

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 26, 1970

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. In the absence of Mayor Johnston, Deputy Mayor Cvitanich presided.

Present on roll call 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary and Zatkovich. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Zatkovich.

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Mr. Roald A. Wall of the Fire Dept. was presented with three \$25.00 awards by Deputy Fire Chief George. These were for his suggestions concerning the relocation of gate valves and hydrant wrenches on the eight new cab-over pumpers; the development of a standard method for numbering the compartments on all fire apparatus; and the replacement of regulation fire helmets with miner-type helmets for the fire-fighters assigned to the Rescue Unit.

Mr. Robert C. Rohrer of the Police Dept. was presented with a \$25.00 award by Lt. Anderson for his recommendation that the rear doors of the Police Dept. paddy wagons be provided with locks that will permit the officer riding in the rear to open them from the inside.

Mr. Thomas X. Bradley of the Public Works Dept. was presented with a \$25.00 award by Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, for his suggestion concerning printing the three pages of the "Special Provisions" to L I D contracts as two pages and eliminating the requirement to hand stamp numbers on them.

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich and the City Council members congratulated the recipients for their excellent suggestions.

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Deputy Mayor Cvitanich asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 1970.

Mr. Zatkovich moved that the minutes of May 12th be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of the S. E. corner of So. 14th and "L" Street from an "R-3" to an "R-4" District. (petition of M. G. D. Corp.)

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained the applicants have requested the reclassification in order to construct a (21) unit apartment complex for the elderly. The two houses that are located on the property are to be removed. The conditions

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set forth by the Planning Commission have been agreed to by the petitioners, he added.

Mrs. Banfield requested the names of the Board Members of the M. G. D. Corp.

Mr. Russell C. Gideon, a member of the M. G. D. Corporation, explained that this is a family corporation and the initials represent, Morris, Gideon and Davis. The Morris family have been residents of Tacoma for a number of years and he himself is a brother-in-law of the Morris brothers.

Mr. Gideon continued, they had purchased the property sometime ago and became interested in the Federal Rent Supplement program. Consequently, the proposed (21) unit apartment complex for the elderly was planned and the request for a reclassification is now being brought to the Council.

Mrs. Banfield noted that a parking waiver had been granted by the Planning Commission. She asked how additional off-street parking could be provided in the event the use of the apartment building is changed to other than for the elderly.

Mr. Ed Croft, architect for the petitioners, explained they have allowed for some additional parking which will be landscaped at present, but is available for parking if needed.

No protests being made, Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezone and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

This is the date set for a meeting with the initiating parties for the annexation of the easterly side of Custer Rd. between So. 56th and 58th St. extended. (petition of Bert R. Carmel)

Mr. Buehler, explained this proposed annexation by Mr. Carmel permits a 3.5 acre tract to tie into a 7.63 acre tract which was accepted by the Council on March 3, 1970. All the requirements have been met as far as the annexation is concerned.

Mr. Finnigan moved to accept the annexation and that a resolution be drafted agreeing to accept the 75% petition, the bonded indebtedness, but to waive the comprehensive plan. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the next two items on the agenda regarding final plats of Horizon East and Heatherwood West were inadvertently placed on the agenda. He asked that Items (c) and (d) be removed from the agenda as Resolutions No. 20702 and 20703 concerning the final plats will be acted upon further on in the agenda.

Mrs. Banfield moved that Items (c) and (d) under Hearings and Appeals be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Karl A. Tongedahl requesting rezoning of the south side of No. 9th between Orchard St. & Villard St. extended from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

Referred to the City Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20673 (postponed from the meeting of May 5th)

Appointing an Executive Director of the Human Resources Council.

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

Mrs. Banfield asked if it were legal to appoint an executive director before the Council is the CAP Agency.

Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, explained that the Council may appoint such a person, however, he would not recommend that the Council be obligated to him for salary until such time as the authorization for an appropriation is approved by the Council.

Mr. Oles, City Manager, explained that it was his understanding, the regional office of the O. E. O. would prefer that the Council proceed as soon as possible to select a Director and an Assistant Director. These individuals can then be given a training course at the headquarters in Seattle. It was his understanding that whatever is expended in this area will be recovered as soon as possible by either a planning grant or ultimately a grant for the operation.

Mr. O'Leary felt this resolution should be postponed until a discussion can be held by the entire Council on the matter.

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich suggested that a Study Session be held on Monday noon, June 1st, 1970, on this matter.

Mr. Finnigan moved that resolution No. 20673 be postponed for two weeks until June 9th, 1970. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until June 9th, 1970.

Resolution No. 20674 (postponed from the meeting of May 5th)

Appointing a Deputy Executive Director of the Human Resources Council.

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

Mr. O'Leary moved that the Resolution be postponed for two weeks, until June 9th, 1970. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until June 9th, 1970.

Resolution No. 20675 (postponed from the meeting of May 5th)

Authorizing the City Manager to select a management consultant firm to assist in the organization of programs under the Economic Opportunities Act in the City of Tacoma and not to exceed the cost of \$10,000.00.

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

Mr. Jarstad suggested this resolution also be continued.

Mr. O'Leary moved that Resolution No. 20675 be postponed for two weeks, until June 9th, 1970. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until June 9th, 1970.

Resolution No. 20700

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$13,272.00 for W. O.54905.

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

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, said he had been informed that this

matter was in Court this afternoon. He thought that Mr. King, the owner's representative, has a contract with a firm to make repairs on the building and suggested that action on the resolution be postponed for two weeks.

Mr. Finnigan moved to postpone Resolution No. 20700 for two weeks, until June 9th, 1970. Seconded by Mr. O'Leary. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until June 9th, 1970.

Resolution No. 20701

Awarding contract to L. C. Roth Construction Co. on its bid of \$3,399.20 for I D's 6908, 6911, 6914 and 6916.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Banfield, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20702

Approving the final plat of Horizon East, in the area of the N. W. corner of East 46th and Portland Ave.

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

Mr. Finnigan said he was concerned that the proposed plat contains (74) 12' x 80' lots and he wondered why the lots are only 12' wide.

Mr. Buehler explained this 4.2 acre parcel of land will be subdivided into 74 townhouse lots. The plat also contained a common area consisting of open space, recreation areas, parking areas and laundry and storage spaces. However, platting of the property is required since each townhouse, along with its yard area, is being sold.

Mrs. Banfield noted that the applicant was allowed to commence construction prior to final platting by providing a bond to the City. She asked how often this had been done without the approval of the final plat by the City Council.

Mr. Buehler explained that this procedure is set by ordinance. He stated that the Briggs plat was also set up in this manner. Mrs. Banfield inquired what the minimum square footage requirement was for a townhouse.

Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, explained he was not familiar with the details of construction but he assumed they would have to comply with the Uniform Building Code, Uniform Fire Code, Minimum Housing Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, proper connections to both the sanitary sewer system, water connections, etc. He added, he did not feel there was a minimum requirement for the square footage. He explained that the Uniform Building Code establishes the minimum for each room.

Mr. Buehler explained that the Council rezoned this property in April, 1969, for an "R-4-L-PRD" zoning. This type of zoning allows a total of 119 units to be constructed, however, only 74 units will be constructed on this plat which amounts to 2500 square feet per dwelling unit. He added that the conditions of the preliminary plat, and those conditions relating to the plat and site approval contained within the Contractual Agreement, have been met to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mrs. Banfield felt that the minimum footage requirement was not being followed.

Mr. Hamilton explained that he had been advised that the minimum requirements of a townhouse are the same as the apartment houses.

After some discussion, voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 6: Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary and Zatkovich.
Nays 2: Banfield and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20703

Approving the final plat of Heatherwood West in the area of the east side of James Street between No. 11th and No. 12th Streets extended.

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich.
Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20704

Fixing Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of George Street from "A" to Ea. "B" Street. (petition of Bethlehem Lutheran Church)

Mr. O'Leary moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Banfield, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich.
Nays 0. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20705

Endorsing and commending the American Legion Post No. 202, the Armed Forces, and other organizations and groups who are planning an Independence Day Parade.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Dean.

The resolution was read into the record at the request of Mrs. Banfield.

Mrs. Banfield hoped that the organizations of the community will help to make the 4th of July parade an overwhelming success.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Banfield, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich.
Nays 0. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19126

Appropriating the sum of \$98,159.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary

from various City funds for the purpose of paying increased salaries and wages and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Oles, City Manager, explained that this ordinance is the result of the arbitration which was held at the instruction of the Council and he felt this was a fair and equitable solution of the problems which confronted them. He added that out of the seventeen unions which represent the employees of the City of Tacoma, there were seven unions which made specific requests.

He further added that the arbitration committee had the assistance of a person who was nominated by the Director of Labor and Industries to act as the ninth member of the committee.

Mr. Oles stated that approximately \$75,000 will be taken from the general fund and the balance from special funds for these adjustments. He noted that the amount allocated to the City Street Fund also restores some equipment that will be needed during the summer season.

Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, explained that the management team presented their points of view to the arbiter, Mr. Samish. The Union representatives did likewise. It was the feeling of the arbiter that the settlement was reasonable. He noted that it was an unanimous decision of both the labor group and the management team that the recommendation should be submitted to the Council in ordinance form.

Mr. Erdahl felt it would be fair to say that neither the labor unions nor the management team are completely satisfied, but because of the problems involved they felt this recommendation was the best that could be presented to the Council for its approval.

Mr. Erdahl advised that establishment of improved negotiation procedures was of major concern to all parties. A new resolution in this regard is to be submitted to the Council next week. He felt that the procedures for negotiations for 1971 are possibly more important than this present agreement.

Mr. Zatkovich asked if the management committee is willing to sacrifice more positions in order to obtain the approximate \$98,159 that this recommended adjustment requires.

Mr. Oles felt that everyone is aware that financial problems will have to be faced. He said he has made a number of recommendations to the Council on how to obtain additional money. He also mentioned that if the resolution regarding the procedures for labor negotiations is approved by the Council it will eliminate a great number of the problems which confronted them these past months.

Mr. Zatkovich explained that in the long run the Council will be responsible to the citizens of Tacoma for any decisions that are made.

Mr. O'Leary said that it is his desire that the public be aware of the fact that at the time there were pickets at the Transit Co. a number of weeks ago on a Saturday, the City Council was meeting in regard to the matter. He felt that perhaps the Council at that time should have given raises rather than allowing the management team to further negotiate with the labor unions.

Dr. Herrmann commended the arbitration committee for the manner in which the negotiations were carried on. He also stated that he was satisfied in his own mind that the alternatives that were proposed at the meeting Mr. O'Leary mentioned were very similar to the recommendations that are being presented to the Council by the arbitration committee. He also felt a recommendation as to improved negotiation procedures is in order.

After some discussion, the ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 19127

Amending the pay and compensation plan to provide for salary and wage increases for certain classes and declaring an effective date.

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Mr. Zatkovich explained that the management team had turned down the request for rain gear for gardeners and he felt that this should not have been omitted as other employees do receive this type of fringe benefits.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that Mr. Oles, City Manager, submit a report to the Council for next week relative to how the salary and hours compare for the Sanitaricians working for the City to the salary and hours for the County; also what the gardeners receive in Step I and Sept II for the City as compared to the County.

Mr. Cvitanich also suggested that Mr. Bond discuss with Mr. Oles the statement made by Mr. Rowlands, the former City Manager, that Mr. Trueblood was to have been elevated to a higher position, when the Public Information and General Services Dept. was created.

Mr. Cvitanich hoped these problems will be resolved before next Tuesday as this ordinance will be before the Council on final reading.

Mr. O'Leary remarked that space is also involved in this program of the Public Information & General Services Dept. and he hoped this can also be resolved soon as it has been discussed for some time.

Mr. Zatkovich asked that Mr. Oles submit figures on these classifications; the differentials between the other cities and the salaries paid by the City.

Mr. Oles explained they have the comparative figures and in almost all instances, the Tacoma wage is substantially under the average wage.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if all the unions in the City know that only those unions who submitted letters for mediation are the only ones that have been considered.

Mr. Oles said as far as he knew this is understood by all labor groups.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 19128

Appropriating the sum of \$48,725.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for salaries, wages, M. & O. & Capital Outlay for the Economic Opportunity Board and declaring an emergency.

Mr. O'Leary moved that Ordinance No. 19128 be postponed on first reading for two weeks, until June 9th, 1970. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until June 9th, 1970, for first reading.

Ordinance No. 19129

Amending Title 6 of the Official Code relative to taxation and establishing a special stadium fund.

Mr. Oles explained that in the Extraordinary Legislative Session of 1970 a law was passed permitting the City of Tacoma and the City of Spokane to impose a special excise tax of 2% on the sale of or charge made for the furnishing of lodging by a hotel, motel and other transient facilities. This tax would not be an additional levy of tax, but an allocation from the 4-1/2% tax that is being collected.

This amount will be placed in a special fund that supports the upkeep of Cheney Stadium, he added.

Mr. Jarstad explained that the original law passed by the State in 1969 was passed to allow Seattle to construct a stadium in their area. He asked Mr. Oles if he knew what amount would be allocated.

Mr. Oles felt it would be within \$30 to \$40,000.

Mr. Jarstad thought that the FAI Committee could look into the possibility of Pierce County being the location of a domed stadium.

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich suggested that Mr. Jarstad be appointed as Chairman of a

dium Committee and Mr. O'Leary and Mrs. Banfield serve on the committee.

Mr. Dean moved that Mr. Jarstad be appointed as Chairman of the Stadium Committee with Mrs. Banfield and Mr. O'Leary serving on the Stadium Committee, and that they investigate the stadium issue and report to the Council on the matter. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19109 (postponed from the meeting of May 12th)

Amending the Compensation Plan by adding two new subsections to Section 1.12.414 providing salaries for the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Human Resources Council.

Mr. O'Leary moved that Ordinance No. 19109 be set over for final reading for two weeks, until June 9th, 1970. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until June 9th, 1970.

Ordinance No. 19113 (postponed from the meeting of May 19th)

Providing for the improvement of L. I. D. 4915 for paving on Gove from No. 35th to No. 37th and other nearby streets.

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich explained this ordinance was amended at the meeting of May 19th by inserting a portion of the L I D which the committee had recommended to be deleted.

Roll call was taken on the amended ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Banfield, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19120

Establishing the new rate schedules for electric service for customers within the service area of the former Loveland Mutual Company:

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19121

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add a new section 13.06.065(92) to include property on the east side of Pacific Ave. at So. 80th St. extended in an R-4-L District. (petition of Hugh Barden)

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

Ayes 5: Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad and Zatkovich.

Nays 3: Banfield, O'Leary and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.

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The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19122

Amending Section 12.12.010 of the Official Code to change the transit fares for school children within the City to twenty cents effective as of July 1, 1970.

Mrs. Banfield moved to suspend the rules to allow citizens to speak on this ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Rev. Thomas Williams of Bellarmine Preparatory School pointed out if the student bus fares are raised, it would cost the taxpayers money in the long run, because some of the parochial school children would be forced to attend public schools as parochial schools are expensive and the added transportation costs would be a burden, therefore, the students who would be forced to attend the public schools would be borne by the taxpayers. He urged that the council defeat the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Zatkovich thought perhaps the fare for the parochial school children should not be raised as he felt it would be discriminatory.

Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, explained it was his recollection there is a provision in the State code relating to education that every district where the child in the district resides more than a mile from home, the district is obligated to furnish him transportation to and from school on every school bus in the outlying areas.

Mr. Zatkovich felt if there are legal technicalities then the fare should not be raised.

Mr. Hendry, Transit Director, pointed out that there are approximately 11,815 students that ride on passes per day that are issued by the Tacoma School District #10. The school tickets collected through the fare box from the private and public school students who elect to ride and are not qualified to ride on a free pass, is an average of 1800 a day. Mr. Hendry felt that 95% of the rides are from the parochial schools. Mr. Hendry also noted that the State law does not pay more than the going rate for students' transportation.

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

Ayes 3: Dean, Finnigan and Herrmann.

Nays 5: Banfield, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich. Absent

1: Mayor Johnston.

The Ordinance was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19123

Amending Section 12.12.090 of the Official Code relative to transit rates for Senior Citizens.

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich asked if the congressional delegation had been informed regarding the transportation funding problems of the urban areas.

Mr. Oles, City Manager, remarked that he had contacted Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, who is Chairman of the Committee of the Senate that is looking into the transportation problems through the United States. Senator Randolph has introduced a bill to permit the allocation of national highway funds to the support of transit systems of the cities.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Mayor Johnston.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

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Ordinance No. 19124

Amending Title 6 of the Official Code relative to licensing of small loan companies.

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

Ayes 7: Banfield, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary and Deputy Mayor Cvitanich.

Nays 0. Absent 2: Zatkovich (temporarily). Mayor Johnston.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich said he thought the flag at the County-City Building should be lowered to half mast in memory of those service men who have lost their lives in service of their country. He asked Mr. Oles, who is a member of the Building Committee to take this up with the Committee to see what action would be required to have the flag lowered to half mast. 312 ✓

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich said in referring to Mrs. Banfield's resolution regarding the Memorial Day parade, he felt the Fourth of July parade Committee should become active. He added Mr. Dean is Chairman of the committee and Mr. Jarstad is a member.

Mrs. Banfield asked if there had been any activity at the Old City Hall or Annex recently.

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich pointed out that one of the stipulations that Mr. Huntz made was that he would make sure the clock chimes operated and he had observed that they had not been working for quite some time.

Mr. Finnigan advised that he had heard that efforts are being made to repair the clock and the necessary parts for the clock are forthcoming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich reported that the Finance, Audit & Investigating Committee will be having a meeting next week regarding the implementation of the audit.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Oles reported on the Juvenile Curfew Violators from May 14 thru May 20.

Mr. Oles also reported that on May 27, at 8:00 P.M., at the Sea-Tac Inn, there will be a meeting of the sub-committee working on the Seacoast Legislation under the chairmanship of Senator Greive.

Mrs. Banfield requested that Mr. Oles' report of May 16th on the Seacoast Legislation be read into the minutes so that the citizens will be informed of what is transpiring. The Clerk then read a report from Mr. Oles addressed to the members of the City Council regarding the hearing on Seacoast Legislation by a sub-committee of the Legislative Council, held in the Senate hearing room No. 1, Olympia, at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, May 16, 1970. 265 295

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich suggested that the legal department review the Lake Chelan case.

Mr. Oles replied that this has already been reviewed by the legal department and the Lake Chelan case is still before the Court on an appeal.

Mr. Oles referred to his previous request for authorization for an Airport Maintenance Chief, who would be employed for the purpose of relieving the Airport Manager so he could spend time on promotion rather than on maintenance of the airport. He asked for Council's advice as to whether he should proceed with this additional personnel under the normal administrative route. 266

Mr. Oles reported that he has investigated the purchase of Police automobiles and according to the file records felt that the present bid procedure has produced the best results, much better than if the City had made the purchase with the State. This also was the conclusion of the City's Purchasing Dept. and the Police Dept. 265

Mr. O'Leary said he had requested the study on the purchase of Police automobiles and was disappointed in the report submitted with the agenda. The report he had expected was one that he himself had obtained. What he was looking for was the price difference between various automobile makes, models and optional equipment. His investigation showed that the City is paying \$22.00 less per auto for a lower grade automobile.

Mr. Oles replied, if this type of technical data is to be discussed, he would prefer that the subject be deferred until such time that the purchasing agent can be present to answer the questions. Mr. Oles agreed to give Mr. O'Leary all the specifications and complete file at the end of the meeting.

Mr. O'Leary advised that he had information that individuals were setting up skeet shoots and target practice at the southwest corner of the airport. He suggested that new signs be posted and an investigation be made as to the prospects of the use of auxiliary police to patrol the property. Mr. Oles said he would investigate.

Mrs. Banfield inquired as to the \$30,246.80 police car bid. Her understanding was that this was for 14 cars. Twelve cars were for the City of Tacoma, one for Fircrest and one for Orting. Since her figures show that each car cost \$2446.20, she wanted to know what happened to the \$4892.40 that Fircrest and Orting paid to the City of Tacoma for their two cars. Mr. Mittelstaedt, Assistant Finance Director, advised that Fircrest and Orting paid for their cars direct to the vendor and the City of Tacoma paid for the City's twelve cars.

Deputy Mayor Cvitanich reported that it has come to his attention that there have been petitions signed requesting the building at 1901 So. 25th be demolished. He further reported that he requested the Public Works Dept. to investigate and it was found it would cost approximately \$1400 to demolish this dangerous building. He suggested the City proceed to have the building demolished.

Mr. Oles read a letter from the Director of Highways in respect to the surplus

motor vessel "San Mateo". The letter indicated the vessel will not be placed for public auction, but will be available to an appropriate and responsible agency at a minimum appraised value.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that political pressure be organized among the various groups in Tacoma such as the Park Board, Chamber of Commerce and Propeller Club before the State Legislature meets.

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Mr. Oles suggested that some members of the City Council make contact with these local organizations.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that the Stadium Committee be appointed to act on the matter.

Mr. Oles, City Manager, advised the Council he has been informed that the F.B.I. has now ceased making fingerprint identifications for the Department with the exception of criminal cases, federal regulations and persons directly employed in or applying for law enforcement positions. J. Edgar Hoover points out that the fingerprint work has gone up 133% since 1962 and they can no longer continue this service. Mr. Oles suggested that perhaps the Council could direct this matter to the Governor and the State Legislature recommending that the State re-establish the Washington State Bureau of Identification which had ceased operation in 1959, otherwise, the City is not financially in a position to have this work done.

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Mr. Zatkovich felt that since the Tacoma Police Dept. has an extensive fingerprint file, an exchange of information and prints could be made with other States.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that our Congressional delegation be advised of the action of the F.B.I. as he finds it inconceivable that federal funds are available for so many other projects.

Mr. Oles called the Council's attention to the fact that there is an Urban Renewal Architectural Design Review Board. In the past, C. Morrison Johnson, a former Council member, was on the Board. Since the Council is not now represented on the Board, he asked if it is the desire of the Council to have a member named. A motion was made and seconded that Dr. Herrmann be the Council's representative to the Urban Renewal Architectural Design Review Board.

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Mr. Oles asked the Council for clarification on the civil service status of personnel who may be employed with the Economic Opportunity Board. He asked if they would be under civil service or under special projects.

With no Council members objecting, Mr. Cvitanich instructed Mr. Oles to advise the Civil Service Board that it is the Council's desire that the personnel under the Economic Opportunity Board be considered as a special project.

Mr. Oles reported that the Planning Commission and the Civil Service League are checking the possible use of the area at the foot of McCarver St. for a small boat landing.

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Mr. Oles called the Council's attention to a legal matter affecting Salvage Management, Inc. He asked the Council whether they wished to proceed with the case or accept a settlement offer. Mrs. Banfield explained since they are liable under the present law for the tax, the matter should proceed through the courts.

Dr. Herrmann said at a previous discussion, the Council had agreed to accept an offer as he felt it was not the intent of the ordinance to legislate against the type of organization such as Salvage Management, Inc.

Since there is an ordinance passed by the Council and until it is repealed, the Council felt that Mr. Oles has no other choice but to proceed as he has been directed.

Mr. Oles further reported that Mr. McLennan, Tax & License Director, checked into the amount of tax to be figured regarding the Bank tax. It was found that a full year

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at 1% would produce \$274,475, which is more than anticipated. It is now recommended that the 1% be reduced to 1/2%. This would produce approximately \$137,238. He recommended that the Council ask for an amendment to the ordinance to reduce the 1% to 1/2%.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that the information be sent out with the agenda so the Council may review the figures before the next meeting.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. O'Leary explained that he had talked to a young gentleman who had been interested in the Old Fire Station downtown, but is now seeking a new location for a heliport at the building next to the Old City Hall. This person contacted Mr. Perrow, owner of the building and has been in contact with the City engineering department. Mr. O'Leary asked Mr. Oles to investigate and report to the Council as to whether the City can be of assistance in this regard. Mr. Oles said he would investigate the matter. ✓

Mr. Oles said he is also having a lease prepared for a helicopter company who will be at the airport.

Mr. Cvitanich advised that he has information that a helicopter has been landing next to the Harbor Lights restaurant. Since this is in violation of City, State and Federal laws, he asked that proper authorities be notified.

Mr. Oles replied that he has been advised the helicopter will be moving to the airport.

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Mrs. Banfield thanked the Council and citizens for giving her the honor and privilege of acting as a Judge for some 1500 to 1800 children for a fishing derby at the Sportmen's Club.

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Mrs. Banfield asked Mr. Oles to investigate some tax exempt property for which a special use permit was granted. The property is a parking lot across from a church. She also mentioned that something should be done about a burned out building on 6th Ave. 2,5

Mr. Oles said the City has no funds to dispose of this type of building and felt a study should be made so the City will know which procedure to follow.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested Mr. Oles prepare a small report pointing out the existing problems and what is required to rectify the situation.

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Mrs. Banfield asked how much power the Tacoma Housing Authority has and whether they are under Council jurisdiction. ✓

Mr. Hamilton replied that they are not under Council jurisdiction.

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Mrs. Banfield asked if the Public Works Dept. intends to change the traffic light on No. 26th & Pearl Sts. and if so, where do they intend to place the signal, as she has had numerous requests for a traffic control light at the proposed arterial at No. 37th & Vassault St. ✓

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Mr. Finnigan called the Council's attention to a recent Supreme Court ruling on laws exempting church property from taxation. Their ruling was that laws exempting church property from taxation does not violate the constitution. ✓

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Mr. Finnigan mentioned in reference to the Maritime Museum it might be well to go beyond the appointed Council committee members and obtain some active citizens who are interested in the City of Tacoma. He suggested that a committee of citizens be appointed to pursue this matter. He thought the proper persons could help a great deal in the State Legislature toward awarding the City the facility for the Maritime Museum.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

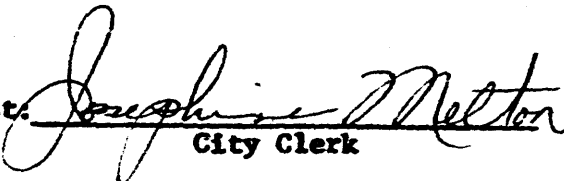
- a. Personnel Report for the month of April 1970.
- b. Civil Service Board minutes of May 4, 1970.
- c. Board of Park Commissioners minutes of May 11, 1970.
- d. Fire Dept. report for the month of April 1970.
- e. Finance Dept. report for the month of April 1970.
- f. City Clerk advising the time has elapsed for filing protests on L I D 4906.

Placed on file.

Mr. O'Leary moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hanfield. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

George Cvitanich - Deputy Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk