

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, January 17, 1967

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Bott and Haley. Mr. Bott coming in at 4:15 P. M. and Mr. Haley at 4:18 P. M.

Mr. Murtland moved that the minutes of the meeting of Jan. 3, 1967 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by Johnnie Babnick for the rezoning of property at the S. E. corner of So. 56th and J Sts. from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved that the proper ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19011

Fixing Tuesday January 31, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments for Laundries in a "C-2" District.

Mr. Johnson moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Haley.

Resolution No. 19012

Fixing Monday February 27, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4806 for alley paving between No. J & K Sts. from No. 5th to 6th and other nearby alleys.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Haley.

Resolution No. 19013

Fixing Wednesday February 15, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 5433 for water mains in Union Ave. from So. 19th to So. 28th Street.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Haley.

Resolution No. 19014

Authorizing the sale of Junk to various high bidders.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Finnigan asked that a report be submitted on the total amount of scrap that is sold in a year as well as the prices received.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, said he would have such a report submitted. He added, normally the Department disposes of the scrap when it accumulates too rapidly. This is material that has to be replaced, for which the Department has no further use.

Mayor Tollefson felt it might be well if the Council would take a trip through the operating facilities in the Reclaimed Division of the Utility Department. It would be most educational, he added.

Mr. Bott coming in at 4:15 P. M.

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

Resolution No. 19015

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to file a new application with the Dept. of Public Assistance for the purpose of initiating a public works program utilizing welfare recipients for the continuing of a work program, for the year 1967.

Mr. Johnson moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Haley coming in at 4:18 P. M.

Mr. Finnigan asked how many hours did these recipients work in the past year.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, said he had a tabulation on a quarterly basis. He added, during the First quarter of 1966, 82 men worked 3,140 hours; Second quarter, 28 men worked 1,072 hours; Third quarter, 4 men worked 104 hours. He said he did not have the figures for the fourth quarter as yet but he thought it would be approximately 2000 hours.

He said the year's total hours for 1966 is about one fourth as large as for the year 1965.

Mr. Haley asked if this was due to the unavailability of men or the lack of work.

Mr. Schuster said it was the unavailability of men. The work available for them is mainly cutting brush on the City right-of-ways.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City pays for all of the Industrial Insurance and one-half of the Medical Aid for the recipients. Overall it is felt that the City has gained considerably, by having these men available.

Mr. Schuster explained that the amount of work is based upon what compensation the individual would be receiving from the Welfare Department.

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

Resolution No. 19016

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement for and on behalf of the City of Tacoma with TideAir, Inc. providing for the furnishing of certain security and watchman services at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how many people are employed at the Airport doing the same type of work.

Mr. Rowlands said there was four altogether, however, this particular shift has only one employee. A better arrangement should be made as TideAir does receive an occasional plane during the early morning hours. Their man on duty could perform the same services for the City, thereby double duty could be eliminated. It appears in the best interest of both the City and TideAir, Inc. to approve this arrangement.

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

Resolution No. 19017

Awarding contract for the furnishing of coverall service for 1967 to Alsco Linen Service.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

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

Resolution No. 19018

Awarding contract to Texaco Inc. for the furnishing of gasoline requirements for the year 1967.

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

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

Resolution No. 19019

Awarding contract to Tonnesen Construction Co. for Improv. No. 3637 Unit A on its bid of \$9,282.00.

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

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

Resolution No. 19020

Rejecting the only bid received for W. O. No. 91116 & 17 for Sanitary Sewer replacements.

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

Mr. Murtland asked why there was only one bidder.

Mr. Schuster explained that this job was a replacement of a sanitary sewer in an alley which is a very difficult job as there is a depth of about 23 feet involved and the alley is only about 16 to 20 feet wide, with garages connected to the alley right of way. He said he had talked with Mr. Morris of the Morris Construction Co. and he had indicated that the garages were so close to the line that trucks would have to be used with the equipment, and back out of the alley to unload. Normally, the dirt can be piled in the alley until the work is finished.

Mr. Finnigan asked when the Department expects to call for bids again.

Mr. Schuster thought it would be in about two weeks, for only one section, however, as the sewers are not connected.

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

Resolution No. 19021

Releasing a portion of the drainage easement on property between Sealawn & View Avenues near 58th St. N. E. which is no longer needed.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that a correction should be made in the last paragraph of the resolution in the description of the property, on the first line, after the words "of the" the word "north" should be changed to "south" 10 feet.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be amended to read, in the last paragraph on the first line, "south 10 feet" instead of "the north 10 feet." Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Resolution No. 19022

Adopting a policy relative to placing all public utility services underground in undeveloped properties presently platted and new plats of undeveloped properties.

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

Mayor Tollefson explained there was considerable discussion in regard to this resolution at the study session on Monday, Jan. 16, 1967. He added, the Planning Commission was concerned relative to small plats that would be presented for approval that already have wire service in the area. He thought the Planning Commission should make this determination of what was reasonable before any plat is submitted to the City Council.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that Item 3 in the Resolution indicates that underground wiring is required for the development of any vacant lot in the City, even if a pole is standing beside it. He felt the determination must be made by the Utilities Dept. The Commission does feel when there are existing poles and right-of-ways, the services should be brought in from those poles. The Commission was concerned about problems that would develop in small plats in cases, for example, where there are only one or two lots in a block that are developed, and poles are serving the existing homes in the area.

Mr. Johnson said, in his opinion, it was not the Council's intention to make one or two lots in an area go underground while the rest of the homes are served by poles.

Mr. Haley felt the Council's policy should be a 'rigid' one. It shows that the Council has definitely taken a position.

Mayor Tollefson felt the resolution has to be changed to protect the City's building division regarding underground wiring, pointing out that they should be able to issue a building permit without being reprimanded. It should not be up to the Council to grant permission every time a plat is developed or re-developed. He thought when a small and reasonable request with only four lots is presented, the Planning Commission should be able to give approval for the small plats for overhead wiring.

Dr. Herrmann stated, the declared policy of the Council was that in new plats there would be underground utility service and it has been working out well in larger plats. It seemed impossible to draft a statement in the resolution to cover every possible situation that would come up. He felt the Planning Commission should be able to inform the Council if there was any particular situation in a new plat.

Mrs. Price agreed with Dr. Herrmann and felt the policy of the Council was to go underground for larger new plats.

Mayor Tollefson stated the only question is. how the Council will phrase the language to point out, in some instances, that it should be left to the Planning Commission, and in other areas the language has to be phrased to leave it to the Building Inspector.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that there are two different types of property. The presently platted property and the unplatted or new plats. He felt the feeling of the Council concerning the presently platted property, where poles are in and available, except where the property is vacant, the poles could be utilized for the developer. A proviso could be included under Item 1 of the Resolution, "Undeveloped Properties Presently Platted," to add, 'where the public utilities are now available for service to any such lateral line without the installation of further poles or overhead facilities, the above requirements for underground wiring will not apply.'

He added, under "Item 3-Exceptions", the Council can then make its own determination to what extent underground wiring is practicable in a new plat.

Mr. Buehler stated that in plats involving, 'metes and bounds' description this would still create a tremendous amount of confusion. The State Law states that four or more lots have to be platted.

Mayor Tollefson said there is a problem also concerning the fees charged by the Utility Dept. for the installation of underground wiring. The Utility Dept. is trying to come up with a fixed charge for underground installation, however, the developers do not wish to be limited to electric heat only.

Mr. Erdahl stated, if the Council enunciates a policy he felt the Utility Dept. could work it out.

Mayor Tollefson felt the language Mr. McCormick suggested for taking care of paragraph No. 1, relative to "Undeveloped Properties Presently Platted," would be adequate to take care of the problem indicating the Light Dept. would work out the problems in regard to the fees.

Mr. Murtland suggested that the ordinance also be modified to provide that none of the drop-lines go over a City street.

Mr. Richard Wegner, President of the Home Builders Association of Greater Tacoma, Inc., asked about the fees that the Utility Dept. would charge.

Mayor Tollefson stated, under the present plan the fee has been \$300, \$200 and sometimes no charge. Nine out of ten times it would be in the \$200 bracket.

Mayor Tollefson suggested that the resolution be postponed to allow amendments to be made to the resolution, suggested by Mr. McCormick.

Mr. Johnson moved that the resolution be postponed for two weeks, until January 31, 1967. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands said there is a need for closer cooperation between the City, the Telephone Co., the Gas Co and the Western Union Co. relative to the installation of underground utilities. Perhaps, all could go underground at the same time to eliminate construction during various intervals of the year.

Resolution No. 19023

Accepting a sealed bid for the purchase of real property situated within the Center St. Urban Renewal project, Wash. R-1, at the N. E. corner of So. 28th and J Streets.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18211

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.062-1 to include property bounded by Pearl, No. 30th, Highland & No. 31st Sts, extended in an "R-4-PRD" District. (petition of Tacoma City Planning Commission)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Mayor Tollefson left at this time. Dr. Herrmann, Deputy Mayor, assumed the Chair.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18205

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.052 to include property on the east side of Orchard St. between So. 35th and So. 37th Streets extended in an "R-4-PRD" District. (petition of Jack Baty)

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 18206

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5421 for water mains in Roosevelt Ave. from East 68th to 774 feet south of the south line of East 68th St.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 18207

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5432 for water mains in Mildred St. from 6th Ave. to So. 8th, and from So. 10th to So. 12th; in So. 8th from Mildred to Vassault St.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 18208

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4804 for paving on Cushman Ave. from So. 78th to So. 80th and various other south end streets.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 18209

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5419 for water mains in Huson St. produced from So. 48th St. north 630 feet.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 18210

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6854 for street lighting in the area between Center St. and 38th St. from Tyler to Adams.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance resulting as follows:

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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Finance Director for the month of Nov. 1966.
- b. Report from the Municipal Court for the month of Dec. 1965 & 1966.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands commended the local papers for their support for the Transit surcharge proposition and reminded the Council that the election is to be on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1967. 139 ✓

Mr. Rowlands requested the Council's approval to attend the ICMA meeting in New Orleans, La. as well as to Washington, D. C. He said he will be meeting with the Vice-President on Monday, Jan. 23, 1967. Meetings are also scheduled with the Executive Vice-President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, as well as with Mr. Wood, the Under Secretary of HUD. On Tuesday, Jan. 24th, there are also several meetings scheduled. ✓

Mrs. Price moved that Mr. Rowlands be granted permission to attend the meetings in New Orleans and Washington D. C. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Haley announced that on March 6th and 7th, 1967 the Conservation Congress will be held in Wenatchee, Washington.

He added, that the Columbia River problem should be of major concern to Tacomans. The nature of our concern is the generation of power as well as other elements that are involved in the use of water in our area. There is a concerted effort in the part of the Representatives and Senators in Washington to allow diversion of this water to the southwest. This would include the States of Colo., Ariz., New Mexico and Texas as well as the southeast section of Calif. He felt that Tacoma should be well represented at this meeting, including the Councilmen and representatives of the Utility Dept., as well as the business officials from the City of Tacoma. ✓ 15-5

Mr. Cvitanich stated he had read where San Francisco had adopted Phase 3 of its overall air pollution control program. He suggested that a letter be written to San Francisco to inquire what this program is and report back to the City Council. ✓ 59-453

Mr. Rowlands stated he would get this information.

Mr. Haley asked if the City is developing plans on air pollution.

Mr. Rowlands stated an application has been submitted to the Federal Government for a two-for-one matching funds and he hopes for approval in about a month. He added, the Puget Sound Air Resources Council's report prepared by [unclear] will be discussed within the next two weeks by the Puget Sound Governmental Conference meeting.

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Mr. Rowlands stated the City wishes the County to join with them, as by combining, the application will be amended to ask for a three-for-one matching funds.

Mr. Haley felt the \$28,000 set up in the budget for air pollution that the City would proceed with a program of their own without waiting for anyone else.

Mr. Stevens stated it was in process now. The reason the City is concerned in getting approval for joint participation is to do two things, one to gain some financial benefit and secondly, the Public Health Service is concerned about a regional air pollution program instead of a local program.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the mobile air sampling unit for the City has been purchased.

Mr. Rowlands said federal money would be needed and then it would probably take five or six months after it is ordered before it would be available.

Mr. Rowlands said Mr. Franklin D. Burgess has been added to the staff of the City Attorney's office. He asked that the Council approve the moving expenses for Mr. Burgess from Richland to Tacoma, Washington, which is in accordance with the Compensation Plan set forth in the ordinance. The estimated cost will be approximately \$500.00.

Mrs. Price moved that the expenses incurred in moving Franklin D. Burgess from Richland to Tacoma be approved. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 P. M.

W. M. Johnson
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Mecton*
City Clerk