." Yet in a move which has been reported by some to be politically inspired, he has been forced to resign in order to protect his integrity or so it appears. As the Manager of the City of Tacoma, Mr. Rowlands, must be equally responsive to all members of the City Council. To use his position of authority in an attempt to collaborate with the Mayor or with the Mayor and several members of the Council to direct the composition or activities of the Police Dept. Morals Squad is far afield from Mr. Rowland's duties as an impartial administrator. This is true under any circumstances. If it is done as either the instigator or the tool of a politically inspired move, as some reporters have intimated, it is more than far afield, it smacks of disloyalty. I talked to Mr. Morgan as is stated here, following his broadcast and asked him to type out an excerpt from his broadcasts, relating to part of this broadcast and send it to me. I would like to read this at this time. It says, "Copy. The Mayor called in the Manager and Bott and Hanson and Rowlands talked over the Morals Squad. Pat Seele dropped in.

Steele has long made no secret of the fact he thinks the Morals Squad over-zealous. Finally the Manager sent for the Chief. About that time Hal Murtland came in. Exactly what was said during the meeting remains in dispute. It is certain that Chief Kerr was told by the Manager to rotate Hickey off the Morals Squad. The Chief says he was told that Hickey should be removed to take the wind out of the sails of Council man Porter and Easterday at the next election and Mayor Hanson concedes that one reason given for the move was that it would disarm some critics. Chief Kerr, a worrier and a fretter, with an old cop's reflex suspicions felt that what he was being told to do was to change policy. I get your message, he said, 'I'll remove Hickey and submit my resignation.' and he started for the door. I would like to ask Mr. Morgan if that is the statement that he typed as an excerpt from his broadcast of that day and left for me at K M O.

Mr. Morgan: Yes, that is the copy of the broadcast.

Mr. Porter: Thank you, Mr. Morgan, and is it true as I stated here that you told me in a phone call that you had the conversation with the Mayor on the telephone and that he had stated that while he disagreed with your conclusions, your statements were factual.

Mr. Morgan: Yes, that is approximately -ah-ah what the Mayor said. I think I should point out in fairness that this specific point was not mentioned ah, ah-in that conversation.

Mayor Hanson: -That, that-I would agree with that, with the -exception of reference to Gerry Bott being the cause of all this problem. That is a fact--matter that is not true.

Mr. Easterday: In other words Mr. Mayor, you told him that you wanted to take the sails out of your old running mates that were sponsored by the same people you were sponsored by.

Mayor Hanson: -I, I indicated, Mr. Easterday, that along with a number of reasons, of course the principle ones being correct, being an effort to correct the situation that should be corrected, that an additional matter is to eliminate areas where trouble makers have any justified grounds to cause trouble, and if you wish to -con- join what I consider to be the troublemakers, well then you're one of them.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Easterday: No, but did you mention my name.

Mr. Murtland: That was Mr. Morgan's conclusion.

Mr. Easterday: That was Mr. Morgan's conclusion.

Mr. Porter: I haven't quite finished.

Mayor Hanson: And I might say if Mr. Porter wishes to join the troublemakers, then he is also included.

Mr. Porter: Thank you Mr. Mayor, I prefer to remain a member of the entire Council and not the-that-group you evidently are (unintelligible words) to call the troublemakers.

Mayor Hanson: I am glad to hear that.

Mr. Porter: I would like to ask one more question. I would like to ask both yourself and Mr. Rowlands, if on the day of that meeting of Friday, March 31st, someone made the statement, quote, "We want to get together and reorganize the Vice Squad and take the wind out of the sails of these characters and elect some good men in their place in the next election." And if your answer is 'yes' I would like to know if you can tell me who made it.

- Mayor Hanson: I said it.
- Mr. Porter: Thank you.
- Mayor Hanson: In short, I make no bones about the fact that anyone who would sell the City down the river on this Tidewater matter did not deserve to be in public office in the City of Tacoma, and I will either go down in defeat myself or see that those people are defeated.
- Mr. Porter: I am glad to hear you say that. In that case, if you really feel that way, why don't you resign.
- Mr. Cvitanich: I suggest that you do too.
- Mr. Easterday: I do too.
- Mayor Hanson: Resign? I prefer to stay and fight.
- Mr. Easterday: We'll see about that later.
- Mr. Bott: Mr. Mayor.
- Mr. Cvitanich: Let's keep peace anyway. Let's try and keep harmony "cuz" after all we are up here
- Mayor Hanson: You mean the cold war instead of the hot war.
- Mr. Cvitanich: We are trying to work as a group for the interest of the City.
- Mr. Steele: Peaceful coexistence.
- Mayor Hanson: Well said, Mr. Cvitanich.
- Mr. Porter: I would like to ask that all of this matter, from the time I got the floor a few minutes ago, be made a matter of record, verbatim, in the minutes of the meeting.
- Mayor Hanson: I'd appreciate that for my own protection, Mr. Porter.
- Mr. Porter: Thank you.
- Mr. Steele: I would like the opportunity to check with Mr. Morgan's recording too after we check the tape.
- Mr. Porter: I also have a tape of the broadcast if you would like to come up to my house and hear it.
- Mayor Hanson: Is there any further discussion.
- Mr. Bott: Yes, Mr. Mayor, I am very sad and sorry to see this come up particularly in this way and see the tempers flare like this. But there is one thing that I would like to note now in Mr. Porter's statement.
- Mayor Hanson: I will correct that, it was not a temper, it was a statement of a fact as far as I am concerned.
- Mr. Bott: Where Mr. Porter said that you told (Murray) Mr. Murray Morgan that his program was factual. Well now, did you mean that everything he said was just as it was said, did you mean that it was factual, part of the things that he said but not complete because
- Mayor Hanson: No, in a comment on his program, I said that I don't agree with your conclusions, which were reached, I felt, by a very circuitous reasoning. Oh, however, I was in general agreement with his fact reporting, in fact, as a comment on a reporting job of a very complicated matter, I thought it was a very good presentation of the facts. I did disagree with his, of course this is a conclusion too, when he said that Mr. Bott who innocently came in and started discussing the matter was the cause of the whole furor, I feel that that was not true.

Mr. Easterday: In other words, Mr. Mayor, that within the last two years you have really right about faced. You admit you associated with evil people and evil causes and one thing and another and you set out with other people to do certain things---you've seen the light now.

Mayor Hanson: On the contrary, Mr. Easterday, I have become extremely disappointed in the apparent lack of concern by the members of the City Council who apparently are defending themselves at this point, ah-and I have determined, an error in judgment is one thing, but a deliberate effort to sell out the whole community by taking the very guts out of our industrial potential, the industrial potential upon which we're depending, you will determine what we discussed?

Mr. Cvitanich: You do.

Mayor Hanson: The very industrial potential upon which, whereby which we build, we have embarked upon the Cowlitz Project, we have invested millions of dollars in a water system that is only needed if we have industrial expansion, as well as a great deal of other expense, and to take a thousand acres out of the guts of that very hope of the City, I feel that that is more than just a difference of opinion or a peccadillo. It indicates to my mind these people should not be permitted to serve in an official capacity and as far as I am concerned it will be a battle to the death. Either they will go down or I will.

Mrs. Olson: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Bott: Mr. Mayor I would still like to finish asking that question I was trying to do.

Mayor Hanson: Mr. Bott.

Mr. Bott: Now, in this article.....

Mr. Easterday: Mayor, may I ask you if Mr. Rowlands assisted....
(Mayor rapped Mr. Easterday out of order)

Mayor Hanson: Mr. Bott.

Mr. Bott: Ah, wherein it was quoted that it was said that this was done to disarm, I believe you stated, Mr. Porter, Porter and Easterday, now I would say that that was not said. Do you remember saying specifically that? In quoting it you said certain interests.

Mayor Hanson: I am quite sure it wasn't (interrupted, word unintelligible) However, it is quite apparent that any thought I had in that direction.....

