

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, September 25, 1962

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

Deputy Mayor Herrmann presided in the absence of Mayor Tollefson. Mayor Tollefson coming in at 4:10 P. M., resuming the chair. Mr. Bott arriving at 4:12 P. M.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of September 12, 1962 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson remarked that Mr. Bruce Burns had asked to address the City Council concerning voter's registration. He stated, he would like to ask Mr. Burns to speak before taking up the regular order of the agenda.

Mrs. Price moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Bruce Burns said he was representing the Democratic Legislators of Pierce County and the Democratic Party. He stated the Democratic and Republican Parties intend to start a drive next week to get people to register to vote. He asked if it were possible to direct the City Clerk to appoint Deputy Registrars located throughout the City in Stores and Businesses to register these people. He said the Parties would stand the expense of paying the 20 cents per registration. In all probability, he added, they could get 5 to 6,000 more people to register for the next election.

Mr. Rowlands explained there are five permanent Fire stations where people can register all year round, and prior to each election two more Fire stations are added, making a total of seven stations, and also the City Clerk's office. The problem involved is that these people would have to be trained and it would take a lot of supervision. It is just a question of how far the Council would want to go.

Mayor Tollefson thanked Mr. Burns for appearing, stating the Council, would look into the matter.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Resolution No. 17198 was voted down last week and at that time Mr. Steele indicated that he would ask for reconsideration of this Resolution at today's meeting. The passage of Resolution No. 17199 is meaningless unless Resolution 17198 is adopted which approves the

the execution of the contract.

Mr. Steele moved to suspend the Rules at this time to reconsider Resolution No. 17198 which failed at last week's meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Roll call was taken on the motion
Ayes 6; Nays 3; Bott, Cvitanich and Murtland
Motion carried

Mr. Steele moved to reconsider Resolution No. 17198. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Roll call was taken on the motion
Ayes 5; Nays 4; Cvitanich, Finnigan, Murtland and Bott
Motion carried

Mr. Murtland asked to be excused

Mr. Bott asked what would be the advantage in passing these Resolutions until a court decision has been handed down.

Mr. Steele said it was emphasized at last week's meeting that these rules and regulations are only housekeeping regulations that would enable the City to proceed in the event the decision is rendered favorably by the Supreme Court. It will not entail the acquisition of property except within the limits delineated by the Regional Office of Urban Renewal.

Resolution No. 17198:

Approving and providing for the execution of a proposed loan & capital Grant contract with the United States of America, for Project No. Wash. R-3 (Fawcett St. area).

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

Roll call was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 3; Finnigan, Cvitanich and Bott. Absent temporarily 1, Murtland
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17199: (postponed from the meeting of Sept. 18th)

Authorizing the issuance of certain project temporary Loan notes in connection with Urban Renewal Project No. Wash R-3 (Fawcett St. area) not to exceed \$1,725,394.00.

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

Roll call was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 3; Bott, Cvitanich and Finnigan. Absent temporarily 1, Murtland
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17200: (postponed from the meeting of Sept. 18th)

Awarding contract to Star Machine & Tool Co. for the furnishing of a brake drum lathe on their bid of \$7,058.25 including sales tax and freight, which was determined to be the best bid.

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

Mr. Bott moved to postpone the Resolution for one week, until October 2, 1962, as he had additional information forthcoming. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

Mr. Rowlands indicated, since there was some ambiguity in the specifications, he suggested that the Resolution be voted down and that bids be re-advertised.

Mr. Bott withdrew his motion with the consent of the second.

Mr. Murtland said, if the one machine meets the specifications, he could not see how the City could reject the bid.

Mr. Bott stated he had heard there are machines that can be purchased for considerably less that will do the job, and that is the information that will be available.

Mrs. Price stated rejecting all bids and calling for new bids leaves Mathis & Hart and Star Machine & Tool companies in an awkward position by exposing their bids.

Mayor Tollefson said he recognized that fact, however, there is a misunderstanding and under the circumstances it would be better to re-advertise and clarify the specifications and call for bids.

Mr. Hart reiterated his position stating he had bid on the lathe as set forth in the specifications and it would save the City \$1,000 if they purchased his lathe.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Mr. Bott moved that new specifications be set up and the bid readvertised. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland moved that a Resolution be brought in awarding the contract to Mathis & Hart Auto Parts as being the lowest and correct bidder. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion failed.

Mayor Tollefson explained that Dr. Giandrone, Supt. of Public Schools was present tonight regarding the vacation of the area at the Lowell School. He said he had asked if this matter could be discussed at this time as Dr. Giandrone has a dinner engagement.

It was moved by Dr. Herrmann that the Rules be suspended to consider the matter on the vacation of No. 13th and I and the alley between I and Yakima. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Motion carried.

Mrs. Price moved for reconsideration of Ordinance No. 17162 which was voted down at last week's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Steele .

Roll call was taken on the motion resulting as follows:

Ayes 4; Nays 5; Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley & Mayor Tollefson. Motion Lost.

Mayor Tollefson asked that Ordinance No. 17168 be taken up at this time inasmuch as it pertains to the matter under discussion.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17168:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a contractual ^{4.00} agreement with the Tacoma School District No. 10 to barricade and post with appropriate signs on No. 13th St. from the alley between Yakima Ave. north and No. I St. westerly to the easterly boundary of No. I between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. during school sessions.

Mrs. Price explained that the City Council last March requested that an Ordinance be drawn for the vacation of the street and the Public Works Dept. issued a permit to Lowell School to prepare for the vacation as per the letter sent from the Legal Dept. She thought since this was approved by the Council at that time she felt this was a moral obligation of the Council to pass on the Ordinance for the vacation. She said this may solve the problem by barricading the street, but, she would not vote in favor of the Ordinance for the simple reason these children will be allowed to run back and forth between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. and will be protected, but during the summer and before and after school hours they haven't this protection. What would prevent them from running into the street and being injured or killed during this time? Perhaps the City Council would not be legally responsible, but morally they would and she was in hopes that the street could be vacated.

Mr. Murtland concurred with Mrs. Price in her remarks that the Council had a hearing on this matter and agreed with the Planning Commission to draft an Ordinance for passage effecting the vacation. He did not think a barricade would suffice as nothing states in the Ordinance who will be responsible for placing the barricades, therefore, he could not vote for the Ordinance because of the safety factor involved.

Dr. Giandrone, School Superintendent, stated the school originally had asked for a barricade, however, the City officials indicated a barricade was illegal and suggested that the school apply for a vacation which they had done. He agreed that the vacation would be the best solution to the problem as it would protect the children and provide more playground space. He offered the school's cooperation in a parent education program to try to ask the parents not to use the alley between Yakima and I Streets when unloading their children.

Mayor Tollefson said the situation was embarrassing for the Council, but that the schools should try temporary barricades first then if this is not workable, vacating the street might be necessary.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Mayor Tollefson stated that the regular order of business can now be resumed.

Resolution No. 17207: (Postponed from the meeting of Sept. 18th)

Acceptance of Utilization of Reservoir properties-Policy Declaration.

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

Mayor Tollefson asked if Mr. Erdahl, Director of the Utilities Dept., would explain the Resolution to the Council at this time.

Mr. Erdahl, stated this policy was set up by the Utility Board so that any one who had an interest in the reservoir property would know the terms of the Federal Power Commission's License and the policy of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Finnigan said it was pointed out to him that one of the concessionaires at Cushman was selling liquor which he imagined had a Class "H" license. He said he did not think that was a good policy to follow. He asked Mr. Erdahl if there were any restrictions placed on the concessionaire.

Mr. Erdahl said the concessionaire must abide to the policy determination once it is adopted. However, before the license is issued to them it is acted upon by the Utility Board and the entire Council.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17209:

Fixing Tuesday, October 23, 1962 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of portions of Wright St; G St. and the alley between Wright and So. 34th, all adjacent to the westerly edges of G St. and Delin St. (petition of Cartozian & Sons.)

Dr. Herrmann 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.

Resolution No. 17210:

Awarding contract to Hanson Excavating Co. for IMF. No. 3044-D-2 on their bid of \$23,471.24 including sales tax which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Haley 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.

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Resolution No. 17211:

Endorsing the repeal of Article II, Section 33 on Senate Joint Resolution No. 21 at the General Election on November 6, 1962. (anti-alien land provisions)

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

Mr. Murtland said he did not feel that endorsing State or Federal Legislation was a part of the City Council's duties, regardless of whether the matter had merit or not.

Mr. Steele stated Senate Joint Resolution No. 21 relates to the elimination from the State Constitution the prohibition of alien land ownership. This Resolution is to bring to the attention of the people the fact that this discrimination should be eliminated. Mr. Steele listed the names of groups and organizations that had endorsed this Senate Joint Resolution.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17212:

Extending to the City of Portland, Oregon such assistance as may be necessary and proper in order to obtain the Olympic Games for the year 1968 in the City of Portland.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17169:

Appropriating the sum of \$10,000 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund to the airport fund for the purpose of paying the cost of necessary consulting and expert fees in connection with the recertification of the Certificate of Public convenience and necessity for Local Services by West Coast Air Lines, Inc.

The Ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

Ordinance No. 17170:

Vacating the area of 26th and M Sts. (Petition of Fred Berto) ²⁶⁷
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The Ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

Ordinance No. 17171:

Authorizing the renewal of the franchise with the Northern Pacific Railway Co. for the continued maintenance and operation of a spur track along Winthrop Avenue and across East 22nd and East 23rd Streets.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE S:

Ordinance No. 17166:

Creating a special fund in the treasury of the City of Tacoma known as the "Airport Fund."

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17167:

Appropriating the sum of \$3,294.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of operating the Airport for the remainder of the year 1962.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for hearing for L I D 6790 for street lights in the area of So. I from So. 80th to So. 83rd Streets.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, October 22, 1962 at 4:00 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 6790. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

b. The Director of Utilities presents the assessment roll for hearing on L I D 5314 for cast iron water mains in So. 25th from Wilkeson to Steele; State and Ash from So. 25th to So. 24th produced.

Mr. Steele moved that Monday, October 22, 1962 at 4:00 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 5314. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Finance Dept. for the month of August 1962.
- b. Report from the Planning Dept. for the month of August 1962.
- c. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of August, 1962.

Mayor Tollefson said, the City Council will now discuss the Utilities Budget and inquired if the Council members would like to ask any questions concerning the Utilities Dept. budget.

Mr. Haley said he would like some questions cleared up. He added, over the last few years the Utilities Dept. has established a policy of budgeting employment for more people than are hired. Again, this year the Utilities Dept. have budgeted approximately 100 people more than they will employ. He would like to know why 100 more employees are budgeted, than needed. This extra personnel represents one-half million dollars more than is needed in the 1963 budget.

Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities stated, this has been the practice for many years, to budget personnel for all situations that may develop; however, it does not mean that the Utilities Dept. will hire these employees, their plan would be to not use them unless such situations arise.

A. J. Bennedetti, Assistant Director, explained, according to State Law the Utilities Dept. is required to include in their budget any employee who conceivably may be hired during this year. Therefore, the Department budgets sufficient personnel to take care of any unforeseen circumstances even though they do not expect to hire all of them. The money that is saved by hiring less than is budgeted goes toward supplemental emergencies, contingencies and overtime funds which purposely are held low in the budget. This procedure also gives the Department some lee-way in the event pay increases are approved for members of the Electrical workers union in the Spring. Another reason for the discrepancy is that about 15 Light Division positions, which are on loan to the Cowlitz Project, are kept open in the budget for their return to the Utilities Dept. This budget also includes four new positions that have been added for the operation of Mayfield Dam.

Mr. Haley then inquired about the \$8.4 million cash surplus which the Utilities Dept. has invested.

Mr. Erdahl said, he wanted to clarify that statement. He said the money is not surplus, but it is committed to Capital Projects and to Bonneville for power purchases.

Mr. E. K. Murrery, Utility Board member, added that 2 million dollars may go toward paying the difference between the ultimate cost of the Mayfield Dam and also the depreciation of property.

Mayor Tollefson then suggested the Council meeting be adjourned. Upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M.

After adjournment, discussion continued on the Utilities Budget for 1963.