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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, May 23, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price and Steele. Absent 2, Cvitanich and Mayor Hanson. Mayor Hanson coming in at 8:10 P. M. In the absence of Mayor Hanson, Mr. Porter, Deputy Mayor, presided as Chairman.

Mr. Easterday remarked that Mr. Cvitanich is still not able to attend the Council meetings because of ill health, but he hopes to be in attendance next week. Therefore, Mr. Easterday moved that Mr. Cvitanich be excused from this Council meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication from Metropolitan Park District requesting that the \$100.00 filing fee be waived for the vacation of a portion of the alley in the area known as McKinley Playfield.

Mayor Hanson coming in at this time and assuming the Chair.

Mr. Easterday moved that the \$100.00 filing fee be waived for the vacation of a portion of the alley in the area known as McKinley Playfield. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Communication from Harley R. Bailey requesting that a hearing date be set before the Council to appeal the action of the Planning Commission on his application for "C-P-N" zoning at So. 64th & Yakima Ave.

Mrs. Price moved that the date of June 6, 1961 be set as the date for hearing rather than June 27, as suggested by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mr. Murtland asked for what reason was an earlier date desired.

Mr. Bailey, who was present, explained there are several compelling reasons why he would like to have this hearing held as quickly as possible. One is that one of the options on the property that he presently controls is expiring on July 1, and another is a personal reason.

Mr. Murtland asked if there would be any complications by setting the date only two weeks away.

Mr. Rowlands said this matter was taken up with the Planning Staff and it will be rather a tight squeeze in that the Planning Commission will be meeting on June 5th at which time Mr. Bailey's appeal will be discussed.

However, he added, the report from the Planning Commission can be ready by June 6th. If it is not completely prepared, there will be a verbal report submitted.

Voice vote was then taken on Mrs. Price's motion to set the date on the appeal for June 6th. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16555 (postponed from the meeting of May 16, 1961)

Recommending that the City Council make all the necessary arrangements for a running audit by an independent firm of certified public accountants.

Mayor Hanson said he would suggest that this Resolution be set over until Mr. Cvitanich returns.

Mrs. Price said she spoke with Mr. Cvitanich and he expects to be able to attend the next Council meeting. Therefore, she moved that the Resolution be postponed to May 31, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16574:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to transfer \$175,000 or so much as may be necessary from the 1958 Bridge Bond issue to be expended for the 1962 paving participation program.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Rowlands said the reason it is important that the Council take action on this Resolution is that it is needed by the Public Works Department to process L I D's, and if the money is available they can proceed with this work. He said he might explain to the Council also, as a result of the one-half cent gas tax increase to the Cities for arterial purposes, the \$500,000 in the Street and Bridge Bond Fund account has in effect been increased by 3 times, \$3 to \$1. Therefore, instead of having one half a million dollars for arterial purposes, there is closer to two million, so the reduction of this \$175,000 will leave a balance of \$325,000 which can be used for matching purposes for the gas tax money for arterial development, which leaves the City in a much better position than it was a year ago.

Mrs. Price said it has been brought to her attention that some people have the impression that this 1958 Street and Bridge Bond Issue is strictly for the Yakima Avenue Bridge. She thought it should be clarified that this was for streets and bridges, and asked if this were correct.

Mr. McCormick said that was correct--the bond issue was for streets and bridges--and not just only for the Yakima Avenue Bridge.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16575:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to transfer as a loan the sum of \$60,000 or so much as may be necessary from the City Street Fund to the Sidewalk Construction Fund No. 61 for the financing of the City's 1961 sidewalk replacement project.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16576:

Awarding contract to Cook's Concrete Construction Co., for the construction and replacement of sidewalks under the Sidewalk Construction Fund No. 61, in the amount of \$48,849.50 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Bott 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. 16577:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co., and Fucci & Sons for Improvement No. 3017-B on their joint bid of \$69,987.00 plus sales tax which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday 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. 16578:

Authorizing David D. Rowlands, City Manager to file an application with the Government of the United States of America for a Federal grant for sewage treatment works for the maximum grant of \$250,000.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mr. Rowlands said as the Council recalls, the City received a similar grant of \$250,000 two years ago, and is going to do its best to obtain this additional grant. Before the grant is made possible, he added, the plans have

to be fairly well perfected and the City ready to move. He said Seattle and Spokane have expressed interest in this grant also, but if Tacoma's plans are farther advanced and the City prepared to move ahead, there is a good possibility of securing the advance.

Mayor Hanson said it is well to have the application filed in the event the technical aspects of the phase of their plans do not fulfill the requirements and Tacoma would be considered.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Rowlands added that the Council will receive a report this Friday on the need for continuing the twelve million dollar first-stage program set forth a few years ago for this large sewerage treatment and sewer separation

program for the City. The recommendation will be a bond issue in the amount of four million dollars. The projects contemplated in the next couple of years will total \$4,600,000.00. It is hoped that four million dollars can be financed by Revenue Bonds and approximately \$600,000 of the sewer revenue surplus or a portion can be paid out of the Sewer Utility Service charges. The Finance Director has also submitted a report and there would be ample coverage without any further adjustment in the sewer charges to finance the \$4,000,000.00 issue.

Mr. Rowlands said a more detailed report will be forthcoming within the next month or six weeks. He added, there is the big separation program in the North end of the City which will amount to approximately \$1,000,000.00 another in the South Tacoma Way System in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and the sewer separation in Tacoma's Eastern gulch of approximately \$1,100,000.00 and the additional sedimentation tanks at Central Treatment Plant in the amount of \$927,000.00. At present, he added, the City cannot take care of the sewage capacity daily and would like to increase the capacity from twenty-seven million gallons per day to fifty-four million gallons per day. When more than twenty-seven million gallons goes through the treatment plant not being properly processed, it defeats the purpose of the treatment plant and the separation program. This is part of the program that was designed in the 10-year program; the second stage is now being reviewed.

Mayor Hanson said the City is on the tentative schedule that was established some time ago and this is the second phase that is a continuation of the original program. The financing has been provided for so there will be no increases and it will not be against the General Fund.

Mayor Hanson said he thought it would be proper to submit the matter to the Council for action at the earliest possible date.

Resolution No. 16579:

Fixing Monday, June 26, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3527 for Sanitary sewers in "A" Street from East 84th to East 92nd St.

It was moved by Mr. Bott 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. 16580:

Fixing Tuesday, August 1, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property located on No. 38th & 40th Streets between Whitman & Vassault Sts. (Edward P. Miller)

It was moved by Mr. Bott that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16581:

Fixing Tuesday, June 27, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property on 707 Commerce Street.

It was moved by Mrs. Price 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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16812:

Amending Sec. 1.06.226 & 227 of the Official Code of the City in reference to "Cancellation and amounts due the City." Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands asked that this Ordinance be held over for three weeks as the Utilities Dept. has expressed an interest in making some changes in the Ordinance.

Mr. Easterday moved that this Ordinance be postponed until June 1, 1961. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16813:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section 13.06.115 (2) to include property located adjacent to the present "C-P-N" Planned Neighborhood Shopping Center District at So. 19th & Stevens Sts. (Morley Brotman petition) Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this will add 1.64 acres to the present "C-P-N" Planned Neighborhood Shopping Center District at South 19th & Stevens Street. The Planning Commission and Staff have been working with Mr. Brotman for some time on this matter and Mr. Brotman will now be able to have a service station along So. 19th Street.

Mr. Benson, Senior Planner, explained that this addition was approved by the Planning Commission several weeks ago but was held up in order to include some amendments in the contractual agreement with Mr. Brotman which have now been completed. The changes in the contract will be presented to the Council in Resolution form next week in connection with this Ordinance. At the same time, Mr. Benson explained, that work is being done on the other changes in zoning as requested by Mr. Brotman for a "C-2" zoning. However, in the meantime, Mr. Brotman would like to proceed with this zoning so that he can get certain developments under way.

Mr. Rowlands said he thought it should be mentioned that Mr. Brotman is considering requesting that the area be zoned C-P-C eventually, which is a larger type shopping center of over 10 acres.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Mayor Hanson said the Council had further discussions on the Urban Renewal situation this morning and it was felt, although no final action should be taken this evening, if the Ordinance were introduced for first reading, the Council would be ready to act upon both the Resolution and the Ordinance next week.

Mr. Bott advised he was unable to be present at the meeting held this morning and he objected to the Ordinance being given first reading this evening, because it was specifically stated that the Ordinance would be presented but would not be acted upon tonight.

Mayor Hanson said that is the intention. The Ordinance is being presented to the Council tonight to determine if the Council would be willing to consider it for final action next week. If there is reason for additional time, he said he has no objection of having it placed on the agenda for first reading next week.

Mr. Steele said at a prior discussion, it was determined that the matter should be further clarified by the Urban Renewal Staff and this information was submitted to the Council members in Friday's agenda, and also reviewed this morning at a Study session. This was done in order that the information could be considered this evening, but not acted upon, and since it would require two readings before the Ordinance can pass, it would be placed on the agenda for next week's Council action at which time the corresponding Resolution will also be before the Council. He thought the

matter of considering this tonight met with Mr. Bott's approval and also the other Council members, as voiced a week ago Tuesday night at the Study session.

Mr. Steele then moved that the rules be suspended so that Ordinance No. 16814 may be placed on the Agenda at this time. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Bott said the reason he is questioning the fact is, that he had no prior knowledge of the proposed review meeting other than when a notice was sent out in the Agenda Friday. He said he was not in favor of calling a study session without first consulting the Council members. He said when these study sessions are called they should not arbitrarily be called and the Council summoned to meet without prior consultation because it is not possible for everyone to make the necessary arrangements to attend such meetings on a short notice.

Mayor Hanson said it has been tried in the past to present meetings with a full discussion of what was the best time, but found impossible. Nothing was gained except indecision waiting from week to week to discuss the series of meetings that would have to be called and for that reason, for some time now, the policy has been followed of sending out notices of meetings knowing that it is very seldom possible for all (9) members to be in attendance. He said, if it is a matter of desiring further information, he knew the staff would be happy to meet with any of the members who were unable to attend this morning's meeting.

Mayor Hanson said, perhaps, this could very easily be resolved if the Council were to establish a certain day each week on which the Council would meet, unless otherwise notified.

Mr. Bott said he thought that was a splendid idea.

Mr. Steele suggested a luncheon meeting on a Monday or Tuesday at the Utilities Board Room.

Mrs. Olson said it was determined this morning that there was no emergency on the matter and she supported Mr. Bott in his statements and thought in deference to his request last week that this should not be given first reading this evening.

Mr. Murtland said he would speak in opposition to the motion also, on the basis that many times he opposed taking matters out of the usual order on the Agenda. He said he did not think it was compelling that the order of the Agenda be changed or that something be brought up that is not on the agenda unless there is an emergency.

Voice vote was then taken on the motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 16814. Motion lost.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 16802** (postponed from the meeting of May 16, 1961)

Approving & Confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2295 for an oil mat surface on Orchard St. from So. 19th to No. 9th and concrete sidewalks abutting individual property. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said from the report submitted by Mr. Blangy, M. A. I. regarding his appraisal of the property of Fred F. Lawrence, et al, who has filed a claim against the City, it can be concluded that this property is being benefited by the improvement to the extent set forth in the assessment roll.

Roll call was then 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. 16810:**

Amending the pay and compensation plan by amending Sections 1. 12. 510, 520, 530 and 590 to conform with the Electrical Workers' agreement. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then 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. 16811:**

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan by amending Sections 1. 12. 290, 330 and 600 in reference to changing the pay period of the members of the Fire Service to a biweekly method of payment, effective June 2, 1961. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then 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 Public Works presents the following assessments for hearing:

**L I D 2316**-grading and placing a gravel and oil mat surface on No. 40th Street from Bennett to Shirley Street.

**L I D 6762**-for modern street lights on existing wooden poles in the area of So. 15th and Hosmer Sts.



Mr. Easterday moved that Monday, June 26, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 2316 and L I D 6762. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Tacoma Police Dept. report for the month of April 1961.  
Report from the Finance Dept. for the month of April 1961.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said the City has received a report from Mr. Schmidt who is head of the Census Board in the State of Washington, and the final figure for this year shows an increase in the City's population from 148,473 to 149,000. This means a 3% gain or 527 persons. In the terms of state aid this will amount to approximately \$6900 more to the City this year.

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Mr. Rowlands called the Council's attention to a memorandum received from Mr. Moberg who is Acting Director of the Northwest Operation of the H H F A regarding the recent application of the City for advance planning funds for the Civic Auditorium and Parking Facilities, the 15th Street Bridge and the Maintenance Garage. The 15th Street Bridge and the Maintenance Garage applications have already been processed and approved, but additional information is being asked on the Civic Auditorium application. This will have to be supplied before they will proceed with the approval of that particular request, he added.

Mayor Hanson said he thought the Council should examine this letter further and perhaps discuss the matter prior to sending in the additional information.

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Mrs. Price said since the subject was discussed earlier in the meeting, in reference to having a regular weekly meeting of the Council, she would like to see such a meeting set up so the Council members would be prepared to attend, and if there were nothing to discuss, notices could be sent out to that effect.

The matter was discussed and it was moved by Mr. Steele that the Council meet every Tuesday noon.

Mr. Bott moved to amend Mr. Steele's motion that the Council keep Tuesday noon open for meetings, and in keeping with Mrs. Price's remark, if there is no business to discuss, the Council would be so advised. Seconded

by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Voice vote was then taken on the motion as amended that the Council keep every Tuesday noon open for meetings and if there is no business to be discussed, the Council would be so advised. Motion carried.

Mrs. Price said she thought it should be made clear that the Press is not excluded from these meetings.

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Mr. Porter said in regard to Ordinance 16814, pertaining to increases for Urban Renewal employees, first reading next week, it has been mentioned that the City has lost two or three Urban Renewal employces to other cities. To clarify the matter he would like to have a report next week showing the position they held in Tacoma and the salary as compared to the position they are now holding and their present salary.

Mr. Rowlands said this not only involves the City of Tacoma, it also involves the Federal Urban Renewal Agency. He said they have requested that a pay plan be developed which is commensurate with the salary being paid in the entire area.

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Mrs. Olson said the Mayor has asked for suggestions of names of people who might want to serve on the Beautification Committee. She said she received a letter from Mr. Ward Alvord who is with the Sign & Pictorial Display Co. and would submit it to Mayor Hanson as Mr. Alvord would like to be a member of the Committee.

Mayor Hanson said he appreciated receiving the letter. He had been notified of the name previously and felt Mr. Alvord would be a very fine addition to the Committee.

Mrs. Olson said another name is mentioned in the letter also, a Mr. Sharp.

Mayor Hanson said in reference to the Beautification Committee, he would be ready to submit the names of the initial membership next week.

Mayor Hanson also mentioned a communication from Dr. John Moore, Sister City Chairman, in which he announces a meeting on Wednesday, May 31, at the Doric Hotel at 12:15 P. M. featuring colored pictures and a speech by Mr. Kenn Johnson, who visited Kokura, to supervise the setting up of the Tacoma exhibit at their trade fair. Mayor Hanson urged everyone possible to attend.

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Mr. Murtland said he would like to ask about the letter received from the Oswald Flying Service in which the point is raised that they are in business and incorporated under the name of the Tacoma Airport since 1940, and questioned the advisability of the proposal to name Tacoma's new airport "Tacoma Industrial Airport" since there may be some confusion over the similarity of names. He asked the Council to take this into consideration.

Mr. Steele said the name that was selected has been identified practically from its inception as the "Tacoma Industrial Airport," and it is so identified now in the F A A procedures and project applications. He thought that Mr. Oswald had an unwarranted assumption that immediately the middle word "Industrial" is going to be dropped and it will end up as the "Tacoma Airport."

Mr. Murtland said he thought it was not too long ago that there was some discussion as to what would be a good name for the Airport. At that time it was thought it was wide open for suggestions.

Mayor Hanson said it is still open for suggestions. Perhaps, further investigation and analysis should be made. He added, that the F A A could be consulted with reference to this approach.

Mr. Rowlands said he wanted to make it very clear that he has already started proceedings to clear this through the F A A to see if this is a valid criticism. If so, something should be done.

Mr. Murtland said, whether or not the F A A determined there is a conflict, he would like to have the Council consider the fact that there is a business known as the "Tacoma Airport now, and if there is enough distinction to call the City's Airport- the "Tacoma Industrial Airport " He said he did not know until receiving this letter that the "Tacoma Airport" was actually incorporated as he had always known it as the Oswald Flying Service. He thought it would have made a difference to him had he known there was an airport by that name.

Mayor Hanson said he thought this was significant in that very few people think of it as the Tacoma Airport, although it may be so identified on the Air maps. He said, he agreed it should be considered further however.

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Mr. Bott said he heard that the Park Board has decided to keep its golf course. He asked if there has been any official word on the matter.

Mayor Hanson said no official word has been received although he knew the Park Board was considering taking this action.

Mr. Bott asked where they were going to get their money.

Mrs. Price asked if they could issue General Revenue Bonds.

Mayor Hanson said as he understands it the General Revenue Bonds are issued according to the authority the Park Board has in pledging their income and assets, and the Park Board is of the opinion that there will be sufficient income to take care of it.

Mr. Bott asked if there would be any City obligation for any deficit.

Mayor Hanson replied, there would not be.

Mr. Murtland asked if the Park Board could borrow money without the City's approval.

Mr. McCormick said as he understands it, they can borrow money from a bank without issuing bonds. They have done this in the past and it is payable out of their income.

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Mr. Porter said since next Tuesday is a holiday the Council meeting would no doubt be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 P. M. He said if the regular study session of the Council would be held on Wednesday of next week, it would conflict with the Sister City Committee luncheon at the Doric.

Mayor Hanson said the luncheon meeting of the City Council would not be held next week in view of these circumstances, unless the Council is otherwise notified.

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Mr. Rowlands said the Municipal Finance Officer's Association is now meeting in Seattle and tomorrow afternoon particularly, there are a number of interesting concurrent sessions being held. He stated if any of the Council members would like to attend any of these sessions, arrangements can be made for transportation.

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Mayor Hanson said there is also a meeting in Seattle of the Committee on the arrangements for the A. M. A. Convention to be held in Seattle in August. He explained that he has asked Bud Bond to be present at this meeting with the policy direction of complete cooperation. The City will have an opportunity of participating in this entertainment of all the Mayors and City Officials from all over the Country. A few suggestions have been received and work has begun. The City will be supplying certain samples of home products and other arrangements are also underway.

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Mr. Kettler, representing the Civil Service League, said there is much concern over the Urban Renewal set up and it is felt that possibly the employees of the Urban Renewal Dept. should come under Civil Service. He said he would like to discuss this matter with the Council when the Ordinance comes up for consideration.

Mayor Hanson said they would plan to discuss this in detail prior to final action. The Ordinance will be on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

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Mr. Eric Deutsch, 2311 N. Winnifred St., asked if something could not be done about the damage being caused by the Smelter to lawns, etc. in the Westgate area.

Mayor Hanson said the Smelter is located within the Ruston City Limits and is not under Tacoma's jurisdiction. The City has been contemplating taking advantage of a State provision permitting an establishment of an Air Pollution Control District that would bring the Smelter under the regulations of such a body. The dilemma is that the market being what it is, the Smelter has reported that it is constantly determining whether or not to continue the plant's operation as they contend that pressure put on them which would entail a great deal of funds would, perhaps, affect their decision to remain open. He said there has been some recent developments in Air Pollution Control which he thought would be of great benefit to the community, however, this one principle problem remains.

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Mr. Bailey commended the Park Board for their actions regarding the Golf Course. That property which was purchased at a very nominal price should in 20 years represent a million dollars or more.

Mayor Hanson said he praised the Park Board for taking the aggressive leadership that was required for the immediate action to forestall the sale of this valuable property for residential development.

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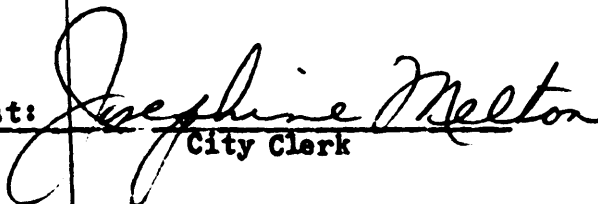
Mr. Roberts, a member of the audience, commended the Council for the fine job they have been doing.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P. M.

  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk