

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1966

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 0.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the minutes of the meeting of August 23, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for the construction, reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways in various parts of the city. (S. C. F. # 65)

Mr. Rowlands explained that most of the property owners contacted, have repaired their walks under the Public Work's inspectors' supervision.

Dr. Herrmann moved that an ordinance be drafted consummating the assessment roll for S C F #65. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18864

Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City, Metropolitan Park District and Pierce County to establish a consolidated Tacoma-Pierce County Neighborhood Youth Corps program.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that the staff felt this consolidation would make a better program for the young people.

Mr. Finnigan asked how the program was working out nation-wide.

Mr. Rowlands said he did not have information regarding the program nation-wide, but the staff has been gratified that the City has been able to place about 250 people, either in jobs or returning to school.

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

Resolution No. 18865

Authorizing the employment of March & McLennan of Seattle, consulting actuaries to make an actuarial study of the Firemen's Pension Fund for a fee of \$500.00.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained, this is the same procedure that was followed last year and by having an actuarial report made by Marsh & McLennan, Inc. the City Council will then be in a position to appropriate the funds needed for 1967 to meet the obligations to the Firemen's Pension Fund.

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

Resolution No. 18866

Awarding contract to Keith Petersen & Son on its bid of \$2,469.28 incl. tax and on the supplemental bid of \$289.68 incl. tax.

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

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

Resolution No. 18867

Awarding contract to Asphalt Paving & Engineering Co. on its bid of \$26,000.28 for L I D 4790.

Mr. Finnigan 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. 18868

Rejecting the bid of Cooks Concrete Construction Co. and George Madsen Co. for L I D 4778 for the reason both bids received exceed the Engineer's estimate.

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

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

Resolution No. 18869

Rejecting the bid of George Madsen Co. and Cooks Construction Co. for L I D 4777 as both bids received exceed the Engineer's estimate.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18134

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.060-8 to include property on the north side of So. 7th St. between Sprague Ave. and State St. in an "R-4" district. (petition of the Planning Commission)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18128

Amending Section 1.12.520 of the Compensation Plan to reflect the increase for the classes of Lineman & Wireman approved by Resolution No. 18841, and also providing for increases in the General Government for Classes 0596 & 0598 for Traffic-Signal Electrician & Fire Alarm Electrician.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18129

Amending Ordinance No. 18015 passed February 23, 1966 to correct a typographical error in the Ordinance. ✓

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18130

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.050-14 to include property on the N. W. corner of No. 14th and Orchard Streets in an "R-3" District. (petition of Harold Wick)

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18131

Authorizing the condemnation of property for perpetual and temporary easements in the area of So. 92nd & Pacific Avenue for the Southeast Tacoma Storm Sewer Trunk.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18132

Condemning property in the vicinity at the intersection of McCarver Street and Ruston Way for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer interceptor line.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18133

Appropriating the sum of \$84.00 from the General Fund and \$236.00 from the City Street Fund to the Salary and Wage Category of the Fire Dept. and to the Traffic Engineering Signal Division for the purpose of paying certain Fire alarm and certain Traffic Signal employees.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessments for hearing:

- a. L I D 3612 for sanitary sewers in So. Mullen from So. 58th to So. 64th and other nearby streets.
- b. L I D 4774 for curbs and gutters on the west side of Alaska from So. 23rd to So. 25th; concrete sidewalks on Narrows Dr. from No. 23rd to No. 24th; Orchard from 6th Ave. to So. 11th Street.
- c. L I D 6822 for street lighting on Shorecliff Dr. near 33rd St. N. E.
- d. L I D 6842 for street lighting on So. Yakima Ave. to J Street from So. 72nd to So. 78th Streets.

Mr. Haley moved that the date for hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 3612, 4774, 6822 and 6843 be set for Monday, October 10, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. State Auditor's report covering the period of Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31, 1965.
- b. Report from the Tacoma Employees Retirement System for the month of August 1966.

PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET for 1967

Mr. Rowlands explained that the budget is \$4,389,739 out of balance, and it is going to be a difficult task this year to bring it into balance. The budget must be in balance when it is adopted on or before October 7, 1966.

Mr. Rowlands added, that the budget is designed to show that the passage of Initiative 226 would give the City an additional \$1.2 million in 1967 and \$2.4 million annually thereafter, but it would still not be a panacea to all of the ills besetting urban areas in the State of Washington.

He added, he could only advise the Council members that the alternatives are very clear, that drastic curtailment of municipal services, additional property taxes, an increase in the business and occupation tax or the addition of a dollar to the utility bills as a Transit Dept. subsidy, would have to be considered. Furthermore, many programs involving matching funds would have to be eliminated to the detriment of the future well-being and growth of Tacoma.

The format for the 1967 budget involves the grouping of similar activities and functions. The effectuation of these programs will place emphasis on the development and recognition of human values and resources as well as the physical improvements of the Tacoma community. These designs for progress represented are based on community needs and not on unrealistic requests.

Dr. Herrmann asked if the preliminary budget had been this far out of balance in the past.

Mr. Rowlands explained that in prior years the preliminary budget had been within 2 to 5 percent out of balance. However, he noted that the extreme imbalance in the current budget is a dramatic device to call attention to the fact that Tacoma could be a better city if the money were available.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands explained that a letter from Knight, Vale & Gregory, Certified Public Accountants, dated August 25, 1966 outlined some proposals for adjustments in certain scheduled rates. There hasn't been any change made in the last four years and if it is agreeable with the Council members he would have a resolution prepared to present to the Council next week.

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Mr. Rowlands reported that the City has received an additional 10% grant which brings the total contribution of \$1,551,600 toward the Ruston Way sewer and interceptor program.

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Mayor Tollefson read a communication from Marshall Riccnosciuto regarding the zoning request of S. W. Anderson which was denied by the City Council on August 30, 1966. It was suggested that the Council reconsider their action and refer the request back to the Planning Commission for a planning study of the entire Old Tacoma area. He also mentioned that as a result of a hearing over a year ago, where a rezone was granted in face of opposition of most property owners in the area, that the Council had an implied agreement, not to rezone in this area until a study was made.

Several of the Council members agreed that the Council had promised such a study sometime ago.

After some discussion, Mayor Tollefson said the letter would be referred to the Planning Commission for consideration of an Old Tacoma area study.

Mayor Tollefson said, perhaps, a general overall plan could be reviewed by the Planning staff in regard to the zoning throughout the city. The Commission and Council would then have the benefit of their full review of the problem.

Mrs. Price said, she felt the only time zoning was reviewed, was when a request is received from a petitioner. She wondered when the Planning Commission and staff would review the overall planning and request rezoning of certain sections of the city.

Mr. Haley said there is a study for general land use that is in the process at the present time, and he felt it would be completed by the end of next year.

Several of the Council members agreed that perhaps, the ordinances need re-examination and a study should be made relative to apartment house zoning throughout the city.

Mr. Cvitanich said there are cities that require special-use permits for new service stations, rather than allowing them to locate in commercially zoned areas. He suggested that the City's legal staff study this possibility for Tacoma.

Mr. Bott asked what the City is going to do about the service stations that are being abandoned, and also if the property would retain its "C-1" or "C-2" zoning.

Mayor Tollefson stated there was nothing the City could do as long as there isn't a health or safety hazard.

Mr. Finnigan felt that something should be done with the property that had been rezoned for a promised development that had not materialized. He suggested that the legal staff restudy the possibility of imposing time limits whereby the zoning would revert to its original status if no development took place.

Mr. Murtland requested that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, submit a report on what the taxes were on the property of the Lucky Stores at 6th Ave. and Trafton, and what they are at present. He felt this would give the Council some basis from which to work on these rezoned undeveloped properties.

Mayor Tollefson asked that the Planning staff submit a report if something could be done relative to the rezonings that have taken place and not developed as promised by the petitioners.

Mayor Tollefson suggested that Mr. Rowlands contact the County Commissioners about possible City participation in a County study of garbage disposal sites.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk

Mayor Tollefson
Mayor of the City Council