

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, August 27th, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4:00 P. M.

Present on roll call 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Herrmann and Murtland. Mr. Murtland arriving at 4:30 P. M.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Bott asked that the minutes be corrected under Comments by the City Manager, Page 15, third paragraph, under his remark where it states "things not paid for by the City of Tacoma". He said these were not the exact words used in his statement and requested that they be deleted.

Mr. Bott then moved that the minutes of Aug. 13th, 1968 as corrected be approved. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of a suggestion award to Mr. William Koenigslieb.

Mayor Rasmussen presented Mr. Koenigslieb with a \$25.00 award for his suggestion concerning the fabrication of a part for the clutch control linkage on Oil Distributor #1308 on Truck No. 654.

Mayor Rasmussen, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and members of the City Council congratulated Mr. Koenigslieb on his award.

PETITIONS:

a. Andrew Kuzmanish & Archie Fackler, requesting rezoning of the east side of So. Lawrence St. between So. 45th & So. 47th from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

b. Port of Tacoma requesting rezoning of property on the N. E. side of Marine View Drive and the S. E. side of Highline Road from an "R-2" & "R-3" to an "M-3" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19578 (postponed from the meeting of Feb. 27th, 1968)

That no Urban Renewal Project will be instituted, established or carried on in any area within the City of Tacoma unless such project is first approved by the owners of a majority of all property, based upon its last assessed value for tax purposes, lying within such proposed Urban Renewal area.

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

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Resolution No. 19578 be postponed for one month, until Tuesday, Sept. 24th, 1968. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield, Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland arriving at this time, 4:30 P. M.

Resolution No. 19835 (postponed from the meeting of August 13, 1968)

Granting an application for a taxi stand to Pete's Veteran Taxi Company at 1306 So. K Street.

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

Mr. Zatkovich explained that Mr. Lewis of Pete's Veteran Taxi Company has a taxicab stand in the City of Tacoma at the present time. He noted that petitions have been received from other cab companies, as well as from the K Street businesses protesting the need for another taxi stand in the K Street area. He felt this application should be denied.

Mr. Johnson thought the Council should be sufficiently interested to allow the citizens of Tacoma adequate taxicab service, therefore, he was in favor of issuing this license and he felt it would be following the free-enterprise system.

Mr. Lewis defended his request for an application for a taxi stand on K Street.

Mr. Finnigan felt the Council should not restrict Mr. Lewis from establishing an added stand in the City if it will provide better service.

Mr. R. W. Copeland, Attorney, 630 Rust Bldg, reviewed the history of the taxicab business since 1947. He noted that at that time seventy-five cabs were being operated by twenty-eight cab companies, with the same number of taxi locations. The requirements for cabs since that time have dropped. Many of the companies have absorbed other companies and consequently there are now only seven cab companies operating. He noted in this situation that Pete's Veteran Taxi Co. is applying for an additional stand without purchasing a new company. He also mentioned that the K St. Cab Co. has already bought out a cab in that location and abandoned a cab stand because there was not sufficient business to warrant two stands. He added, if a new location is approved for a cab stand in that location, it should be given to the K Street Cab Co.

Mr. Copeland continued, since 1947 there has been an unwritten agreement between the cab companies so each company can make a livable wage. If this license were granted, other cab companies will apply for further taxi stands. He hoped that the City Council would not grant this application.

Mr. Frederick O. Fromander, 911 1/2 Tacoma Ave., felt that K Street is centrally located and it appears to him that the Yellow Cab Co. and the K Street Cab Co. do not want any competition. He urged that the Council grant the application for a taxicab stand at 1306 So. K Street.

After some discussion, roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 2: Finnigan and Johnson.

Nays 6: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared lost by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19839 (postponed from the meeting of August 20th, 1968)

Authorizing the execution of a conditional real estate contract to Sidney and Vera J. Harr for vacant property located on No. 46th St. between Winnifred and Shirley Streets for the sum of \$230.00.

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Mrs. Banfield asked if the publication of the bid for this property in the Tacoma Daily Index is sufficient notice.

Mr. Rowlands explained that over one hundred people were in attendance at the Auction at the County-City Bldg. There were thirty-one parcels of land sold at a profit to the city of more than \$35,400.00. This resolution had to be processed at this time due to communication problems with Mrs. Harr.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, stated that a "For Sale" sign had been posted on this property for some time. He mentioned, due to the fact that this is an unimproved lot, under the minimum building standard size, a house cannot be built on this lot.

Mr. Bott asked if the owner of the property next to this lot was contacted to see if he would be interested in buying.

Mr. Gaisford said he was not sure.

Mr. Bott asked that the Council be informed if the adjacent property owner has been contacted relative to this sale.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the Council has any recourse but to approve a valid bid that has been received at an auction.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated the sale is not consummated until the Council approves it.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone the resolution for one week, until Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, 1968 so that Mr. Bott's request for additional information can be submitted to the Council. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed for one week.

Resolution No. 19846

Approving the Six Year Comprehensive Street Program 1969-1974.

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

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

Resolution No. 19847

Fixing Monday, Sept. 23, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 6903 for Street lightin on So. 15th & 16th Sts. from Alder to Lawrence.

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

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

Resolution No. 19848

Fixing Tuesday, Sept. 10th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the S. W. corner of So. 40th & Lawrence Sts. from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District. (petition of G. A. Boucher)

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

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

Resolution No. 19849

Fixing Tuesday, Sept. 24th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the alley west of East D between East 32nd and Wright Avenue. (petition of Gary Peters)

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

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

Resolution No. 19850

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons on its bid of \$14,178.90 for L I D 3669.

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

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

Resolution No. 19851

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons on its bid of \$5,331.70 for W. O. 55646 (Improvement No. 2402).

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 1, Herrmann.

Resolution No. 19852

Rejecting the bid of Lige Dickson Co. in the amount of \$42,190.51 for L I D 4833 Unit "B" as it exceeds the engineer's estimate.

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

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

Resolution No. 19853

Awarding contract to Atlas Building Wreckers on its bid of \$18,277.05 for Contract No. U. R. 11654.

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

Mr. James Wright, Director of Urban Renewal, explained that three of the buildings to be demolished are on the site of the Pacific Ave. skyscraper planned by the Bank of Washington. The other is a party wall which will be razed where the Commonwealth Title Co. is to rebuild. All of these structures were purchased by the City for removal earlier this year with the Bank of Washington retaining title to the ground.

Mrs. Banfield said she was not against the Bank building a new building, but she could see no reason why the entire City has to pay demolition costs for individuals.

Mr. Rowlands explained this procedure is used in other countries as well as the United States. Mr. Rowlands referred to Canada and Vancouver, B. C. which was recently visited by the City Council and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if fair labor standards are practiced in the processing of the demolition.

Mr. Wright explained to his knowledge this is required and is standard practice.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, had responded to a request for certain urban renewal information by the Mayor's advisory committee on urban renewal.

Mr. Rowlands stated he had sent copies of the material yesterday to Mr. Riconosciuto, Chairman of that committee.

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

Ayes 6: Bott, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich.

Absent 1: Herrmann

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19854

Releasing the sewer easement in the area of So. 84th and Hosmer Streets which is no longer needed.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Herrmann.

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Resolution No. 19855

Releasing a sewer easement in the area 250 feet north of the N. E. corner of No. 30th and Pearl Street, which is no longer needed.

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

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

Resolution No. 19856

Establishing a 10-minute parking zone in front of Wahlgren's Floral Shop at 205 No. Yakima Avenue.

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

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

Resolution No. 19857

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the State general election on Nov. 5th, 1968, a proposition in the sum of \$900,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing fire fighting equipment.

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

Mr. Cvitanich stated he had inquired from the public at large relative to placing this proposition on the ballot. The only objection that he had encountered was that there was no need for the fireboat facility being relocated. He thought this should not be included in this proposition and it would jeopardize the proposition passing if it were left in the resolution.

James Reiser, Fire Chief, explained that the revenue from three mills would enable the City to purchase four serial ladder trucks and seven pumpers and if the three and one-quarter mills is used, eight pumpers and four serial ladder trucks could be purchased. He also felt the proposal to replace and relocate the fireboat morrage and station on the ballot would create a tax burden.

Chief Reiser added, he realizes the practical manner in which to purchase this equipment would be to purchase one or two pieces a year, however, just after the second world war a number of pieces of major fire equipment were purchased at one time. It is proposed that this equipment be purchased in 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Mayor Rasmussen felt it would be wiser to use the money the City will have available in May of 1969 to purchase the necessary equipment for the Fire Dept. He added, he was not in favor of a bond issue at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich said this again calls attention to priorities, he would dislike to have the Fire Department's request curtailed. He thought the Council should arrange to deposit funds every year in a certain fund so that in twenty years when equipment is needed, the City would not have to place a bond issue before the people.

Chief Reiser explained if this equipment is purchased now, the Department would not have to purchase any major equipment until the year 1978. The best of any old equipment is placed in reserve and is used at major fires. Reserve equipment is required by the American Insurance Association.

Mrs. Banfield felt an equipment fund should be established in this year's budget for each of the Police and Fire Depts. in the amount of \$50,000 each. A stipulation could be made that such funds could not be used for any other purpose, and further, if any surplus is sold that returns should be placed also in that fund.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, remarked that other cities in the State are recognizing that replacement of this equipment is too expensive to be absorbed by the City's general operating budget. It is hoped the Cities of Washington will be given greater recognition at the State Legislative level to obtain more of the total tax dollar.

Mr. Johnson agreed with Mr. Cvitanich that a depreciation fund should be set up in the budget to take care of this type of equipment. He was in favor of placing this proposition on the ballot at this time.

Mr. Gaisford explained that an Equipment Rental Fund "A", is already established and is a revolving fund for the Public Works Maintenance Dept.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that the record indicate that the matter of an Equipment-Replacement Fund be established, was brought up in 1960 and every year through 1967 by former members of the Council. This is not a new suggestion, however, they did not have the unanimous support of the Council to place it in the budget.

Mr. Rowlands stated that in 1957-58, for one year, such a fund was set up and when the Council reviewed the problems facing the City, this was not renewed. To set up such a program at this time would require at least \$275,000 to \$300,000. He agreed this was an excellent idea and if a greater share of the total tax dollar could be obtained such a fund could then be set up.

Mr. Cvitanich felt it would not require that much money if the Council determines by resolution that \$50,000 be placed in a fund for replacement of equipment each year.

After further discussion, Mr. Cvitanich moved to substitute of \$716,600 in place of \$900,000 wherever it appears in the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the portion of the resolution relative to the replacement and relocation of the fireboat moorage be deleted from the resolution wherever it appears. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that the Council determine either by resolution or by motion that "X" number of dollars per year will be included in the budget for an Equipment-Replacement Fund to replace fire equipment.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that this item will have to be put in the yearly budget.

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

- Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich.
  - Nays 1: Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1, Herrmann.
- The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18648

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-87 to include property on the south side of So. 82nd between Hosmer & Alaska Sts. in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Silver Falcon, Inc.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18649

Amending Chapter 8.12.016 by adding two new sections 8.44.100 and 110 of the official code relative to Disorderly Persons Defined and Enumerated.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained this ordinance was drafted at the request of the Police Dept. and is in conformity with the State Law.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18650

Amending Subsection 1 of Title 8.80.040 and subsections 2 & 3 of Section 8.80.060 of the official code relative to Open Housing, and amending Ordinance No. 18565.

Mayor Rasmussen moved that this ordinance be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he has had a request from the Chairman of the Open Housing Review Board that they wish to review the matter in more detail.

Mr. Finnigan said this was discussed before the meeting and it was understood that amendments to the ordinance could be made without removing the ordinance from the agenda.

Mr. Bott said he favored removal of the ordinance from the agenda because the exemptions were included to protect the individual home owner.

Mr. Cvitanich informed the Council it was extremely difficult to adequately work within the framework of the ordinance, there are problems, he added.

Mr. Finnigan felt that the City ordinance was not in accord with the national laws and he felt these amendments should be passed to bring the City ordinance more in accord with the Federal and State laws. He felt that the 30-day residency requirement should be deleted from the ordinance. The other changes would broaden the law to include owners of single-family homes and duplexes.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the open-housing ordinance as it is drawn, allows everyone an opportunity to discriminate once before being subjected to a penalty. Secondly, the review board had questioned the "cease and desist order" which does not do much. He felt that it was the concensus of the majority of the Open Housing Review Board that there is no provision in the ordinance to take care of the individual who is a racist.

Mr. McCormick explained the two acts which the Federal Government has enacted namely : The Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the Civil Rights Act of 1968. He felt the City's present ordinance is not legally in conflict with the acts of 1866 and 1968. The question involved in the deletions contained in this proposed ordinance is a policy determination by the Council and involves the question as to how far and to what extent the Council deems it advisable to extend City aid and protection in enforcing by ordinance the provisions of the Civil Rights Acts of 1866 and 1968.

After further discussion, Mr. Cvitanich stated the primary function of the Open Housing Review Board is to arbitrate and conciliate the problems as they arrive.

Mr. John Epps a member of the Open Housing Review Board felt the penalty clause should be reviewed and, perhaps, it should be more strict.



Mayor Rasmussen withdrew his motion to remove the ordinance from the agenda with the consent of his second.

Mr. Cvitanich then moved that the ordinance be postponed for three weeks, until Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 1968. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18647

Amending Section 8.12.025 of Title 8 of the official code relative to Loitering or Prowling.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1, Herrmann.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 1969

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, presented the Preliminary Budget for 1969. He explained the theme for the 1969 budget is "Tacoma's Role in a Changing Society: which includes a three-dimensional approach; Social Change, Physical Change and Administrative Change. He explained drastic reductions have been made by deleting more than \$3 million dollars from departmental requests. The Director of Utilities and the City Manager are empowered by resolution to act as official negotiators with employee labor organizations. Four meetings have been held with labor organizations up to this point and the Council will be receiving detailed information on the proceedings. Sixteen more union meetings are to be held, he added.

Mr. Rowlands continued, the total general government budget for 1969 is \$25,104,120. The Utilities Dept. including various revolving and utility funds, makes the total proposed budget \$63,454,337, an increase over 1968 of \$9.3 million. The Metropolitan Park District and Library Board requests have not as yet been reviewed.

Mr. Rowlands added, one of the major increases include \$108,007 for the Personnel Dept. to continue the City Trainee Corps and consolidate all training programs in one department. The Police and Fire Department requests amount to \$177,462 and \$101,383 respectively.

Mr. Rowlands mentioned that the fund to improve urban arterial streets has increased which includes 90 percent State assistance and 10 percent City funds. The proposed City government millage rate for 1969 is 21.43 mills, a decrease from 1968 of 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This occurred because of requirements to service bonded indebtedness, continue to drop each year.

Mr. Rowlands asked that a meeting be held with the City Council in ten days to discuss the 1969 budget.

Mr. Zatkovich thought the Council members should attend the labor negotiations as observers to obtain first-hand information on deliberations, rather than depending on city management negotiators to present objective reports.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Council would receive detailed, accurate reports and minutes of the proceedings. The two future study sessions will be devoted to negotiations from labor representatives, however, it is a matter of Council policy, he added.

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Mr. Cvitanich said its been a policy, when the unions cannot reach an agreement with the administration, they come to the Council.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any salary raises for employees other than in-step increases in the proposed budget.

Mr. Rowlands stated, the matter of raises whether they are in-step or across the board has to be determined by the Council between now and October.

Mr. Bott and Mr. Zatkovich felt that 'across the board increases' should be considered if any increases are contemplated.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the Urban Renewal Dept, the Community Renewal Program and the Model Cities Program be put under the Planning Commission. He felt a more efficient approach to these programs would be obtained. He asked, Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, if this were possible.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated this can be done if the Council desires but it would have to be accomplished by an ordinance, and many amendments would have to be made as all the departments are set up by ordinance.

Mr. Rowlands stated the matter of space would have to be considered in such a matter and they are definitely trying to set up liasons between each department. These programs deal with Public Works, Planning and Urban Renewal Depts.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, if the Council has the right to sit in on negotiations with the labor unions.

Mr. McCormick stated it would be a matter of Council policy.

Mr. Cvitanich then moved that any member of the City Council has the privilege to sit in on labor negotiation meetings if they so desire, and that the City staff notify the members of the Council of these meetings. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if a schedule of meetings had been set up at this time.

Mr. Rowlands remarked they have been set up.

Mr. Finnigan asked if this motion intended that the Council members who are present at such meetings participate in the meetings and report to the Council. Mr. Finnigan said he might be in favor of the Council members sitting in on the meetings but to enter into the discussions or report to Council at a later date would be wrong. He also felt this would endanger the continuity that was trying to be established between the negotiating teams. He felt that the Council as elected representatives should not be a part of any negotiating team.

Mr. Murtland moved to amend Mr. Cvitanich's motion to allow the Council members to attend for the purpose of audit only and take notes. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Murtland explained the word 'audit' would mean that anyone could sit in and listen to the discourse of the negotiations.

Mr. Zatkovich felt that labor leaders have not had the proper representation at the meetings. He is in favor of Council members reporting to the Council in regard to such a meeting. He thought a committee should be appointed to report back to the Council.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that any union member saying that the reports submitted by Mr. Erdahl or himself to the Council have not been accurate, would certainly be wrong. He added, the staff is arranging to have meetings with the Council in about two weeks on the budget. He added, the Joint Labor Committee is being given more time for negotiations this year as they have requested. The City of Tacoma is known for its cooperation in these negotiations, he added.

Voice vote was taken on the amendment as proposed by Mr. Murtland. Motion carried.

Voice vote was taken on Mr. Cvitanich's motion as amended. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Rasmussen remarked that sometime ago he had asked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, to investigate with the County Commissioners whether or not a pressure pad could be placed on the doors of the County-City Bldg. for persons who are in wheel chairs.

Mr. Rowlands said the County-City Bldg. Committee met approximately three weeks ago and this matter was discussed and something will be worked out in the near future, perhaps, an electric eye could be installed, he added.

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Mayor Rasmussen thought if the City could finance parking garages through revenue bonds, he wondered why two additional floors for parking couldn't be added to the area at the County-City Bldg.

Mr. Rowlands, felt that perhaps, the Design for Progress program can include such a recommendation.

Mayor Rasmussen wondered why a preliminary engineering cost report on additional garages could not be made, and felt one should be made within the near future.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that an official Council meeting cannot be held on Sept. 3rd because a majority of the Council members will be in San Francisco attending a workshop on city employment practices. He asked Mr. McCormick what procedures would have to be followed.

Mr. McCormick stated that under the Council Rules and in accordance with the City Charter, in the absence of a quorum, Council members present may adjourn the meeting to a later date. One or more Council members, however, will be here to declare that a quorum is not present and that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1968.

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Mayor Rasmussen announced that the Council meeting of Sept. 17th will not be held due to primary election day. The Council Rules provide that the Council will meet the day following, however, Mayor Rasmussen inquired if the Council could, by motion, change the date to Monday, Sept. 16th, as Wednesday is Tacoma Day at the Western Washington State Fair at Puyallup.

Mr. McCormick stated the Council Rules provide for this by stating, "Special meetings or any change in the time or location of the regular meeting shall be called by the City Clerk on the written request of the Mayor or any three Councilmen."

Mr. McCormick suggested that a motion be made so the minutes would then show that the Mayor and at least three Councilmen approved of such a change, and it would also authorize the Clerk to change such regular meeting and to give the proper notice to the press and public as required by State Law.

Mr. Bott moved that the Council authorize the City Clerk to notify the proper parties relative to changing the regular meeting of Sept. 17th, 1968 of the City Council to Monday, Sept. 16th, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mr. Cvitanich explained that Kaye Hall of Wilson High School will represent the United States in three swimming events in the 1968 Olympics. He felt that the City should have a "Kaye Hall Day" in the City of Tacoma as the entire City should back her when she goes back for the Olympic Games.

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Mr. Murtland mentioned that Charles Richards, a Stadium High School graduate, is now a third place alternate on the U. S. Olympic team in the pentathlon event. He felt he should be honored.

Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Murtland as a Committee to arrange for appropriate honors for these young people.

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Mr. Bott inquired how the plans are progressing for the improvement of Broadway.

Mr. Rowland, City Manager, stated the Urban Renewal staff is discussing this with the owners of the buildings in this location. However, he will submit a report on the progress to the Council.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. Leon Jacobs, residing at 808 So. Hawthorne, spoke on the subject of good neighbor relations. He felt that the Mayor, Council and City Manager should cooperate with each other in a more harmonious manner for the betterment of the City.

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Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, 1105 No. 1, President of the Tacoma Hilltop Citizens Association, said she would like to know who is going to control the Model Cities application grant relative to money, officers and spokesmen. She wondered if the Hilltop Neighborhood Improvement Council Inc. would represent their area.

Mrs. Shackelford indicated that Congress is becoming interested in how the War on Poverty money is being used.

Mayor Rasmussen assured Mrs. Shackelford that her organization would be involved in the Model Cities program if the application is approved by the Federal Government.

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Mrs. Banfield stated that she had read that the Model Cities application was on President Johnson's desk and she wondered what he had to do with the Model Cities Program.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager stated that he had no information on this matter. Many rumors have been circulated but he did not think anyone would know until the Model Cities Application is approved and when Tacoma officials are notified by HUD.

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Mrs. Banfield asked if this decision was not up to Secretary Weaver and not the President.

Mr. Rowlands explained, sometimes on the President's own initiative he involves himself. Secretary Weaver is the President's Cabinet member from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

Mrs. Banfield said she understood that Gene Lewis, a reporter, had the information. She wondered how he obtained this information before the City Council.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had talked with Senator Magnuson and Congressman Hicks. He said this was a critical decision and Mr. Mogulof had indicated sometime ago that the decision rested solely in the San Francisco office of HUD. Senator Magnuson had assured the Mayor that he would get it through before Mr. Weaver left office, and Mr. Hicks was working hard for its approval. If either of these two gentlemen fail, it is still a critical decision when it is laying on the President's desk.

He felt Tacoma stands a much better chance of having it approved when it is on the President's desk.

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Mrs. Frances Mitchell residing at 3122 So. 14th, requested to speak on the subject of "why Lynn Hodges should be dismissed from his position as the Director of Human Relations".

Mr. Murtland explained in accordance with the Council rules, a personal complaint about a City employee should be made through administrative channels.

Mr. Murtland then asked for a point of order.

Mayor Rasmussen ruled that Mrs. Mitchell would not be out of order until she made a derogatory statement.

Mrs. Banfield thought that many times the Council has objected to certain people speaking before the Council and she felt all persons should be allowed to speak.

Mr. Bott said, since Mrs. Mitchell's letter had definitely stated she would speak about dismissing Lynn Hodges, and according to the City Council rules, this should not be allowed.

Mrs. Mitchell said she would rearrange her material for her speech and would present it on Sept. 10th, 1968 if the Council wished.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mrs. Mitchell to present another letter to the Council for the meeting of Sept. 10th, 1968.

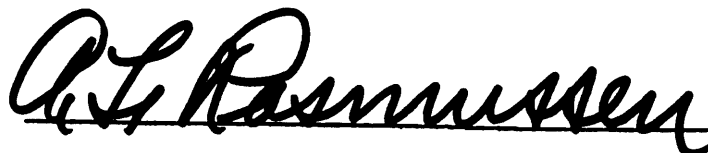
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Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of July 1968.

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Mr. Finnigan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.



MAYOR

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk