

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4 P.M.

Present on roll call 7: Banfield, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Bott and Zatkovich.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to excuse Mr. Zatkovich from the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Bott arrived at 4:15 P.M.

Mayor Rasmussen explained, at the next Council meeting the newly elected Council members will be sworn in. He thought the Council meeting should be held in the Public Utility Bldg auditorium since it is a larger room.

Mr. Hamilton said it would be advisable to adopt a motion at this time changing the place of meeting so there would be no question on the matter, as the Charter indicates that the Council shall meet at such other times as it may determine; provided that it shall hold regular weekly meetings. He quoted from Section 2.8 of the city charter which states in part, "special meeting shall be called by the City Clerk on the written request of the Mayor or any three councilmen."

Mayor Rasmussen stated that the proper notice must be given.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the Council meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 1969 be held at the Public Utility Building auditorium at 4:00 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 2: Bott and Zatkovich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Bott.

Safe Driver Awards were presented by Mayor Rasmussen to forty City employees of the City who have driven cars for the City from five to twenty-five years without a mishap.

Mayor Rasmussen, members of the Council and Mr. Rowlands congratulated the recipients on their fine driving ability.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 1969.

Mrs. Banfield said that under Resolution No. 20436 relative to the data processing application to HUD on page 5, she thought it should be noted in the discussion that the proposal was flown in from Berkeley, California that very day and no one on the Council had an opportunity to read it.

Mayor Rasmussen stated, if there was no objection, the statement by Mr. Gaffin would be included in the discussion under Res. No. 20436.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of Oct. 28th be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Murtland moved to suspend the rules to permit Mr. Wm. L. MacArthur to make a certain presentation at this time. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. MacArthur, 3121 Claremont Place, explained he was the spokesman for the many citizens of Tacoma who would like to make public affirmation for their high regard for Dave Rowlands and his thirteen years of devotion to the task of making Tacoma a better city in which to live, work, shop and to raise their families. Most of all, Mr. Rowlands was regarded for his unquestioned integrity which has characterized every aspect of his business and personal life.

Mr. MacArthur thanked Mr. Rowlands for his contributions to Tacoma and wished him well in his future endeavors.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed against the audit and assessment of the Greyhound Lines-West.

A communication was received from the Greyhound Lines asking that the hearing be continued until Dec. 9, 1969 at 4 P.M.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Greyhound Lines-West appeal hearing be postponed until Dec. 9. Seconded by Mrs. Hanfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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This is the date set for hearing with the initiating parties for the annexation of the S.W. corner of So. 19th & Seaview Ave. (submitted by Walter C. Witte et al)

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning explained this is the meeting, the Council determines if it will accept the annexation. It will also determine if the property is to accept the bonded indebtedness and comprehensive plan of the City.

He further stated this property is a sixteen-unit condominium on the SE corner of So. 19th and Seaview Avenue.

Mr. Walter Witte, petitioner, explained a meeting of all the owners in the condominium had been held and they voted to annex to the City as they desire the services and protection of the City.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that the lumber yard adjacent to this property should be annexed also. He asked if the owner has been contacted.

Mr. Buehler explained the lumber yard owners had stated they did not wish to annex to the City.

Mr. Murtland moved that the Council agrees to accept the annexation petition and the owners assume the bonded indebtedness. In addition, the owners should assume the bonded indebtedness but the comprehensive plan requirement be waived, and a resolution be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously passed.

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This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of So. 58th St. from Madison to Durango, petitioned by Frank Stojack et al.

Mr. Buehler explained that 58th Street is an 80 foot right-of-way and has never been developed. One half of the right of way would go to the school district which owns property adjacent to the petitioner's property, the other half would go to the property owner. He noted that the petitioners intend to utilize their portion of the proposed vacation for the construction of a warehouse facility for J. C. Penney Co. The vacation will not effect the street pattern or traffic circulation of the area.

Mr. Tom Fitchett of Tacoma Realty, representing Mr. Stojack, explained this will be a 60,000 square foot building and the water mains will be located in So. 57th Street produced from Proctor St. to Durango St. and connected to a main to be constructed in Proctor St., which was required for a previous vacation.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the vacation be approved and an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

PETITION:

Wapato Lake Development Co., requesting rezoning of the north side of So. 72nd between FIA #5 and So. Alaska from an "R-2" to an "R-4" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20441 (postponed from the meeting of Nov. 5th)

Authorizing the execution of an extension of a lease agreement to Air West, Inc. from October 28 to December 31, 1969.

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

Mr. Phillips, Airport Manager, explained that this lease is for a certain portion of the temporary airlines terminal.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the rental of \$62.50 for approx. 375 square feet of floor space was too low and wondered why this had not been increased.

Mr. Phillips said at the time of renegotiations the new rates can be set. At this point there has been no request from Air West for a renewal of their lease, therefore, he is requesting this resolution include this period when an Interstate Air Lines is using space on the field without an agreement. He added, in the event of public liability it would be difficult to hold the airline responsible without some type of an agreement.

Mayor Rasmussen thought that a letter should be sent to Air West asking if they wish to renegotiate a new lease, otherwise the City could advertise that particular portion of the Terminal for rent to some other Airline.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what type of service is being provided by Air West at the present time.

Mr. Phillips explained they were providing two round-trip schedules daily from Portland, Oregon and they are flying a six passenger cruiser until the company is reorganized.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the lease should be terminated so that another company could have the opportunity to serve the Airport with more returns to the City.

Dr. Herrmann explained, as far as he understood the situation, Air West Inc. is in the process of being sold to Hughes Tool Inc. and this resolution only determines whether this lease can be extended for two months and three days.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the level of service is pertinent to the discussion and was important in negotiating another lease.

Mr. Murtland felt, during the next two months an attempt must be made to check other airlines that might wish to operate at the Airport.

Mr. Finnigan thought this lease should be extended for the protection of the City, and it would be used as the basis of negotiating a stronger lease with another company next year.

After some discussion, Mrs. Banfield moved to postpone the Resolution for one week, until Nov. 18, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion Lost.

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

Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland.

Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that Mr. Cvitanich had changed his vote to "Aye" so he moved to reconsider the resolution next week.

Resolution No. 20444

Fixing Tuesday Nov. 25th at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing with the initiating parties for the proposed annexation of property on both sides of So. 96th between Center and FIA #5 (Freeway). (Petitioned by Wm. D. Brown)

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 3: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20445

Fixing Monday, Dec. 8th at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for L I D 6917 for street lighting on No. 29th from Pine to McCarver Street.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 3: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20446

Fixing Monday December 22nd at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6916 for street lighting on East 2 from Morton to East 37th Street.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20447

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company on its bid of \$57,000 for W. O. 74041.

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

Mr. Schuster explained this resolution involves bids for crushing, hauling and stockpiling aggregates for the City for the next two years.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that a breakdown sheet be submitted to the Council when a resolution such as this involves a large sum of money. In this instance the Mayor inquired if the crushed rock is being purchased by the wagonload or ton.

Mr. Schuster explained that the crushed rock is purchased by the ton. In this particular contract there is a total of 23,000 tons of gravel at \$2.50 a ton. This will be delivered to the City's stock-piling facilities in the vicinity of Center & Pine St. He mentioned that there are three different grades of material purchased and the gravel is used for three different types of operations. Mr. Schuster said an explanation sheet will be submitted with further resolutions, as requested.

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

Ayes 6: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20448

Approving the access report of State Route 16 from Sprague Ave. to So. 23rd from the Washington State Highway Dept.

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

Mr. Schuster explained this resolution would approve the access report of State Route 16 from Sprague Ave. to So. 23rd. The Sprague Ave. intersection at the end of the Valley-Valley overcrossing is under construction at the present time. The report also deals with the access and design from the intersection to Bantz Blvd. and So. 23rd St.

Mr. Schuster explained that at 9:00 A.M., Nov. 21st, a public hearing will be held at the Utility Bldg. relative to the access report.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20449

Commending W. G. "Garry" Bott for his years of service as a member of the Tacoma City Council.

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

Mayor Rasmussen presented Mr. Bott with a plaque commending him for his outstanding service to the City of Tacoma.

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

Ayes 7: Banfield, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 1: Bott (abstained). Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20450

Commending C. Morrison Johnson for his years of service as a member of the Tacoma City Council.

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

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

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 1: Johnson (abstained). Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20451

Commending Hal D. Murtland for his years of service as a member of the Tacoma City Council.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Mayor Rasmussen
Nays 1: Murtland (abstained). Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20452

Authorizing the execution of an amended lease and agreement of occupancy between the City of Tacoma and the County of Pierce concerning the occupancy of the County-City Building.

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

Chief Zittel explained that for more than ten years the jail kitchen has been operated jointly by the City and County. The prorated cost has been set at 55% by the City and 45% by the County. The agreement as to the cost for a number of years has worked out satisfactorily, however, it is now possible to keep an accurate account of all prisoners at meals and it is felt a fair and more equitable way of assessing costs is by mere count.

Mr. Zittel further added that the staff has met with the County Sheriff and other County officials and they are in agreement with this resolution. The resolution spells out that the proportionate share of the cost of operation of the jail kitchen shall be computed by utilizing the ratio between the number of meals served to each party as compared to the total number of meals served on a monthly basis.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20453

Commending David D. Rowlands for his years of service as City Manager of the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Cvitanich explained he agreed with all but one paragraph of the resolution. He therefore moved that in the 5th whereas, 3rd line down, after the word "of" insert the words "what he considered to be in", then to read "what he considered to be in the City's best interest". Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion Lost.

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

Ayes 6: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18962

Condemning property between So. Cedar and So. Alder lying generally between So. 10th & 7th St. for the establishing of sidewalks and slope fills and related purposes.

Mr. Schuster explained this is the only property included in the transition between Cedar and Alder St. the staff has been unable to come to an agreement on, therefore an ordinance has been submitted to the Council for condemnation. Agreements have been worked out with all the property owners.

Mrs. Banfield asked how much money will have to be allocated from the General Fund.

Mr. Schuster explained there will be no monies expended from the General Fund on this project. This is covered by a bond issue which was voted upon by the people, and 10% of the project costs are being paid from the bond fund. The other 90% of the costs comes from the State Gasoline tax.

Mr. Tom Barclay of the State Dept of Highways, pointed out on a map the location of the Sprague Ave. Interchange where the highway enters the Union Street interchange through the future Hannah Pierce Interchange and ends at approx. 23rd St. at Bantz Blvd. There will be two hearings on this project on Nov. 21. The first portion is Sprague Ave. to So. 23rd, which is a combined design access hearing, then a federal design hearing is also to be held on the portion from 23rd St. to the Narrows Bridge.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18963

Appropriating the sum of \$15,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying a portion of the cost of a full and complete audit of the operations of the City of Tacoma for the calendar year 1969.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18964

Amending the Administration and Pay and Compensation Plan by removing all appointive positions from the Plan.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he felt that during the past ten years the difference in salaries in the various categories, primarily in the appointive positions has gone far beyond the realm of reason. He submitted a list of appointive positions to the Council. Mr. Cvitanich stated it was up to the Council to determine what appointive positions they wished to remain in the classified pay plan.

Mr. Cvitanich said he has had many discussions with the legal staff and has found that the City of Sacramento, Calif. has a separate provision in their compensation plan relative to the appointive positions. He suggested that by next week the Dept. Director submit to the Council those positions they feel they can justify continuing in the step program, as opposed to those they feel should be placed in the appointive position category. He knew that many of the salaries are justified but he did feel that a point has been reached in city service in terms of the financial ability of the City to pay such salaries for the upper levels. He added, he thought the Council should try to bring the lower ranked salary employees up so that the differential is not as great.

Mr. Cvitanich also pointed out that this must apply to General Government as well as the Dept. of Utilities.

Dr. Herrmann stated he was concerned as to what will happen to the approx. eighty-five appointive persons if they are removed from the City's pay and compensation ordinance. He knew there was a salary differential between supervisory personnel and the personnel working in the Dept., but he felt this was the way it should be. He thought the arrangement as proposed could be a very potent political situation and he did not see how it would serve the City of Tacoma or the people named in the ordinance. If the City Manager and Public Utility Director's positions should be negotiated, it is one thing, but the entire eighty-five positions must be provided for in some type of a pay and compensation plan.

Mr. Finnigan said it was a well known fact that persons who are in supervisory capacities are usually underpaid for the type of work they are doing. He added, Mr. Cvitanich apparently feels that the higher salaried positions should stay in a status quo position until the wage earners elevate their incomes. He did not feel such a plan would work and asked why the Council could not continue, as in the past, when they have made certain decisions on salaries of certain positions, without resorting to as drastic a measure as is proposed in this particular ordinance. He also asked what is proposed relative to a negotiating team.

Mr. Cvitanich felt there had been very little, if any, negotiations up until now with any city employee group. He said it was certainly not his intent to reduce any salaries, or exclude any people on the list, but he did wish the Council to study this problem.

Mr. Finnigan explained that the Council has the power to set appointed officers' salaries now, without using such an ordinance.

Mr. Rowlands explained there have been meetings with the union negotiators and management but other meetings had not been scheduled until the middle of November. He also felt that the City has one of the best management teams in the country.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the directors at the State agency level negotiate their own pay scales.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18945 (as amended)

Amending Chapter 1.28 of the official code by adding five new sections 1.28.130 thru 170 relative to preserving historical buildings.

Mrs. Banfield explained that the words "and districts" have not been removed from the ordinance as requested.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the words "and districts" be deleted throughout the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Zatkovich.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

E I D 6878 for street lighting between So. 56th & So. 64th from Park Ave. to Pacific Ave.

E I D 4820 for paving on No. 12th from Woodlawn to Highland and other nearby streets.

Dr. Harrmann moved that Monday, Jan. 12, 1970 at 4 P.M. be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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Mrs. Banfield read a copy of a letter from Earl M. Shelman of Fircrest addressed to Mr. Art Linkletter relative to the theory of a conspiracy which has been created to undermine the youth of the nation. Mr. Shelman explained he had instituted a law suit against the core of the local conspiracy in the Courts of Pierce County, Washington.

RESOLUTION REQUESTED BY MRS. BANFIELD:

Mrs. Banfield: Now, since this complaint of fraud was filed in Superior Court of Pierce County, against Tacoma-Pierce County Opportunity Development, Inc. on Nov. 6, 1969, and a complete copy has been sent to Mr. Art Linkletter; this matter may and should, I believe, receive considerable national attention. It is evident by the news reports that citizens all over the nation, in every State and every City, are becoming righteously angry over what is being done with their tax dollars. Reading through the complaint of fraud, and the application for a grant for this Narcotics Center, which we have in the City of Tacoma, I find it absolutely unbelievable that reports of this nature can go to Washington, D. C. and nothing be brought to the attention of the citizens of this City through the City Council.

Could I ask, how many members of this Council have read the application for the Narcotics Center before it was sent in, or even up to date? I'd like a roll call, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Rasmussen. Good question. I don't know. Was that submitted to the Council. Mr. Rowlands, do you remember? I don't remember seeing it.

Mr. Rowlands: It's under the jurisdiction of the O. D. I; Opportunity Development, Inc. It's separate.

Mrs. Banfield: Since it concerns our City, I would like to know on a roll call how many have seen it, or read it, Mr. Mayor, for the record.

Mayor Rasmussen: It wasn't submitted to the Council, Mrs. Banfield, according to Mr. Rowlands.

Mrs. Banfield: Then no one on this Council has seen it.

Mayor Rasmussen: No one.

Mrs. Banfield: Now, I also find that a report went to San Francisco, supposedly on Nov. 4, 1969, as this is the date of the cover letter.

Mayor Rasmussen: Let's see that, what was that.

Mrs. Banfield: This was called Submission No. 2-the Problem Analysis of Model Cities. Again I'd like to ask, how many of my fellow Councilmen have seen this and have read it. Have you ever seen it before.

Mayor Rasmussen: Mr. Rowlands, was this submitted to the Council for their approval. Tacoma Model Cities, Submission No. 2, Problem Analysis.

Mr. Rowlands: I don't know whether it was or not.

Mayor Rasmussen: Apparently it has never been submitted to the Council. It was my understanding that these reports were to be submitted to the Council. I'm surprised.

Mrs. Banfield: Are we not still supposedly in charge of the Model Cities Program?

Mayor Rasmussen: We are. We're going to be very much in charge of it, very shortly.

Mrs. Banfield: Mr. Hamilton, I would like you to prepare a ordinance for me, if you will; to the extent that no application, report of condition, or survey covering the City of Tacoma can be mailed to any governing authority or subdivision thereof, until it has, (1) been brought to the attention of the Council by being submitted in an open hearing, and then placed with the City Clerk so that the citizens can read such a report. (2) Two weeks following this, that it will come up for a public hearing for citizens to speak for or against, (3) Upon a majority vote of the Council, it may then be passed and attested to by the Mayor and its submission must then be accompanied by a copy of the resolution voted on at the City Council, to prove that the policy as set forth herein has been followed.

In other words, we won't have applications going in and extra pages added. I think the citizens have a right to know what is being done and what is going on in this City.

Mayor Rasmussen: Are there passages in that report that you want to bring to the attention of the Council.

Mrs. Banfield: Well, Mr. Mayor, Yes, I think there's something quite interesting in here.

Mayor Rasmussen: We've not had an opportunity to read it.

Mrs. Banfield: Well, I haven't finished reading it, I haven't had time either. I just received it yesterday.

Mayor Rasmussen: Is this report signed by Floyd Davis.

Mrs. Banfield: Well, Floyd Davis has a letter in the front of it, that he sent to Mr. Andrew Bell, Asst. Regional Administrator of Model Cities, Region 7, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. There's another letter by Mr. Herman Walker. This may have been adjusted before they sent it, I don't know. But, there's a couple of disturbing things; one is the contributing factors they are listing. Financially there is not enough money to provide quality education for all student. The minority students get left out; a student with behavioral problems doesn't receive the extra attention he needs. And, then on page 41, they have a complicating factor in the busing system. Many central area hilltop children are bused to schools in other area of the city

I find that all through it, really, the parts that I've read, Mr. Mayor, it seems to me that we are using tax dollars to create problems so that we can ask for more Federal funds so that we can take care of the problems we've already created. It is just a kind of a merry-go-round.

On Page 20, there are complaints, that police discriminate; that police discriminate between blacks and whites; that if black persons and white persons are involved in the same illegal behavior, the black persons will be arrested and the white ones will not.

Well, I don't think that's exactly true. Of course, when we sent our Model Cities application in, I think we found many discrepancies in that also. So, the whole thing seems a little bit odd to me, Mr. Mayor, and I think certainly the Council should have been able to look this over and say whether or not it should go back. And on page 3, for instance, they have a little sentence in here that says, "while we have constantly heard that the community has been surveyed to death" most of this information is not available.

Well now, I'm sure that Mr. Rowlands would have seen to it that the information was available to them if they had asked.

It just doesn't make sense, when they tell a lot ----

Mayor Rasmussen: Have you approved any information to the Model Cities.

Mr. Rowlands: Not that I know of.

Mayor Rasmussen: All the surveys, and resurveys, that we've taken, and all the college surveys are available to them.

Mr. Rowlands: Yes.

Mrs. Banfield: That isn't what they say in here though, Mr. Rowlands.

Mr. Rowlands: The C.R.P. and some of these other programs may not be.

Mrs. Banfield: But when they are sending something back to HUD or something to San Francisco, it would seem to me they would tell the truth, and not a half-truth.

Well, I really think, Mr. Mayor, it's time that the Council has a little tougher look at some of the things that are going on in the City of Tacoma; or maybe the citizens will start waking up a little more and maybe they can be good at finding out and taking over a little bit.

Mayor Rasmussen: For your information, Mrs. Banfield, Floyd Davis said "to hell with the Council" and he has no intention of having anything to do with the Council. That's it, and you might as well recognize it.

Mrs. Banfield. Well, I was elected up here to look after the citizens, Mr. Mayor, and as far as I'm concerned, I plan on doing just that.

Mayor Rasmussen: I think you'll have that opportunity very shortly.

END OF VERBATIM

Mayor Rasmussen announced that a telegram from the International Representative of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, has been received which states that the IBEW has a collective bargaining agreement with the High-rise Construction CATV System in the Tacoma area, and the Nation-wide Cablevision System only in the Olympia area.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that the Director of Human Relations, Lynn E. Hodges, has submitted his resignation to become effective on Dec. 5th at 5 P.M.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Hodges is resigning as of Dec. 5, 1969, and will be taking over a church pastorate at that time.

Mayor Rasmussen thought Mr. Hodges should be advised that his resignation will be effective on November 17th.

Mr. Rowlands felt this should be a determination of the Council, but he hoped the Council would see fit to accept Mr. Hodges resignation on Dec. 5, 1969.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands explained he would like to make a few remarks since this is his last Council meeting. He said he has enjoyed the relationship and working for the City of Tacoma over the past thirteen and one-half years. He wanted the record to cite accurately why the City's budget is two million dollars out of balance. He mentioned that over the opposition of the City Manager and some of the staff, the Council approved a reduction in Firemen's hours, which consequently costs more money. The largest item however, is \$427,004 for additional Firemen and Policemen and their benefits which is

over and above what was paid in 1969. The other large item, he felt was unfair, was the new State Retirement System plan for Policemen and Firemen which becomes effective March 1, 1970, and will amount to \$491,282. He thought the Legislature should have taken care of the costs of those now on retirement, as well as those to be retired in the future. The City will now be supporting two separate pension systems.

Mr. Rowlands mentioned that the Police and Fire Depts. are fine departments, but there are sixteen other departments in City Government with some hundreds of City employees who also do a great job. He hoped that these Depts. will also be considered in the 1970 budget.

Mr. Rowlands wished everyone to know that he was not running out on the budget, and if the Council wants him to help with the budget he would be willing to do so.

Mr. Rowlands also mentioned the Transit subsidy in the amount of \$232,523. He thought the Transit tax should be increased from 75¢ to \$1.00 a month, increase the bus fares from 25¢ to 35¢ and increase the Senior citizens passes.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Metropolitan Park Board and Library Board have submitted increases totaling approx. \$235,000. He felt that the Council should look over the entire Metropolitan Park Board arrangement. He mentioned, out of two hundred and seventy cities in the State, only two have a Metropolitan Park District. He felt this was fine, years ago, when the Park District had the right to levy two mills but now they are asking for approx. \$900,000 from the Council. The Council has no control as to how that money is spent. This is an unusual procedure, having a separately elected Park Board when they do not raise their own money.

In addition he noted that a reduction in State Aid to Tacoma for 1970 represents approx. \$605,000. He further stated that Tacoma is not alone in this situation because it has also affected Seattle, Spokane and other cities. He urged the Council to exert pressure on the State Legislature for more State funds to help solve the City's financial problems.

Mr. Rowlands hoped that the Council would disregard the original proposals for cable television franchises and seek expert technical advice on any future bids, as well as consider the possibility of creating a city-run cable television utility.

Mr. Rowlands suggested that the Council might wish to consider an Airport development or creation of an Airport District, which would include the County and Port of Tacoma, as the City has certainly been carrying the burden alone and more participation should be found.

Mr. Rowlands urged the Council to continue to be a participant in the Puget Sound Governmental Conference and Design for Progress program. He hoped the City doesn't scuttle the Model Cities Program. He mentioned he thought annexation should be encouraged, as this could be an answer to many of the City's problems. He thought that parts of Lakewood, Parkland, University Place should be a part of Tacoma.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Cvitanich explained what he thought brought the budget out of balance, such as the airport, escalades and misapplication of Urban Renewal. He requested that Mr. Gaisford submit to the Council how much money the City will have to budget for next year.

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Mr. Cvitanich suggested that the City Council begin it's budget deliberations with nightly meetings beginning Monday evening at 7 P.M.

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Mrs. Banfield asked for a copy of the travel expenses of the City Manager, month by month, as well as the City Council's travel expenses.

Mr. Gaisford explained this will be submitted by next week.

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Mayor Rasmussen announced there will be a Planning Commission hearing Monday, Nov. 17 on a special use permit for the Narcotics Center and he would oppose the granting of such a permit. ✓

Mayor Rasmussen announced that the Council meeting will be held at the Public Safety Building auditorium.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the first budget deliberation be held at 7 P.M. in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that the public is welcome to attend but thought they could not participate in discussions until the formal hearings in December. ✓

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the Mayor elect attend the budget deliberations as well as the hearings. 217

Mayor Rasmussen announced that the meeting of the Association of Washington Cities will be held at the Poodle Dog restaurant Thursday, Nov. 13, 1969 at 6:30 P.M. ✓

Mayor Rasmussen announced that a meeting for the Design for Progress will be held immediately following the Council meeting. ✓

Mr. Bott read a statement relative to his years of service on the Council which was an experience that he would cherish the rest of his life. He thanked the Council and staff for their cooperation during the nine and one-half years he has served the city, as well as the citizens who have supported him.

Mr. Murtland said he hoped the new Council would continue programs started in the past and now beginning to be achieved.

Mr. Johnson explained he has had five and one-half of the most interesting years, but was happy they were over.

Mayor Rasmussen urged the Council to forget regional government and federal control. He felt that the federal bureaucracy had gotten beyond the control of Congress. When Congress cuts the federal budget as contemplated, all the bright promises will not come to pass. ✓

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had received a letter from Mr. Goe stating the street in the general area of So. 56th & Cedar was still in a deplorable condition due to inadequate drainage in that area. 230

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Public Works crew has been in that area on several occasions. He suggested the property owners in the area petition for a L I D which would then allow storm drains and repaving of the street.

Mayor Rasmussen thanked the organizations and citizens who helped organize the parade which was held on Veteran's Day. He also thanked the citizens for holding the "Thank the Yanks" program which was held at the U.P.S. fieldhouse. 265

Mrs. Banfield explained that Mr. Liddle has stated several times there would be no one other than the Civic Arts Commission involved in the historical building ordinance. She asked if the Historical Monuments and Sites Committee was the same as the Historical Buildings Committee.

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Mayor Rasmussen felt that it was.

Mrs. Banfield read a newspaper article listing the names of the Historical Monuments and Sites Committee.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he would check with Mr. Liddle in regard to this matter.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bott. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

A. L. Rasmussen
A. L. Rasmussen - Mayor

Attest: Josephine Melton
Josephine Melton - City Clerk