Mr. Porter: Point of order, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Hanson: It's part of my feelingt.

Mr. Bott: No, but this is supposed to be a quote and I don't-- I think that Mr. Porter was just reading a quote from Murray Morgan's broadcast, weren't you?

Mr. Porter: Point of order, Mr. Mayor. The part that Mr. Bott refers to was my reading a transcript which Mr. Morgan made for me, of this broadcast and also which I have a tape of.

Mr. Bott: That, that-yes, but that is what you read, I say.

Mr. Porter: That is correct-that he said on his broadcast.

Mr. Bott: I too marvel at the fact that Mr. Morgan can get all the facts that he does in his broadcast, I don't see how he does it, but then I still have no recollection of that being said and I don't think that you admit having said specifically Mr. Porter and Mr. Easterday, did you?

Mayor Hanson: I don't believe, in fact I am quite sure, that I didn't say it at the meeting. I have said it on occasions, ahah, and I am saying it now, but I don't think I said it then.

Mr. Bott: No, I don't either and I was there during the whole time. So that is the point that I want to make specifically, if some people are taking exception that they meant then, I don't see how they can do it because they weren't specifically stated in that manner and I want to make it clear to all fairness to everybody.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor, I would like to point out for the benefit of everyone that there were five members of the Council who were not present at that meeting nor at the one on Tuesday. The five members who were not present were Mrs. Price, Mrs. Olson, Mr. Cvitanich, Mr. Easterday and myself.

Mayor Hanson: I think that is evident.

Mr. Porter: There was a minority of the Council there.

Mayor Hanson: Made no decision.

Mr. Porter: And it seems rather strange to me that you as a public official sworn to uphold the law will say that it is a peccadillo to collaborate with the Administrator of the City in reference to the police policy of the City and its employees for political reasons, for political gain for yourself. I suggest that you study the law a little more carefully.

Mayor Hanson: Thank you Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter: I would also like to mention that last week when you were defending yourself, perhaps, or at least talking about the two meetings of the minority group of the Council, you mentioned that the second one on Tuesday you had called the members and invited them in. The other three members, you mentioned.....

Mayor Hanson: You are incorrect there. I received a call.....

Mr. Porter: Pardon me, may I finish Mr. Mayor-and then you may correct me if you wish. I believe I have the floor, I would like to finish my statement.

Mayor Hanson: I also have a reason to correct you, but proceed--

Mr. Porter: You made the statement that you had called the other members and later on in the meeting Mr. Steele made the statement that he dropped into that meeting.

Mr. Steele: That is correct, right through the roof.

Mayor Hanson: Correct, I received a call from Mr. Bott, and Mr. Bott and Mr. Murtland were concerned about whether or not there was any reason to misinterpret the conversation that was held in the meeting on Friday and Mr. Steele came in as it was just a matter of the question of whether or not anyone could have misinterpreted what was said and there -and- was absolutely no room for misinterpretation, we concluded. We would have

invited you Mr. Porter but you were not at the previous meeting of the people involved. I might also say that there was no conclusion reached as far as legislative conclusion. It was a discussion that was along the lines of that has been indicated by many members of the Council and it was a discussion and Mr. Rowlands came to the conclusion, as it was his right, that the same policy should be followed here as in other cities, that is, rotation of the members of the vice squad.

Mr. Cvitanich: Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Hanson: Mr. Cvitanich;

Mr. Cvitanich: Yes, if I may in departing somewhat from the usual decorum of the legislative group here. Number one. We are elected as a group. We may have differences of opinions and feeling towards one another or against one another. Many times I have defended you. Many times Mr. Bott has defended me. I on occasions have defended others. I certainly don't think that it behooves anybody to take a particular issue, if this is your intent, for a chance to go ahead and campaign and to go around speaking freely and criticising other members of the Council, because after all, all of us here were elected by the people of the City of Tacoma, Mr. Hanson. You can laugh smugly, and in almost the year that I have been on this Council and I am going to say this tonight, and I certainly hope the Council will bear with me, very shortly for a brief period of time. For the period of almost a year I've been on this Council I have seen, not what Dr. Humiston has said and Clara Goering has said, we are perpetuating it and carrying it a step farther. Mr. Rowlands, this is directed at you. Mr. Hanson, you have set yourself up as a tin god on the City Council and that is just the way I feel.

Mr. Easterday: Mr. Hanson, may I ask you a question. Did you not meet with 3 other, 4 other Council people to correct that which you at that time were most vehemently condemning. Yes, we ask this, if prior to this Council meeting you, at your instigation, did go to the Olympus Hotel last year prior to this Council meeting of 7:00 o'clock, and did you not plan a one man back stab on us to do a specific thing.

Mayor Hanson: And what was that specific thing ah, would you clarify it. What was that specific thing, Mr. Easterday?

Mr. Easterday: We were going to change the Manager.

Mayor Hanson: Okay, yes I, certainly-after certainly, shortly after taking office I discussed that.

Mr. Easterday: Not before you took office, but during the campaign.

Mayor Hanson: I certainly did. -Ah-I have come to the conclusion that not only was I wrong but-ah- many others were wrong. I do not apologize for coming in without full knowledge of the abilities of Mr. Rowlands and the dedication of Mr. Rowlands. Further, I do not apologize for changing an erroneous opinion.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor, I would to emphasize one point again. There is nothing wrong in one member or many members of the Council, elected officials, trying to become re-elected themselves or elect somebody else or defeat somebody else. The point that I'm making is that it is wrong for members of the Council and the Manager to try or succeed in influencing the

police policy of the City in an effort to influence the election or defeat or elect people.

Mayor Hanson: Mr. Porter, I remind you that this is a topic that you brought up and if you feel that I am I invite you to present it to the public , ahhhh, anytime you wish.

Mr. Murtland: Mr. Mayor:

Mayor Hanson: Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Murtland: I might as well get into the act too. -ah- However, I direct my, I don't know why, I agree with you Mr. Steele, to that Friday afternoon which supposedly has been made so much of, that as far as the political implication, I want to assure Mr. Porter, not because of opinions or otherwise, but of the fact that there was no political implication in any manner of the discussion that came to my attention. I mean I am talking about the members of the Council. Now, there was political implication and I believe that this is what Mr. Bott was referring to when he was speaking to the Mayor a minute ago, about the fact that there might be some way in which this would be of aid at another time so that there would not be this irritation which supposedly is caused in some fields, but there was no mention of Council election, there was no mention of personalities and there was nothing of that at all and frankly, I would not have been a party to it and I would not have, what I mean, I would have objected to it if had it been mentioned, and it was not mentioned. So as far as what I think , ah, Mr. Morgan might have picked up was that I do believe that Mr. Morgan spoke with Mr. Hanson, as I recall because I happened to be going into the Mayor's office at that time prior to the Tuesday night meeting and I think Mr. Angeloff was present; is that correct, and I was there for probably about 2 or 3 minutes and then I excused myself, but during that time there was some mention made by Mr. Morgan in the questioning and there was some statement made by Mr. Hanson similar to what he said tonight. But there was nothing about winds and sails or boats or anything as far as the Friday afternoon meeting was concerned. But, ah, I think that Maybe Mr. Hanson might have been mistaken in when he had made the statement because Mr. Bott doesn't recall it and I know it wasn't made, but I did hear it made in that 2 or 3 minutes and Mr. Morgan has said that I was in there for about that time when Mr. Angeloff and he were questioning Mr. Hanson prior to the meeting. Now, this is not a factual defense you might say, except for the fact that it did not occur in the meeting which I was present and that is just about it.

Mrs. Olson: Mr. Chairman, how long did that meeting last.

Mayor Hanson: I don't believe we kept any time on it. Anyone know?

Mr. Murtland: I can tell you, about 15 minutes. I had been in Judge Cochran's office at 4 o'clock up to 4:15. . . I would say, about 20 minutes, not more than 20 minutes all together.

Mayor Hanson: It almost ended in about 3 minutes or less than that.

Mrs. Olson: Well, Mr. Bott, did you have that impression?

Mr. Bott: Do you mean the Friday afternoon meeting.

Mr. Murtland: Yes.

Mr. Bott: No, it lasted longer than that to my recollection, let me see.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor, I have heard statements from two people who were present that it lasted quite a long time longer than that. A very long time longer than that.

Mr. Bott: Yes, it seems like it was after 5 o'clock when it adjourned, wasn't it.

Mr. Murtland: I was back in the office around 5.

Mayor Hanson: But if, if, -I would say put whatever time on it that you would like to place on it because I don't see any great significance in the length of time, the length of the meeting. If you choose to contribute some significance to it, I would say go ahead, unless we can determine how long it was. Anybody keep a stop watch on it.

Mrs. Olson: Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Bott: In my mind, I told somebody that it lasted two and a half hours, I think, so I am trying to get back now and figure it out.

Mr. Murtland: It did not start until 4:15.

Mrs. Olson: Mr. Mayor, I would only say that this is a very serious matter and for you or any of us to superimpose our judgements on someone else is presuming quite a good deal and everyone is so positive as to what was said or what was not said and yet we have a difference in opinion as to the length of the meeting, that it varies from 3 minutes to 2 1/2 hours.

Mayor Hanson: It was over 3 minutes.

Mr. Murtland: 2 1/2 hours is ridiculous.

Mrs. Olson: Well, somebody just said 3 minutes.

Mayor Hanson: I said it almost ended in about 3 minutes.

Mrs. Olson: Well, all right, that is what you said. And Mr. Bott said approximately 2 1/2 hours, and I think that leaves a lot of room for us to perhaps pursue this line of thought.

Member from audience: Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Bott: Please, Mrs. Botts.

Mr. Cvitanich: Mr. Mayor

Mrs. Botts: Mr. Mayor, I have

Mayor Hanson: You are out of order, Mrs. Botts.

Mrs. Botts: And I told you all

Mayor Hanson: The audience will be called upon later. Mrs. Olson has the floor.

Mrs. Botts: (speaking from audience - words unintelligible.)

Mrs. Olson: Thank you, I think I have made my point.

Mrs. Botts: I'm sorry I have come to this meeting. ---

Mayor Hanson: Perhaps we should appoint a committee to investigate the length of the meeting.

Mr. Rowlands: Mr. Mayor

Mayor Hanson: Mr. Rowlands:

Mr. Rowlands: If there is no objection I would like to say a few things. Number 1, as far as the length of the meeting is concerned, I think to my recollection it was probably about 35 to 40 minutes altogether, as I recall. I would like to set the record straight; Mr. Porter, since you have

raised the question, this was in no wise involved in political reprisals or anything of that nature, because I think I can call on the Mayor and perhaps other Council members to bring this up, since last July its -we- have had some information passed back that there had been some rumblings about certain activities of the squad and the way that these certain activities were handled. -ah- We had planned to have a meeting of the entire Council. I talked to former Chief Kerr about this on at least two different occasions. We set up the meeting tentatively to go over some of these things, and he had some death in his family and had to be away for 10 days or so. We tried to set something else up again and I had a death in my own family so I was away, and this situation developed without being planned; I want to make that clear, on this Friday afternoon. When the matter got to such a point that I thought insubordination was involved, I felt it was my responsibility, as the City Manager, to handle the matter like I would with any other Department Director without getting the Council members involved in something which was highly controversial. I think I can say this too very truthfully, that the other, all members of the Council from time to time have dropped in to talk about some matter. I know they have dropped in on even some of the department directors for purposes of inquiry. It is nothing unusual--it is done quite frequently. And if a matter comes up where I call in a Department Director, if we have one or two Council members there, call him in and discuss it, whether it is a planning matter or a zoning matter or something connected with the street; so this was not unusual when this matter occurred. It was an administrative matter and it was based on the feeling that the squad should be changed in the interest of not only the men that were on the squad because it is not the best assignment in the world, it was also a change for purposes of rotation. After the discussion in there, I told the Chief, I explained this all last week, that it wasn't a matter of doing this now, it was a matter of a month, six weeks, just at your leisure. So I want to make that very clear; it wasn't a matter of political reprisal or political participation; it was a matter of trying to correct a situation which has been corrected in other departments where we have kick-backs from the administrative or certain type of program. That's all that is involved in this whole thing, so whatever is read into it or whatever conclusions are reached, of course, is something that the Council will have to deduce themselves.

Mayor Hanson: The big question that is raised in my mind, is why is this embarrassing to Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter: This isn't embarrassing to me, Mr. Mayor. When I read that quote and you said, that yes, you said it, asking if either you or Mr. Rowlands had heard that said that day and who said it, you said that you said it. Who else was present when you said it.

Mayor Hanson: When I said, what?

Mr. Porter: Well, perhaps we will have to have the minutes taken off the tape,

Mayor Hanson: When I said. I said, he said that, now what was it?

Mr. Porter: When I read my statement.

Mayor Hanson: You mean who was present when I said that as far as I was concerned that the 4 members who voted to sell out the City were going to have to go and I was going to make it my personal objective to either get rid of them at the next election if they choose to run.

Mr. Porter: That wasn't the question I asked you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Hanson: I say it now. I've said it now and said it previously.

Mr. Porter: In other words you are not going to tell me who was present when you made this statement that you admitted making.

Mayor Hanson: You mean the one-that I-the general tenure of the one I just made?

Mr. Porter: A while ago I asked if either you or Mr. Rowlands had heard on the day of Friday, March 31st, someone make the statement, quote, "We want to get together and reorganize the Vice Squad and take the wind out of the sails of these characters and elect some good men in their place in the next election." unquote.

Mayor Hanson: Oh, are you one of the characters?

Mr. Porter: When I asked that question, you said yes, that you had said it. I would like to know who was present, who you said it to?

Mayor Hanson: Oh, yes, I have said it in a number of different ways and I am sure that I included characters at a time when I wanted to perhaps show a little restraint.

Mr. Porter: In other words, you are not going to answer my question.

Mayor Hanson: Well, I'll say yes, that I've said it to a number of people.

Mr. Porter: You answered that question.

Mayor Hanson: Apparently I did not say it at the time Mr. Kerr was present and Mr. Bott -- (unintelligible word) -being discussed.

Mr. Bott: I have no recollection of you having said it. Mr. Mayor, this grieves me, I agree with my namesake down there, Mrs. Botts. I think that this is just airing a lot of garbage and I don't see any reason on earth why we should stir it up because it all came out of an innocent meeting like we've told you, we've explained it all, and you can explain it, and other people can explain what they think that you were thinking, when you were thinking, which you weren't thinking and it gives them good fodder for writing and talking and it grieves me to hear you stirring it up and I don't know why on earth it was brought up. I don't see the point.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor, I would like to answer Mr. Bott. Certainly this is not a nice thing to have to talk about. However, I did not bring this matter up.

Mr. Bott: No, but you asked me that Friday

Mr. Porter: Just a moment, please.

Mr. Bott: And I told you that that didn't happen.

Mr. Porter: Just a moment please, I believe I have the floor.

This matter was reported on the radio and in print, and it involves, I feel, my character and reputation, unrightfully so. (Everyone talking at once-unintelligible) Mr. Porter continues: Not having been present at either of those meetings, I want to find out whether the story as reported in the radio and in the press and the statements which the Mayor admitted to making are true or whether the statement that you are making, Mr. Bott is true; that none of this took place and that we shouldn't talk about it here because it is already been brought out into the public on radio and press, not by any action on mine nor not by any of my doing and I want it straightened out.

Mayor Hanson: It should not reflect on your character Mr. Porter, if you are right. And you should not be concerned with my opinion if you are right.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor, I would like

Mayor Hanson: I believe I have the floor now, Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter: Yes you have.

Mayor Hanson: -Ah-I have indicated that-ah, ah-this gave additional impetus to something that I had determined that should be done long, long ago because I was aware of the fact that-ah-certain trouble makers were relying on this source of irritation, this-this-actual area that should have been given attention long ago, and-ah-I felt that it should be eliminated-ah, ah-as I think any problem that faces the City should be eliminated just as soon as possible. And, I think there is, ah, ah-the principle of government is that if one in office fails to move decisively in the elimination of problems, he will be replaced. My objective is to do the best job that I know how, ah-and of course when it becomes apparent to me that there are those who are relying on an area, I give-I give-additional attention to that even though there are a great number of other problems that we still face and-ah-none of us are feeling real self-satisfied that the job has been completed, so this is only one area. Mr. Easterday:

Mr. Easterday: -Ah,-since taking office, I have circulated among former Chief, Police Chiefs, Police Officers, good church people, fine people, and without exception-every- I have heard it voiced that Chief Kerr was one of the finest characters that ever served the City of Tacoma in that, in the capacity as Police Chief. And then, but I call to their attention the matter of insubordination-ah-maybe he was thin-skinned in not taking it, in not, in jeopardizing his retirement and in jeopardizing his employment. Ah-I don't believe that I convinced anyone, I don't believe that I convinced anyone-ah-of the matter, but I do believe, I sincerely do believe-ah- had this matter been handled a little more-ah-as man to man, with the full confidence between the Manager and the Police Chief, not in the presence of a selected group of Council people, a certain group, I won't say selected, a certain group of Council people, that Chief Kerr would probably still be our Police Chief. -ah-I've had that expressed to me many times that what a wonderful character he was and what a fine job he did as the Chief of Police.

Mayor Hanson: I know you have long been one of his strongest supporters, Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Cvitanich: Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Hanson: Mr. Cvitanich:

Mr. Cvitanich: Yes, the part of the problem arises (1) if everyone would approach the problem and cover it as adequately as the South Tacoma Star and the Labor Advocate, I am sure that we wouldn't find ourselves in this plight, as disgusting a position as we are. Secondly, -ah-you have made references to selling out the City. You know, I know what you're directing your remarks to. However, I would like to say this - I would like you to bear this in mind very very much. We can go back in the past year and we can check the votes and how some people have voted and I am sure that when we add the total it will

be many many times what this cost of this building would be and perhaps I do not agree with you, many times I think you sell out the City and you may think I'm doing the same thing, but for you to sit at a public meeting and make accusations at Council people, I think you are completely wrong, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Hanson: Well, won't it be fun for my opponents.

Mr. Cvitanich: It surely will, I don't know who's running against you.

Mr. Price: Mr. Mayor, may I say something. I would just like to say that I think this thing has been aired enough. I believe we were all elected to do a job and I don't see how we can do a job if we can't have some kind of agreement. We may not always agree with each other, but I do feel that when we come out before in this Council Chamber, we should forget personalities and remember the job we were elected to do and let's do it. Now, let's forget personalities, we may not agree with each other and for goodness sakes slug it out in the back, but when you are out here forget personalities and let's do the job and if we can't have respect for each other, then I don't know how we can expect people to have respect for us.

Mr. Bott: Mr. Mayor, again somebody has been reading over my shoulder, but-but-really I hope that-that-everybody's got it off their chest now and that we haven't opened any scars that are going to fester and won't heal, and I believe that if we could all observe the policy that you-you-can violently disagree with somebody but have people realize that we don't dislike them; I think its-its-a wonderful ability to be able to do that and that is what I hope to do and I hope the rest of you feel the same way and-and-I agree with Mrs. Price.

Mayor Hanson: Well I meant what I said. I would-would-have been very happy to have discussed this matter with Mr. Porter in private or any other member who felt aggrieved in private session.- -However, this was the arena which was chosen and I said what I said and I meant it.

Mrs. Olson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make one statement I think there are too many things going on in private sessions and I think if we have problems to air that we are all better off and the public is better off when we do air them in front of the people. -ah-it seems that too many times-ah-things are decided in star-chamber sessions or back rooms which are later only confirmed at this Council table and I don't think there is anyone at this table that can take particular issue with that. I'm in favor of holding all our meetings in public.

Mayor Hanson: Fine, I would-

Mrs. Olson: Well, I certainly--

Mayor Hanson: Be in agreement with that, under the circumstances, I would not. ---I feel that it would be much preferable to have everything in open meeting.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor, I would like to say also that if that meeting on Friday, the 31st of March, and the meeting on the following Tuesday had been held in public then we would know what was said and why, and we wouldn't have this conflict of statements and opinions of statements and of the effect of them.

Mayor Hanson: These have been supported by everyone present aside from one person who has not seen fit to even appear before the group, so if you choose to feel that there is some dispute in terms of the facts, you will just have to continue to feel that way. Are there any other comments from the members of the Council. I believe there was a lady here, Mrs. Botts, that wished to have the floor.

End of Verbatim.

Mrs. Mary Botts residing at 2708 S. Yakima Ave. explained that she has been a frequent visitor at the Council meetings and particularly comes to Council for matters that are on the agenda, and to hear what the Council is doing for the benefit of Tacoma. She said she felt that the Council members have acted like a 'bunch of little children' in their discussion this evening. She felt that the people of Tacoma deserves a better representation, and if personalities are to be discussed they should be discussed in private sessions.

Mr. Harold Tollefson said he would like again to bring up the matter of the Hokold rezoning in the vicinity of So. 72nd and So. 84th Street. He explained that Monday, April 17th, the Planning Commission is going to discuss the possibility of rezoning, for a neighborhood shopping center, an area at 64th and Yakima Ave.

He said he knows the Council is very concerned about over-all planning development. Mr. Hokold and his wife are very sincere in their hope to get this area rezoned and to develop a neighborhood shopping center right off the Freeway. The Council voted 5 to 4 against his rezoning although the Planning Commission were unanimous in their recommendation. He said he thinks the City Council would like to consider the possibility of zoning that area at the same time as they consider the possibility of rezoning 64th and Yakima Ave. because it is in the same area and is an overall planning.

Mr. Tollefson added he and his client can petition the Planning Commission and proceed through the entire process again. The City Planning Commission can of its own motion move to introduce this same program again but may hesitate to do so since this rezoning has been turned down previously by the City Council. He said his appeal is directed to the Council members, asking them to refer this Hokold rezoning matter back again to the Planning Commission so that it can be considered at the meeting to be held Monday April 17th. He added that this does not mean that when the ultimate decision is made that the Council members will vote in favor of it, you might still be of the same opinion. However, he said, he knew that some of those opposed to this had said that if they were sure it would not be a burden on the Freeway that they would reconsider.

He hoped that the Council would move to have the Oscar Hokold Petition for the rezoning of property between 72nd and 84th-referred to the Planning Commission for further study so that the Council can in turn, when it is presented to them again, receive it with the thought of what is the best development for this particular area.

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Mrs. Price said as she recalls when the Council voted on this they were willing that the petitioner should have the personalized service there but the Council was opposed to the shopping center.

Mr. Tollefson said, Mr. Hokold had, as the Council will recall, put this in a whole package proposition. When the Council voted against the shopping center rezoning, he asked that the entire matter be withdrawn.

Mrs. Price asked if Mr. Hokold was still of the opinion that he is not satisfied just to have a personalized service, that he also wants it all in one package.

Mr. Tollefson said the question is which is the best development for the area, taking into consideration the 64th and Yakima area and he thought the Council should look into the entire matter again.

Mayor Hanson said the question then is whether the Council should ask the Planning Commission to take another look at it in light of this application that is pending, so that the two can be compared.

Mr. Murtland moved that Mr. Oscar Hokold's petition for the rezoning of the area between South 72nd and 84th on the frontage road along the Freeway be re-initiated and referred to the City Planning Commission for further study. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mrs. Olson said she thought it would be well if it could be included in some kind of a broad neighborhood study out there so the Council could make some comparison.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk