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City Council Chambers, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, December 6, 1960

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call: 9, Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 0.

Mrs. Olson moved that the minutes of the meeting of November 22, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by the Washington Gas Co. for the vacation of Alder Street and adjacent alleys between South 38th and South 40th Streets.

Mayor Hanson said the Planning Commission has recommended that this Petition be approved. He asked if anyone present objected to the granting of the vacation.

There being no objections, it was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the vacation be granted, and that the proper Ordinance be prepared for the vacation of Alder Street and adjacent alleys between South 38th and South 40th Streets. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

This is the date set for hearing on the appeal submitted by the petitioners for the rezoning of property located at the southwest corner of South 38th and "J" Streets, from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District. (Gertrude Southard, Joseph and Louise McCaffrey petition)

Mayor Hanson explained that the Planning Commission has recommended denial of this petition and the decision has been appealed by the petitioners.

Mr. Benson, Senior Planner, said that this proposed rezoning is located in the Lincoln Business District. Although recent commercial zoning has taken place in the general neighborhood of the appellant's property, this zoning represented an extension of an existing zone at the southeast corner of South 38th and Thompson which corner has been zoned commercial since 1953.

Mr. Benson said in this proposal the "C-1" Zoning would be extended west across "J" Street and take in the southwest corner of South 38th and "J" Street. The property in question and other property along South 38th Street are presently zoned in a duplex category in recognition of their proximity to a main arterial street. He said the need for a transition in the density of residential development along such arterials could well provide for a garden court type apartments as well, which would require rezoning action, but would probably not meet with any disapproval. The Planning Commission's and City Council's policies have consistently held against strip zoning along South 38th Street which results in traffic congestion, he added.

Mayor Hanson said as he understands it the recent zoning at the southeast corner of South 38th and Thompson was conditioned on the developers screening the entire length of their parking area and the savings bank developments.

Mr. Feist of the Planning Commission said that was the intent so as to help maintain the residential setting for the residences on the east side of "J" Street.

Mrs. Bradley, of Pacific Brokers, representing the petitioners, said this piece of property involved is a blind corner for the new A & P Supermarket and the Bank Building being constructed. At Present the property has two old

homes built on a 20-foot terrace which is unsightly, and the owners cannot afford to maintain the property. The proposed rezoning of only 130 feet will enable a Service Station to be built, making a much nicer looking place, and will also eliminate the blind corner for traffic. She said more than a majority of the residents within the 400-foot radius have signed a petition in favor of the proposed rezoning, as the corner is an eyesore to the community as well as to traffic.

Mrs. Bradley said she doubted very much if anyone would go to the expense of buying this property for a duplex because of the high terrace. An oil company is about the only company that has the financial backing to level the property for building purposes. She asked that the Council consider these aspects and approve the rezoning.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Buehler to point out the other available areas within the commercial zoning where a service station could be built.

Mr. Buehler pointed out several areas for the Council's information.

Mr. Chuck Newman, President of the Gas Dealers Association, said there were several service stations located in this vicinity already, some of which have had to close due to the lack of business. The policy of blighting the City with so many service stations cannot continue, he added. He objected to the rezoning of this piece of property.

Mr. Lynn Pennerman, representing Union Oil Co., who is desirous of building this service station, said his company is very careful in choosing locations to build new Union Stations, and has not built any new service stations in the City of Tacoma in approximately 10 years. He said they have gone to considerable expense and care in searching for a site in this general area which will give good coverage and representation. He said, from his observation, the zoning in this area is slowly converting to a Commercial District.

Mr. Cvitanich said, in the information received from the Planning Commission in regard to the police power concept, zoning cannot be based on economic consideration. Therefore, he moved that the Planning Commission's recommendation be sustained and the rezoning be denied. Seconded by Mr. Murland. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 5; Nays 4, Bott, Easterday, Olson and Price; Absent 0. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Petition from Keith E. Harrison requesting the rezoning of property located at Center and Monroe from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication from the Equitable Savings & Loan Association requesting a permit for the installation of the "Americana" Carillon Bells in the City of Tacoma. 565

Mr. Rowlands said each Council member received a copy of the letter from the Equitable Savings & Loan Association requesting a permit for the installation of these bells at their new branch location at 1305 South 11th Street. He said these bells have been installed in other cities, some nearby such as Yakima, Washington, and Portland and Bend, Oregon. However, he added, it should be pointed out, that if the bells are installed objections can be expected as well as favorable comments. The ringing will be on the hour from 9:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M., so there will not be early morning or late evening ringing. A short musical program is also contemplated between the hours of 12:00 and 1:00 P. M. running approximately 10 minutes in length, Monday through Saturday.

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Mr. Rowlands said the Equitable Savings & Loan Association would like some indication of the Council's feeling on this matter before placing their order with the Company.

It was the consensus of the Council that they would have no objections to the installation of the Carillon bells. Mr. Easterday moved that a Resolution be drawn granting permission to the Equitable Savings & Loan Association to install these bells. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

It was also requested that a letter be sent to the Equitable Savings and Loan Association in this respect.

Communication from Eugene P. Collins, C. P. A. requesting an opportunity to discuss the subject of the City audit and the automation survey recently made by Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery at this meeting or at a study session.

Mr. Collins said he would prefer discussing this with the Council members after the regular meeting if it was agreeable with them.

Mr. Rowlands advised that there were several other very important items to discuss after the regular meeting also.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Collins if it would be agreeable to him that only a partial discussion be held on the matter after the meeting and another date be set up for further discussion. Mr. Collins said that would be agreeable to him.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16357:

Fixing Tuesday, January 3, 1961 at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of that portion of East "E" Street from East 26th to the alley between East 25th and East 26th Street. (Lyle Smith, et al)

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16358.

Requesting that the petition of Nalley's, Inc., for the vacation of Windom St. from So. 35th to Center St; and Bean St. from Center to Lawrence, be placed on the agenda of the Planning Commission.

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

Mr. Rowlands said in March of this year this petition was approved, providing that certain conditions be met. Since then, circumstances have changed which have made compliance with the conditions impossible on the part of the petitioner. Therefore, the request has been made that the matter be referred back to the Planning Commission for a re-examination of the conditions imposed under the circumstances that now exist.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16359

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated within an Urban Newnewl Project designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16360

Authorizing the issuance and sale of limited tax levy General Obligation Bonds of the City in the principal sum of \$550,000 for the purpose of establishing an airport and other air navigation facilities.

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

Mr. Easterday said he voted for the Resolution retaining the attorneys at the last Council meeting, but he still objects to an inside levy for any other purpose than for handling of an emergency.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that a roll call be taken on the Resolution. Roll call was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Easterday; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16361

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to approve the request of the Washington State Highway Dept. for the placement of 49th Ave. N. E. between 31st and the City limits; 31st St. N. E. between N. E. 49th Ave., and N. E. 60th Ave., and of 60th Ave. N. E. between No. E. 29th St. and N. E. 31st St., on the Federal Aid system.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that Resolution No. 16361 and the next Resolution No. 16362 make it possible for these certain highways to be included on the Federal Aid System, which program provides for the payment of certain federal funds for the construction and maintenance of those streets and highways if monies to become available. This is to the City's advantage although it cannot be guaranteed when the improvements will take place.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16362

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to approve the request of the Washington State Highway Dept. for the placement of a portion of State Secondary Highway No. 1-V on the Federal Aid System.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16363

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to pay the sales tax of the State of Washington on the amount of \$58,600 for services with Hoagland-Findley Engineering Co. for Improv. No. 3102-F (Sewage and Treatment Plant.)

It was moved by Mr. Murtland that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Rowlands said through inadvertence the contract did not spell out that the City was to pay the sales tax. According to State Law it is mandatory that this tax be paid and it should be included in the contract to clear the records.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OR ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16689

Amending Chapter L.30.585 of the Official Code of the City relating to additional pensions for members not receiving Social Security. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this is merely clarification as the Council has gone on record as wishing this done.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16662

(for reconsideration)

Specifying and adopting a plan for the acquisition, construction and installation by the City of Off-Street parking facilities and the financing thereof. Read by title.

Mr. Steele moved to reconsider and repeal the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Hanson explained that this Ordinance is being reconsidered, inasmuch as a referendum petition was filed against the Ordinance, requiring that "the Council shall immediately reconsider the same, and if it does not repeal such Ordinance, it shall submit such Ordinance to the qualified electors for their approval or rejection at the next general municipal election."

Mayor Hanson said the placing of this Ordinance on the ballot for the next election would mean a delay of at least a year and a half before final determination. He felt this delay would cause more harm to the downtown area than the immediate loss of the garages.

He said in voting to kill the Ordinance, he recognizes the validity of the petition, and in no way would he be a party to any move to circumvent the effect of the referendum drive by voting for a new slightly revised revenue bond

plan.

Mayor Hanson said he did not regard this as an absolute loss of parking facilities downtown. He thought the principal dispute was the manner in which this was to be financed, and they still shall attempt to obtain some type of parking facilities in the downtown area without substantial participation on the part of the City, he added.

Councilmen Hal Murtland and Pat Steele indicated they felt much the same way.

Mr. Long, owner of the Auto Clinic, 1201 "A" Street, remarked that the petitions with the 10,000 signatures certainly indicated that the people are not in favor of the proposition.

Mayor Hanson said the motion before the Council, if it passes, certainly conforms with this conclusion.

Mr. Long said they felt the people should have a vote on this matter. If the Council kills this particular Ordinance and then starts all over again, then another referendum will be filed against it.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Long was assuming something that is not true. He added that in the referendum procedure it specifically provides that upon the establishment of sufficient signatures under the formula, that the matter would be referred to the Council for re-examination which is now being done; Therefore, the Council is acting within its authority.

Mr. Long said he was not questioning the legality of this procedure but the point he was making was that the people would like an opportunity to vote on this.

Mayor Hanson said in overruling this Ordinance the time schedule would be a big factor, which would mean approximately a year or a year and a half before it could be submitted to the voters, and if it were successful, then there would be another year of testing in Court. He said he was certain that several Council members agreed if this should be revived it would be only on the condition of observing the effect of the petition and placing it on the ballot.

Mr. Steele said there have been various distorted statements on this matter. He said the last issue of the South Tacoma Star said, "Reconsideration of Ordinance authorizing the use of public funds for the construction of two downtown parking garages." He added this is not a correct statement. The article further states that the Ordinance which was passed by the lawmakers authorized issuance of \$2,450,000 in General Obligation Bonds for the construction of two garages. That is not a correct statement, he added, and is part of the propaganda that has confused some 10,000 or more people in this City as to what the Council proposed to do. He thought someone should put the record straight.

Mr. Cvitanich referred to the voters bulletin which was put out when the escalators were voted in. He said this showed that private funds were to be used for the construction of the garages, and there was no mention of City participation. Time and again these people have appeared before the Council and attempted to get postponements with any success. He said, "We, as members of the City Council, have been very inconsiderate."

Mr. Murtland called for a vote on the previous question.

Mayor Hanson called for a voice vote on those in favor of the motion to reconsider and rescind the Ordinance which resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Olson; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. McCormick if a roll call was necessary on this motion. Mr. McCormick advised that a separate motion should be made requesting that an Ordinance be brought in repealing Ordinance No. 16662.

Mr. Steele then moved that an Ordinance be brought in to repeal Ordinance No. 16662. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 0. Motion carried.

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Mrs. Olson said she voted against the parking garages as she felt they were not financially feasible as far as the City of Tacoma was concerned. She also feels there isn't any reason to continue it for another year and a half or until the next general election. She said she was not opposed to the parking garages downtown as such; she only opposed the City's participation in the financing thereof. If private capital wants to build them, that is their business, she added.

Mr. Bott said he, too, had "championed" against this Ordinance previously passed whereby the City would participate in building these garages with unlimited guarantee. He said he had no objection to private capital spending their money to build private garages. The private garage operators also have indicated they have no objections to private capital financing these garages.

Ordinance No. 16670

(postponed from the meeting of November 22, 1960)

Amending certain sections of the Official Code of the City relating to the Pay and Compensation Plan for the year of 1961. (Salary Ordinance)

Mr. Rowlands explained that the amendment requested by the Council regarding skilled craftsmen is contained in a separate Ordinance No. 16683 which the Council will vote upon this evening. This was done so as to avoid rewriting this particular Ordinance. Mr. Rowlands pointed out changes that should be made on Sec. 1.12.135, Page 3. Clothing Allowance for Police Officers. He said, to be consistent, in their actions, this should include Fire Alarm Dispatchers.

Mr. Steele moved that the words "Fire Alarm Dispatchers" be added to Section 1.12.135, Line 5, after "Radio Engineer." Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Price moved that the title of Section 1.12.135 be changed so as to read "Clothing Allowance" in place of "Clothing Allowance for Police Officers". Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands remarked that, on page 15 under the rate for 0051 Mechanical Storekeeper, it was discovered that in correcting the mats, part of the original typing as well as the corrections were printed. Therefore, for clarification the rates should read:

2.28	2.39	2.52
*2.33	2.45	2.57

Mr. Stellmac, representing the Technical Engineers & Architects, asked that the City Council consider giving these people another step increase to coincide with the salary paid by the State.

Mayor Hanson said he understands Mr. Stellmac's proposal would cost approximately \$10,000. Mr. Stellmac said that was correct, which he thought was a very slight cost.

Mr. Rowlands said the Budget has been adopted, and at this point there cannot be any changes made in the Budget figures. He thought the Council has been very fair in making a provision, that if revenues are made available from some source during the year, adjustments will be made retroactive to the first of the year.

Mrs. Olson said on page 17 there are listed two separate items - Urban Renewal Coordinator and Urban Renewal Director. She asked if a new position is being created in the Urban Renewal Department.

Mr. Rowlands said there is an Urban Renewal Coordinator and an Urban Renewal Director at present. Formerly, Urban Renewal Coordinator was the name given to the person serving as a Director. This is an additional provision which was made over a year ago. The staff has been gradually increasing as the demand grows, he added.

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CORRECTION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF DEC. 6, 1960.

Mr. Bott requested that the statement on page 10 of the minutes of December 6, 1960 which was attributed to Mr. Ketler be checked, as he felt this was a misquote.

After checking the tape, the following correction is made and underlined:

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Mr. Ketler said the two new appointive positions which he had reference to were Principal Accountant and Customer Accounting & Collecting Supervisor. He pointed out the position of the Principal Accountant is unfilled at the present time, and the Customer Accounting Supervisor is filled by Mr. Berg who will soon retire from City Service.

Mr. Bixel, Personnel Director, explained that the reason for the Utilities requesting that these be designated as appointive positions is that they are both key administrative positions requiring peculiar knowledge and abilities and both play an important part in the formulation and administration of policy and procedure. It is felt that the peculiar requisites of the positions do not lend themselves to the channels established for the classified positions and that the interests of the City will best be served in an appointive category.

Mrs. Olson asked if the Council had voted to change the title of Coordinator to Director, would we automatically have increased his pay in this amount? What would have happened to the position he vacated when he became Director?

Mr. Rowlands said this particular matter was discussed with the Council three or four months ago and the particular salary range was fixed for the Coordinator and the Director.

Mrs. Olson asked if the person holding the position of Coordinator was stepped up one range when he became Director?

Mr. Bixel, Personnel Director, explained that in March, 1960, the position of Urban Renewal Director was established. There was no change in salary except to lower the Coordinator's salary when this change was made. The action last week was to change the Administrative Code to coincide with the Pay and Compensation Plan already in effect.

Mr. McCormick explained at the time the Urban Renewal Department was established there was no need for a Director so the position of Coordinator was established, and that was the designation in the Administrative Code. As the Urban Renewal Program grew it became necessary to employ a Director to head the Department. The Coordinator was Mr. Jacobson who was promoted to Director, and the Compensation Plan was amended to reflect this change. The Coordinator position was filled about three months ago. The Ordinance that was tabled last week by the Council was an attempt to correct the Administrative Code to reflect the changes already made in the Compensation Plan. Unfortunately, when this was drawn, the one change in the Compensation Plan was made, whereas it should have also been made in the Administrative Code.

Mr. Rowlands said investigation also revealed that there were some other references in the Administrative Code which should be corrected, and when this comes up again these corrections will be made in the Administrative Code.

Mr. Ketler said at last week's meeting he raised a question as to the appointive positions which are increasing tremendously over the years, and asked that this be given very close scrutiny by the Council before passing this Pay and Compensation Plan. He said this year two more very important positions are being placed on the appointive list. He said they are very concerned that those top positions that should be in the classified service should remain there and be filled through promotions. He asked if the Council would meet with the Committee to discuss this matter in an attempt to arrive at a policy on how appointive positions will be handled.

Mr. Cvitanich said he agreed with Mr. Ketler that there are entirely too many appointive positions at the present time.

Mr. Ketler said the two new appointive positions which he had reference to were Principal Accountant and Customer Accounting & Collecting Supervisor. He pointed out the position of the Principal Accountant is unfilled at the present time, and the Customer Accounting supervisor is filled by Mr. Berg who will soon retire from City Service. The reason for requesting that these be designated as appointive positions is that they are both key administrative positions requiring peculiar knowledge and abilities and both play an important part in the formulation and administration of policy and procedure. It is felt that the peculiar requisites of the positions do not lend themselves to the channels established for the classified positions and that the interests of the City will best be served in an appointive category.

Mr. Easterday said this appears to be quite controversial and he would like more information on this matter. He then moved that the Ordinance be postponed for one week so that the Council can discuss this at a special study session with Mr. Bixel and the representative of the Civil Service League and the various Department heads. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was then taken on the motion to postpone the Ordinance one week, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

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Ordinance No 16681

Amending Ordinance No. 16644 in reference to the condemnation of property near the intersection of Lidford Road and Pioneer Way. Read by title and passed.

Roll call taken on the Ordinance resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No 16682

Authorizing the issuance and sale of unlimited tax levy General Obligation Bonds of the City in the sum of \$850,000 for the purpose of providing money to construct, condemn and purchase, acquire, add to and establish an adequate transportation system. Read by title.

Mr. Dynaski again spoke on the legality of the Ordinance which authorized the placing of the Transit System Acquisition on the ballot. He pointed out that in the Ordinance it stated that "in the event the revenue derived from the maintenance and operation of said Transit System is not sufficient, the Council shall have the right to use or borrow without repayment, any General Funds available for such purpose." Mr. Dynaski said, according to the Statutes, this not legal and is jeopardizing the entire payroll of the City.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Dynaski if he were aware of the fact that this action was authorized by vote of the people when they voted favorably on a millage proposition for the acquisition of the Transit System.

Mr. Dynaski said he has spoken to attorneys on this matter, who advised him this Ordinance is illegal.

Mayor Hanson said the Transit Proposition has been under study for many months, culminating in a proposition which was presented to the voters and was favorably acted upon. Therefore, this Ordinance is only carrying out the favorable vote of the people.

Mr. Murtland said he understands this Ordinance does not in any way indicate that the City has to spend any amount of the \$850,000 merely because this Ordinance is passed.

Mr. McCormick said this Ordinance simply provides the funds with which to purchase a Transit System to provide for passenger transportation within the City of Tacoma, and can spend any amount up to \$850,000 for the purchase.

Mr. Murtland said this Ordinance does not commit the City of Tacoma to purchase the present Tacoma Transit System, nor does it bind the City to buy any Transit Company.

Mr. McCormick said the Ordinance simply states "to acquire an adequate transportation system."

Mayor Hanson said some time ago the Council took action to proceed with the acquisition of a Transit System and this is one of the necessary steps. The proposition was presented on that basis, although it was made very clear that if the City was not able to work out a suitable purchase agreement, we were not required to purchase the system.

Mr. McCormick said that was correct, although there is a time schedule which is worked out. The Bonds will be put on sale January 10, 1961 and will be presented to the Council for their approval. The Council at that time has the right to refuse the bids received if they so desire. If a bid is accepted, the Bonds will probably be available around the first part of February, 1961.

Mr. Murtland asked, in the event the City could purchase a Transit System for less than \$850,000, what would be the effect of issuing bonds in that amount.

Mr. McCormick said any proceeds from the sale of Bonds that are not used for the purpose for which they are voted, go into the Bond Redemption Fund for the redemption of the outstanding bonds.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. McCormick if he felt the citizens of Tacoma voted for this proposition to acquire a Transit System with the thought in mind of purchasing the Tacoma Transit System.

Mr. McCormick said there was no mention of the Tacoma Transit System in the proposition which was placed on the ballot. However, his own personal opinion was that the public anticipated that the Tacoma Transit System would be purchased.

Mayor Hanson said after a thorough investigation and consideration, the Council came to the conclusion of purchasing the assets of the present system on the condition that the voters approve the millage levies.

Mr. Murtland said isn't it true that the Council has not voted on the matter in regard to whether the City will acquire the Tacoma Transit System as it now stands.

Mayor Hanson said he did not think they voted on the specific details, but as he recalls, the Council has indicated their intention to purchase it.

Mrs. Price said it was her understanding that the Council voted to put this on the ballot and at that time also voted to buy the present company, which included the Transit System and the property. She said that was her understanding when she voted to put this proposition on the ballot, that the City was buying it for \$750,000 with \$100,000 to be put in reserve for maintenance.

Mayor Hanson said that was his impression of the Council's previous action, although he would have to concede that it was not a legally binding Ordinance that had been adopted.

Mr. Steele said at the time this was discussed by the Council, there was no money available and they could not vote to buy anything until the bonds could be sold. Now, he added, the Bonds can be sold and the Council can vote upon a formal Ordinance in a few weeks.

Mr. Porter said he was quite certain that the point was made when the Ordinance was passed that the ballot proposition was to buy an adequate transportation system and did not definitely name a specific system or number of buses.

Mr. Bott said he agreed with Mr. Porter, however, the consensus of opinion was that the Tacoma Transit Company would be purchased, and everything was predicated on the appraisals. "The figure of \$750,000 was arrived at for bargaining purposes and we were given authority to spend up to \$850,000 for the acquisition of the Transit System." As Mr. Murtland indicated, the Council has not formally voted to purchase the Company.

Mr. Porter asked if anyone else has offered to sell the City an adequate transit system within the last month or two, for this price or under.

Mr. Rowlands said they had not. He also said he has talked with some transportation people in different parts of the country, and there was not much interest expressed in this particular system by outside capital.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16683

Amending Section 1.12.140 of the Official Code of the City relating to the Pay and Compensation Plan for Skilled Craftsmen. Read by title.

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Mr. Murtland said the Ordinance states that such Skilled Craftsmen shall receive coverage under the State Unemployment Compensation Act in addition to the usual City fringe benefits accorded to temporary employees. He asked what

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these additional fringe benefits were, and if this meant these employees would be receiving greater benefits by working for the City than for private industry. He asked if there are additional benefits the City provides to such employees that a private contractor would not.

Mr. Vixel said the City provides hospital and doctor's care with the Pierce County Medical Bureau Plan for temporary employees, which would probably be the only thing that might not be handled by a private firm.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Bixel if he would say that these temporary skilled craftsmen covered by this Ordinance would actually be paid more than they would in the same position held under a private contractor.

Mr. Bixel said he did not think so. A private contractor would be paying unemployment compensation, social security, and many have provisions for health and welfare plans.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No 16684

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as 13.06.120 (17) to include property located at 9201 Pacific Avenue in a "C-1" Commercial District. (petition of Otto S. Siburg) Read by title and passed.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Murtland; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16685

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4671 for grading and permanent type pavement on So 52nd from Park Avenue to Thompson and So. 56th from Park Ave. to So. I St. Read by title and passed.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16686

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5317 for cast iron water mains in the general area bounded by East 64th; Roosevelt Ave; and East 72nd and McKinley Avenue. Read by title and passed:

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16687

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5326 for cast iron water mains in No. 11th from Bennett to Highland; No. 9th from Baltimore to Shirley; Shirley from No. 9th to No. 10th, and from Dahl Drive from Bennett to Winnifred St. Read by title and passed.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16688

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5327 for cast iron water mains in North 25th from Cheyenne to Orchard Street. Read by title and passed. 491

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows;

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

The L I D Committee recommending that L I D 4675 be abandoned as 50% remonstrances have been filed against the District. 500

Mr. Easterday moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the L I D Committee that L I D 4675 be abandoned. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said that a letter has been received from the General Services Administration regarding the City of Tacoma's offer to purchase a portion of the Government surplus real property in Swan Creek.

He said, as the Council will recall, last August the City decided to submit an offer of \$19,975 to buy some of the property in the Salishan Housing project area which would ultimately be utilized for Park and Recreational purposes. At that time there was discussion of utilizing the Swan Creek area for the garbage refuse sanitary land fill. Now the Waller Road District Improvement Club has submitted an offer to the General Services Administration in the amount of \$35,000. Therefore, the General Services Administration have indicated, if the City is interested in negotiating on the basis of \$35,000, they will be glad to enter into a negotiation. 397
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Mr. Rowlands said preliminary contacts have been made with the Park Board, and he thought the Council would like to have a joint meeting with the Metropolitan Park Board to see if they are willing to advance \$35,000 out of the Park Board Millage or from some other source, if they are really interested in purchasing this property. Mr. Rowlands explained that the City does not have any money set aside in the General Fund for this purpose, as the Council will recall that the offer of \$19,975 was earmarked out of the Sewer Utility Fund. He added, if the City should withdraw its proposal, then the Waller Road Group will have to submit a bid under public sale and other groups would also have the opportunity to bid on the property.

Mr. Murtland asked if the City could let its offer stand.

Mr. Rowlands said that would be possible. It is simply the question of whether or not the City wishes to increase its offer to \$35,000 before December 28, 1960.

Mr. Buehler said he had contacted the Park Board members, who desire to place this matter on their agenda for a meeting to be held next week.

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Mr. Rowlands said he would inform the Council after that meeting whether or not the Park Board was interested in advancing \$35,000 for this purpose.

Mr. Rowlands said tomorrow, December 7, is Civil Defense Day, and any member of the Council is welcome to stop at Civil Defense Headquarters during the day. The siren will be sounded tomorrow at 2:00 P.M. as usual, but it will continue for a longer period of time, he added.

Mr. Rowlands said a few weeks ago the Arlington Avenue Storm Drainage District was reviewed with the City Council and the Director of Public Works, and the Council said they would like to have the hearing all at one time. He asked Mr. Schuster when his department would be ready for this hearing.

Mr. Schuster said they would like to have a hearing on this sometime after the 20th of January.

Mr. Rowlands said this could be set up for either a Monday or Wednesday night at the Utilities Building.

Mr. Rowlands said many of the buildings being acquired in the Urban Renewal area are in a very bad dilapidated condition and are not worth moving, so the Fire Personnel will be receiving some training in burning some of these.

Under the contract, union help will have to be retained to clean up the debris. However, the burning of the buildings will be good training for the Fire Department personnel, he added.

Mr. Easterday expressed his appreciation, and also his family's, to the Council members and Mr. Rowlands for their kindness in sending the beautiful floral piece to be placed upon his daughter-in-law's casket.

Mayor Hanson announced that the new L I D Committee for the months of December, January and February, would be Mr. Murtland, Mr. Porter and himself. He said the next L I D meeting would be on December 12, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Mr. Ketler said he would like to refer back to Ordinance No. 16689 which had first reading this evening, relating to additional pensions for retired City employees not receiving Social Security. He said the question of providing this same coverage to those disabled employees not receiving Social Security has been mentioned many times to the Council. Equal treatment should be given to all the pensioners, but this group was left out for the reason that their pension is based on a disability pension law and consequently it is not applied in the same manner as the other retired personnel who are receiving \$1.00 additional for every year of service. He is requesting that these disability employees, of approximately 43 people, not receiving Social Security, be granted an increase of \$15 a month.

Mr. Gaisford said he believed the matter has been referred to the Retirement Board. It has not been considered as yet but the next meeting will be held in January and it should be brought before the Board at that time.

Mr. Rowlands asked if the proper amendment could be made at that time if that is the decision. Mr. Gaisford said it would be proper to make it at that time.

Mr. Reynolds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars said he met with Mr. Rowlands some time ago in reference to acquiring some property from the City near the Narrows Bridge to build a home for the Veterans Post.

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Mr. Rowlands said both Mr. Schuster and Mr. Buehler have been working on this matter and he thought that the State Highway Department might be involved in this also. Mr. Rowlands said as soon as the information is obtained a report will be made to the Council along with copies of the request, and a similiar copy will be sent to Mr. Reynolds notifying him of the date it will be considered before the Council.

Mr. Beaty of Parvenu said he recently sent a copy of a letter to each Council Member and Mr. Rowlands in reference to an advertising and Public Relations Fund. He said he would desire an opportunity to go into this in more detail at a special study session, and asked if it would be possible to arrange this for next week.

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Mr. Beaty was informed that the Council would meet with him after the next Council meeting in regard to this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Ben Harrison

Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Nettleton*

City Clerk