

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, March 3, 1964

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 0.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1964 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the vacation of a portion of Ea. 74th St. ^{14'} between Ea. "D" and Ea. "F" Sts. excepting right-of-way for north-south alleys for East "E" St.; submitted by George G. Tibbits.

Mayor Tollefson asked if there was anyone present to speak on this matter.

Mr. Tibbits, petitioner, stated the reason the Planning Commission turned down his request was due to a future freeway that is proposed for the immediate area, and also a proposed water main.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Tibbits how much property he owned in the area.

Mr. Tibbits stated they control all of Block 2 and Block 15 and a Block between Ea. 74th and Ea. 75th Sts. He added, they have built up two building sites on 74th St.

Mr. Murtland asked what Mr. Tibbits intends to build on the remaining land.

Mr. Tibbits stated he planned to build an apartment.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, if it would be possible to hold this vacation in abeyance until such time as the pattern for the Highway is determined.

Mr. Buehler explained that the Planning and Utilities staff had discussed this matter with Mr. Tibbits at length and had asked that he withdraw his petition and the Planning Commission would also recommend that the \$100 filing fee be returned to him, but Mr. Tibbits decided to continue with the hearing. He added, in the event it became necessary to vacate the property, it should be vacated by the City rather than holding this petition in abeyance as Mr. Bott suggested.

Mr. Murtland stated that the Planning Commission emphasized in their report to the Council that the Freeway and water mains were the obstacles against the vacation.

Mr. Tibbits said, this was mentioned but he understood there would be a possibility of a possible vacation. He felt it was good timing as the street has never been opened.

Mr. Bott thought it was better to deny the petition now rather than after a dwelling is built and has to be torn down.

Mr. Bott then moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication submitted by the Civil Service Board requesting the adoption of a proposed amendment to Section 1. 24. 976 of the Civil Service & Personnel Rules. 181

Mayor Tollefson stated this involves the Railroad Yardmaster classification.

Mr. Haley moved to adopt a proposed amendment to Section 1. 24. 976 of the Civil Service & Personnel Rules. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17775 (postponed from the meeting of February 25, 1964)

Resolving that no new Urban Renewal Project of an area be zoned without the written approval first being obtained by the majority of all property owners within any such project area.

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

Mayor Tollefson asked if any Councilman wished to make a comment. Mr. Bott stated he would like to hear from the audience.

Mr. Ray Grummel 808 E. Wright, said the McKinley Hill residents do not want Urban Renewal as was stated before, the people believe that when the Government contributes 66% of the cost, they take over and the people have nothing to say.

Mrs. Price stated, before an area can be declared for Urban Renewal a public hearing must be held; people have the protection of the law in any area.

Mayor Tollefson explained that the Federal Government in the State of Washington has no control over Urban Renewal only to the extent that if it is not an acceptable plan and that a publicized public hearing is not held, then the plan will not be approved. He added, that the Council has no plan for McKinley Hill or for any other part of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Grummel asked what is the procedure in the event the Council did decide to include McKinley Hill under Urban Renewal.

Mayor Tollefson explained:

Step I--The area would have to be declared an Urban Renewal Project.

Step II-Notices would have to be published for a public hearing. At the time of the hearing a decision has to be made as to whether or not the

area was such that redevelopment could take place under the law.

Step III-The Council then makes their determination.

Mr. Bott stated the point of issue today is whether or not the Council should pass this Resolution. This particularly affects the people of McKinley Hill. They have been given information which is not correct. By passing this Resolution it would give them assurance that the Council has no intention of declaring Urban Renewal in a residential area until the majority of people have signified their intention.

Mr. Bott moved the adoption of this Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Roll call was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 4: Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland and Mayor Tollefson.

Nays 4: Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann and Price.

The Resolution was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that after the election a debate be held on Urban Renewal.

Mr. Haley said he thought a Resolution should be drafted for next week indicating that there is no plan for Urban Renewal on McKinley Hill.

Mayor Tollefson asked Marshall McCormick, City Attorney, if this was legal.

Mr. McCormick advised it was legal, however, it could also be accomplished by a motion.

Mr. Haley then moved that the City Council assure the residents of McKinley Hill that there is no plan for Urban Renewal. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. 168

Resolution No. 17792

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase property on the north line of Steilacoom Blvd and Hopkins Road produced for substation purposes.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17793

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for employees of the Belt Line Div. providing for the payment of the sum of \$23.00 per month from Jan. 1, 1964 for premiums for a medical service plan.

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

Murtland.

Mr. C. Erdahl, Director of Public Utilities, stated this Resolution affirms the agreement with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for employees of the Belt Line in the sum of \$23.00 per month for each employee for premiums for a medical service plan.

Mr. Burk, Supt. of the Belt Line Div., stated a life insurance premium is also involved. This would actually amount to a wage increase, he added.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17794

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to enter into an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union #483, concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor of the Light Division electrical workers, commencing April 1, 1964.

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

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Erdahl if there has been any discussion in regard to the Electrical Workers Union meeting at the same time as most of the other unions meet in the fall, when the budget is adopted for the next year.

Mr. Erdahl explained he has had no success with this approach.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17795

Adopting the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program from 1964 through 1969.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17796

Adopting the Standard Specifications for Municipal Public Works Construction prepared by the Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Ass'n. dated, 1963, and rescinding the General Specifications for Street & Sewer Construction of the City.

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

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Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, stated these specifications have been worked out on a State wide basis, including Municipal specifications.

**The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.**

Resolution No. 17797

Fixing Monday April 13, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4734 for paving on Vassault from No. 42nd to No. 48th Streets.

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

**The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.**

Resolution No. 17798

Fixing Tuesday, March 31, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for ²⁰⁰ hearing on the vacation of Whitman Street between Westgate Blvd. and a point approximately 560 feet north. (petition of Skyline Presbyterian Church)

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

**The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.**

Resolution No. 17799

Fixing Tuesday March 31, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of So. 43rd St. between the west line of Ferry and a point ²⁰⁰ 100 feet west. (petition of Southcenter Corporation)

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

**The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.**

Mr. Cvitanich left temporarily at this time.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17548

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new ¹⁶⁴ section 13.06.065-34 to include property north and west of the intersection of So. 29th & Proctor Sts. in an "R-4-L" District. (Planning Commission)

Mr. Rowlands explained that a letter from the State Highway Commission had been received, stating that the proposed alignment of PSH #14 Bantz Freeway, and the north 65 feet approximately of the rezone will lie within the freeway right of way. It was pointed out that the present corridor for this highway is still in the preliminary stages and they as public officials endeavor to keep those corridors open. They, therefore, request that the rezone be denied for the north 65 feet on the basis that the classification could cause an increase in the land value and use, such future land costs for the highway will be higher.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, pointed out on the map the location of the rezone. He added, the Planning Commission initiated this rezone and established a compromise boundary line for the developer. The Commission noted that the property desired by the State Highway Dept. consisted of the majority of the developer's buildable land. However, the developers agreed that they could construct apartments in lieu of the duplexes and would attempt to build on that portion of their property not needed for freeway purposes.

Mr. Corey, the developer, stated he agreed with the compromise, but with the present plan, he has lost the view for his proposed duplexes.

After some discussion Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17549

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding (2) new sections 13.06.290 A. 32. 5 and 350. A. 2. 5 relating to Skating Rinks.

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

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Haley, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17550

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6810 for street lighting on No. 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th Sts. from Stevens to Orchard.

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

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Haley, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17551

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6839 for street lighting on So. 57th & So. 58th between Sheridan & Park Ave. and on So. 80th to So. 84th between Pacific Ave. & Park Ave.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17552

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5383 for cast iron water mains on So. 11th from Shirley. to Orchard Streets.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17553

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5385 for water mains in Bristol St. from No. 42nd to No. 46th and on No. 52nd from Visscher to Bristol Street.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17554

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2340 for grading and drainage on Columbia Ave. from Portland Ave. to approximately 1000 feet east.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 2, Finnigan and Tollefson, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Dr. Herrmann assumed the Chair.

Ordinance No. 17555

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2346 for grading and oil mat surface on Shorecliff Drive from Browns Pt. Blvd. to 33rd St. N. E. and other northeast streets.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 2, Finnigan and Tollefson, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17556

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5370 for water mains in So. 76th from Sheridan to Asotin, Alaska from So. 80th to So. 84th Street.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 2, Finnigan and Tollefson, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17557

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6800 for street lighting on East B, D, E, F, & G from East 84th to East 96th St.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 2, Finnigan and Tollefson, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17558

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6803 for street lighting in the vicinity of East E, F and G Sts. from East 45th to East 49th Sts.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 2, Finnigan and Tollefson, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17559

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6807 for street lighting on East L & M Sts. between 64th & 72nd Sts. and on East G between 51st and 56th Streets.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 2, Finnigan and Tollefson, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Fire Dept. report for the month of January, 1964.
- b. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept. report for the months of October-December 1963.
- c. Tacoma Police Dept. Annual report for 1963.
- d. Personnel Rules-January 1964.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Manager's office has received requests for 182 Mobile Restaurant licenses to sell Pizza Pies. The staff has checked the Ordinance and has found it somewhat vague on the matter. The Ordinance states that a mobile can sell food on a public street but does not spell out if it is prohibited from selling on a private lot. He added, he would like a review of the matter at a later date.

Mayor Tollefson assuming the Chair again at this time.

Mr. Murtland stated that the Report from the Fire Dept. shows that careless smoking causes a great number of fires. He asked that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, submit a report on what procedure is carried out as to possible prosecution.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that a Resolution be brought in next week expressing the sympathy and condolences of the Council to the family of Mr. Forrest Easterday. 180

Mr. Haley stated that he was compelled to make the following remarks because of the election next Tuesday, March 10, 1964 which includes the Firemen's initiative, and if passed will have some far reaching effects on the City for sometime to come. 165
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He said he was opposed to this Proposition as it would jeopardize the City. He stated that the Tacoma voters passed a similar measure in 1926, setting fire and police salaries at a certain level. All City employee salaries were cut during the depression and subsequently a fire captain took the City to

Court. After the Supreme Court ruled in the fire captain's favor, the City Council had to pass a \$225,000 inside levy bond issue to make up the back wages of the firemen and the policemen.

He pointed out that the Firemen's Proposition would amend the City's Charter to require a certain number of firemen and, he added, such a proposition should not be included in the City's basic document. He further stated, if this passes the annual cost to the City would reach \$450,000 at the end of two years. He said preliminary estimates on normal increases in City tax revenues for next year range from \$112,000 to \$125,000. He stated, if the Council were to close the Airport, Escalades and the Urban Renewal Program, it would only save approximately \$75,000 per year. He thought the voters should realize they are going to have to pay for this proposition one way or another.

Dr. Herrmann asked Mr. Glundberg, Park Superintendent, what a cut of \$200,000 per year in the City's park appropriation would mean.

Mr. Glundberg said, such a cut would be extremely disastrous. He stated the Park District was presently operating on a margin.

Mr. Cvitanich said he had received several calls, stating that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, has requested the Supervisors to ask the City employees to help sponsor opposition to Proposition No. 1. He asked Mr. Rowlands if that were true.

Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, said he would like to explain the origin of the donations. He said employees of the Finance Dept. came to him several days ago and asked if they could solicit voluntary donations. He said he checked with the City Attorney, Marshall McCormick, and found that such activity would be legal and he then informed the employees. He stated there was a meeting held in the Finance Dept.; one employee went to each and every other employee in the Finance Dept. and asked if they would like to contribute on a voluntary basis. He said each Dept. of the City Government with the exception of the Police and Fire Depts. were contacted by this employee and voluntary contributions were secured. He stated there was no pressure from anyone in management.

Mr. Katler, representative of the Civil Service League and Joint Labor Committee, stated he had received several complaints from employees who were being pressured into paying for an advertisement protesting the firemen's proposition. He said that both the Municipal Civil Service League and the Joint Labor Committee are supporting the firemen. He added, that employees should be allowed to work through the organizations from which they normally work.

Mayor Tollefson stated, he was not aware of the fact that any employee was being pressured for contributions as mentioned by Mr. Ketler.

Several of the Council members also indicated they were not cognizant of this fact.

Mayor Tollefson stated, that the Charter prohibits political activity on behalf of any City candidate, but is silent on issues.

Mr. John Willis, Representative for the Firefighters' Union, stated that the City employees were requested to contribute money; it was not on a

voluntary basis at all.

Mayor Tollefson explained as far as the City Council was concerned, no City employee has to donate to anything regarding any matter affecting the City; they are protected by Civil Service; they do not have to donate to your campaign or to anyone else's campaign.

The Council supported Mayor Tollefson with an unanimous "Aye" vote.

Mr. Finnigan asked Mr. Rowlands about discrepancies in per capita fire protection costs as quoted by the opponents and proponents of the measure.

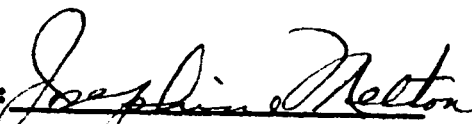
Mr. Rowlands explained that Tacoma now spends more per capita for fire protection than any other City in the State, except Richmond, Wash.

Mr. Finnigan said if this proposition is passed by the voters, he thought that it would bring about other City employee groups circulating petitions for higher wages, etc. to go to the voters. He said there is no end to what this might lead to in the way of problems to the City of Tacoma and the citizens included. He did not think it would benefit the people as a whole. It will possibly benefit the firemen temporarily, but, the day of reckoning must come, it will hurt everyone eventually. He hoped that Proposition I would be defeated by the voters.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk