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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
December 5, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Johnston.

Present on roll call: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Sonntag.

Mayor Johnston stated that because of a lack of a quorum last week, the Council would consider the Agenda of November 28, 1972 as the first order of business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of November 21, 1972.

APPEALS:

George Economou appealing the denial of his request to rezone the southeasterly quadrant of South 38th Street and Interstate #5 from an "R-2" and an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District. (November 6, 1972, Planning Commission recommended denial 8-0, 1 absent)

Last day to file an appeal was November 20, 1972 and an appeal was filed.

Suggested date for hearing is January 16, 1973.

ASSESSMENT ROLL:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Rolls for the following:

LID 4963 - permanent paving on South 7th from Puget Sound to Union Avenue; Montgomery Street from South 70th to 72nd and other nearby streets.

LID 4968 - permanent paving on South "G" from South 72nd to South 74th; Tacoma Avenue from South 74th to South 76th and other nearby streets.

Fixing Wednesday, December 27, 1972 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of October 17, 1972.
- b. Minutes of Citizens Arterial Committee meeting of October 30, 1972.
- c. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of November 8, 1972.
- d. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of November 13, 1972.
- e. Monthly report, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, October, 1972.
- f. City Planning Department filing Summary Report, Shoreline Inventory for Tacoma, Washington, November, 1972.
- g. Dept. of Public Works filing Environmental Statement Bayside Drive Urban Arterial Project, Final Draft, November, 1972.
- h. Dept. of Public Works filing Environmental Statement Tacoma Spur Urban Arterial Project, Final Statement, November, 1972.

Mr. Schroeder moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS: Shoreline Management Permit Application - City of Tacoma Sanitary Sewer - Dock Street.

Mr. Russell Buehler reviewed the details of the permit pointing out that all requirements had been met and that the Commission recommends Council approval.

The Communication was placed on file.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19707 Amending Chapter 9.22 of the Official Code relative to compensation for vacated rights-of-way.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 1 - Herrmann

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 19708 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the north side of South 72nd between "D" Street and Pacific Avenue from an "R-2", "R-4-L", "R-4-LT" and "C-1" to a "C-2" and "R-4-LT" District. (Silver Falcon, Inc.)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19709 Amending Chapter 5.20 of the Official Code relative to service fee rates for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal and temporary stop service adjustments.

Mr. Vern Spicer, 1901 68th Avenue N.E., Mr. George Clifford, 1907 68th Avenue N.E., and Mr. Neil Ward, 6707 19th Street N.E., appeared before Council to speak against the proposed incorporation of northeast Tacoma into City garbage service. Mayor Johnston remarked that their discussion was not relative to the ordinance at hand, which deals primarily with the establishment of rates relative to commercial customers.

In further discussion, City Manager Donaldson, pointed out the City is merely complying with the Charter requirement in absorbing the area into its refuse system and that one of the initial reasons for the move was at the request of the Health Department regarding the frequency and degree of illegal dumping in the northeast Tacoma area.

Mr. Sonntag suggested the City Manager arrange for a special explanatory meeting in the area to explain to the residents the problem the City is having and the proposed initiation of City refuse service.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Substitute
Ordinance No. 19710 Creating a new fund to be known as "Federal Shared Revenue Fund".

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21968 Authorizing the settlement of claim of Eldon J. Weber and Marge M. Weber in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21969 Authorizing the sale of certain surplus property in the vicinity of South 34th and "M" Street to the abutting property owners William Scray and Evelyn Scray for the sum of \$311.00.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Mrs. LaVerne McClurg, 3111 South Proctor, made an offer before the Council of \$400 to purchase the property described in the Resolution, with the provision to give the abutting property owners a life-time easement to the property. She explained that she needed the property for a parking lot for a six-plex she owns across the street.

Mr. Leonard Morse, Property Management Supervisor, explained it was the City's policy to sell unbuildable vacant lots to the abutting property owner, in this case Mr. and Mrs. William Scray. He said the high bid for the property did come from one of two of the abutting property owners, and that he would recommend it be sold at that price as per the Council's policy.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21970 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make application to Washington State Planning and Community Affairs Agency for funds in the amount of \$60,000 for Progress House Association Center (Halfway House) Project of the Model Cities Department Second Action Year.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Model Cities Director, Keith Palmquist, explained this is a new project for funding during the Second Action Year in the total amount of \$90,940.00. Like all L.E.A.A. funded projects in 1973 he said, this project will require City participation equal to 10 percent of the total project.

Following a brief discussion, Council moved to amend the Resolution to incorporate the language that matching funds for the project be taken from Model Cities Funds.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted as amended.

Resolution No. 21971 Authorizing the execution of a one-year lease at \$100 per month with Oswald Flying Service, Inc. for certain premises in the terminal building of Tacoma Industrial Airport.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

Property Manager, Leonard Morse, explained Mr. Oswald would be taking over some 576 square feet of space in the terminal building formerly occupied by Hughes Air West. He said Oswald will be operating a flying school from this base and that he is presently negotiating to move the entire Oswald operation to Tacoma Industrial Airport.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21972 Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$370,526.72 for relocation of poles and water main on Orchard Street from South 35th Street to Columbia Avenue.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21973 Designating the Tacoma Urban League as a sub-contractor of the Public Employment Program for the purpose of administering the Veteran's Action Program.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Dave Garabato of the Tacoma Urban League and Mr. Ted Jefferson, Director of the Veteran's Action Program explained the background and purpose of the program.

Mr. Ted Amell spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21974 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to participate in the Comprehensive Alcoholism Plan for Pierce County and contribute 2% of City's profits from State liquor taxes.

Mrs. Egan moved the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Mr. Mel Jackson, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, explained the Resolution will allow the City of Tacoma to participate in the County's program for the treatment of alcoholism and to provide to the County 2% of the City's share of liquor taxes and profits to pay for its participation.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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CITIZENS REQUEST TO BE HEARD:

Mayor Johnston commented that Mr. John Zelenak had contacted his office and asked to be heard at a later date due to a death in his family. Mayor Johnston indicated his request to be heard will be honored at a later date at Mr. Zelenak's convenience.

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Mayor Johnston announced that the Agenda for November 28, 1972 was completed and the Council would now take up the Agenda for December 5, 1972.

After establishing the fact that a quorum was still present, the Council proceeded to the December 5, 1972 Agenda.

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C O N S E N T A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 28, 1972.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21975 Fixing Tuesday, January 2, 1973 as the date for hearing the request for rezoning the area between Pearl Street and the alley lying between Defiance and Visscher Streets from Westgate Blvd. to North 22nd Street from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" and "C-1" District. (Gordon C. Fors, et al)

Resolution No. 21976 Fixing Tuesday, January 2, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for vacation of Visscher Street from Westgate Blvd. to North 22nd and the alley lying between Pearland Visscher from Westgate Blvd. to North 22nd Street.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Metropolitan Development Council Board of Trustees meeting of November 14, 1972.
- b. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of November 20, 1972.
- c. Monthly report, Fire Department, October, 1972.
- d. Monthly report, Personnel Department, September, 1972.
- e. Monthly report, Finance Director, October, 1972.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 21975 and 21976 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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R E G U L A R A G E N D A

COMMUNICATIONS:

Esther Campbell, Manager, Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, submitting results of employees' vote and Board of Administration's request relative to increase in retirement benefits.

City Manager Donaldson, commented that perhaps the Council might reserve discussion of this until a City Budget Hearing of Wednesday, December 6, 1972 at which time City wage negotiations will be discussed which will have a direct bearing on the requested increase in retirement benefits.

The Communication was then placed on file.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19711 Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L.I.D. 4974 for paving along East 61st from McKinley Avenue to East "I"; East 62nd from McKinley Avenue to East "I" and Portland Avenue to East "S" Street and storm drain line in East "Q" from East 61st to East 62nd Street.

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Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag,
and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19712 Creating a new fund to be known as "Vacated City Right-of-way Property Fund".

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19713 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the Southeast corner of South 56th Street and Thompson Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (W. G. Scannell)

Planning Director, Russell Buehler, informed the Council that all conditions of the rezoning have been met and is in proper form for approval by the Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19714 Repealing and re-enacting Section 12.06.290 of the Official Code relative to street lighting and traffic signal rate schedule.

Utilities Director, Aldo Bennedatti, stated that the light revision proposed will enable the Light Division to discontinue unremunerative maintenance of customer owned facilities which, due to the shortage of qualified personnel, the hazards freeway work and the required record keeping, is not in the department's best interest.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19715 Appropriating the sum of \$11,843 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of carrying on a Comprehensive Alcoholism Plan and authorizing the transfer of certain profits from liquor taxes to Pierce County Treasurer.

Finance Director, Earl Mittelstaedt, explained this Ordinance was a companion to Resolution No. 21974 on the November 28, 1972 Agenda to appropriate the necessary funds for payment of the City's share in support of the alcoholism program outlined.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.
Mr. Sonntag left the meeting temporarily.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21977 Authorizing the sale of Light Division scrap items to various bidders.

Mr. Maule moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 21978 Authorizing the exchange of certain real property in the Center Street Urban Arterial Street Project Improvement No. 4928 by and between the City and Bert L. and Marianne Robinson.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Public Works Director, Gilbert Schuster, explained that the Resolution proposes an exchange of property between Mr. and Mrs. Bert L. Robinson and the City which was necessitated as part of the right-of-way acquisition for the widening and improving of Center Street between Steele and Washington Streets.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21979 Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$119,313.65 and supplemental bid of \$3,584.70 for L.I.D. Nos. 3736 and 3727 and W.O. No. 91168.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nalley.

Public Works Director, Gilbert Schuster, pointed out the contract is below the engineer's estimate and is in compliance with the affirmative action program.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Sonntag returned to the meeting.

Resolution No. 21980 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the Central Employment Agency for the Adult Outreach Project of Second Year Comprehensive Development Plan of the Model Cities Department.

Mayor Johnston said the staff has indicated more time is needed in connection with the consideration of this Resolution and requested a two week postponement, which was seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Resolution was continued to December 19, 1972.

Resolution No. 21981 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the Tacoma Area Urban Coalition for the Minority Availability for Tacoma Employment Project of Second Year Comprehensive Development Plan of the Model Cities Department.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Model Cities Director, Keith Palmquist, stated the program would provide a skill bank for minorities and provide a clearing house for promotion of the hiring of minorities in the community.

Mr. Bart Alford, Director of the Minority Availability for Tacoma Employment Project, explained the program pointing out the Resolution would provide funds to ensure the continuance of the program which has been very well received in the community.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Schroeder commented that in view of the fact that the citizens on two occasions had expressed their desire by more than 50 percent as to the need for a Civic Auditorium for the City and also that the City will be the recipient of revenue sharing funds during 1973, he asked the City Manager to make a detailed study of how best the City could purchase the proposed site of the Civic Auditorium and how best financing could be secured for the construction for at least a portion of the facility. Mr. Schroeder commented that a Civic Auditorium would provide a long lasting and very much needed facility for the citizens of Tacoma and that perhaps this action would be an expression of confidence in our City.

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Mr. Sonntag amended his request to the City Manager regarding a memo on Senior Citizens requested during the Budget Hearing of December 4, 1972 that (1) In connection with the Senior Citizen memo, to consider the feasibility of extending the program on a County-wide basis as well as the City, (2) investigate the possibility of a large-scale teenage summer employment program, utilizing revenue sharing funds, and (3) investigate the feasibility of utilizing revenue sharing funds for the repeal of the transit tax.


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Mayor Johnston appointed the following members to the L.I.D. Committee for the months of December, January and February: Council members Maule, Egan and Jarstad.

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On proper motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. and Mayor Johnston then convened the regularly scheduled Public Budget Hearing for the 1973 City of Tacoma Preliminary Budget.

No citizens appeared to speak and upon proper motion, the Budget Hearing was continued to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, 1972.



GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:



B. BOND - CITY CLERK