

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Wednesday, December 26, 1962**

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Bott and Cvitanich. Mr. Bott arriving at 4:05 P. M.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17282:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement retaining the services of Worthen, Wing, Seifert & Forbes for the design & construction of an Emergency Maintenance Bldg. to be located at the Tacoma Industrial Airport on the Peninsula site.

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

Mr. Anderson, City Construction Engineer, stated they have recommended the Firm of Worthen, Wing, Seifert and Forbes, Architect-Engineers, for the design and construction of an emergency Maintenance Bldg. inasmuch as they had prepared the Master plan for the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

Mr. D. Forbes, representing Worthen, Wing, Seifert & Forbes, explained the plan of the proposed building, stating there will be a small waiting room, a tool room, a mechanical room and space large enough to house two crash vehicles. This will be a permanent building and the estimated cost of the building is \$25,000.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17283:

Authorizing the sale of (5) Surplus Vehicles.

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

Mr. Finnigan remarked that these trucks are quite old and wondered if a schedule had been set up to have vehicles replaced.

Mr. Rowlands said, a replacement schedule had been set up a few years ago, however, due to the shortage of funds, these vehicles have not been replaced. The Department could still use about \$200,000 for vehicle replacement. When funds are available, a schedule should be set up for a regular depreciation program, he added.

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Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17284:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. Inc. and Tucci & Sons, Inc. for IMP. No. 3040-E-2 in the amount of \$262,079.02 inc. sales tax, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Steele moved 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. 17285:

Fixing Monday, January 28, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6812 for Street lights on South 41st St. to South 45th Street from Sheridan St. to Hosmer Street.

Mr. Bott moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17225: (postponed from the meeting of Dec. 18, 1962)

Amending the Administrative Code providing for certain re-organizations in the Utility Dept.

Mrs. Price stated she had met with Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Benedetti to discuss this Ordinance. She said she was not opposed to the re-organization Plan, however, she was concerned about the next Ordinance No. 17226 as there are increases in salaries for eight appointive positions. She contended it gives only a few City employees salary increases and favors them over the bulk of the City employees who receive no boosts next year.

However, if the majority of the Council members feel that these positions warrant an increase, she would not oppose the increases at this time. She thought the Council should take a good look at the Utility Dept. and the General Government's budget within the next year and make a few comparisons as to the duties and wage scales, as these positions should be compensated accordingly.

Mr. Murtland said he could see no reason for the increases because of the re-organization. He said it seemed to him that only the appointive positions are receiving increases. He did not recall any previous discussion relative to these increases in pay for certain individuals. He urged the Council to turn down the Ordinance. He said it would not only look bad in the eyes of unfavored employees, but would give the Utility Dept. an opening wedge in which to argue for

increases when the contract comes up for renewal covering members of the Electrical Workers Union.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Utilities Director, explained that these salaries were being attached to positions, not to individuals. The Utilities and Personnel Dept. officials had studied the new duties, and the salaries were based on the new duties as correlated with other jobs in the City service. He thought the Council's outlook might be different if the new positions had been filled by outside personnel rather than by persons already in the Department.

Mr. Rowlands said he still was not convinced that the proper relationship exists between some of the General Government positions with the change being made in these particular Utility positions. He thought there were some positions that should be discussed and analyzed very carefully prior to next year's budget so that there will be a more equitable relationship.

Mrs. Price felt the communications between the Utilities Dept. and the City Council at present are not as they should be.

Mayor Tollefson said he hadn't realized there had been a breakdown and would like to know how they could increase these communications and would welcome suggestions from the Council on ways to better the relationship.

Mrs. Price said at one time the Council members met with the Utility Board members once a month and were informed on important issues. These meetings ceased approximately a year ago. She thought these meetings were very informative.

Mayor Tollefson said he would look into the matter of resuming these meetings with the Utility Board.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said the Ordinance should be amended before it is passed to change Sec. 9 to read, after the word "shall" the words "become retroactive to and".

Mr. Steele moved that Sec. 9 be amended to add after the word "shall" the words "become retroactive to and". Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Haley.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17226:

Amending the Compensation Plan to establish the rates of pay made necessary by the re-organizations in the Dept. by the Utility Department.

Mr. Steele moved that Sec. 3 be amended to read, after the word "shall" the words "become retroactive to and". Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Haley.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17235:

Appropriating the sum of \$600,000 or so much as may be necessary from the Current Fund of the Light Div. to the M & O classification for the purpose of paying for purchased power in the year 1962.

Mrs. Price asked if this expenditure of \$600,000 was from the current fund, and if it would necessitate an increase in rates.

Mr. Benedetti explained it was from the current Light fund and it would not increase the rates as it is in the fund.

Mr. Haley asked if this would put the Utilities Dept. in the red.

Mr. Benedetti said that it would not, as it was in the fund.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17236:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4677 for permanent paving in various streets between S. 52nd and East 71st and between Park Avenue and East "T" Street.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment roll for the cost of the improvement No. 5335 for cast iron water mains in Highland Ave. from So. 12th to 19th; Winnifred from So. 13th to So. 19th; Shirley from So. 13th to So. 15th; So. 12th from Woodlawn to Highland; So. 13th from Highland to Shirley.

Mr. Steele moved that Monday, January 28, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on L I D 5335 assessment roll. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of November 1962.
- b. Report from the Personnel Dept. for the month of November 1962.
- c. Report from the Police Dept. for the month of November 1962.
- d. Report from the Finance Director for the month of November 1962.

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COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Shaub, Chairman of the Citizens Committee would like to make his final report at the Utilities Bldg. at 3:30 P. M tomorrow, December 27, 1962, and has invited the Council members to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk