

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
March 18, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Johnston called on a group of Camp Fire Girls, who presented the Council with a cake in commemoration of the Camp Fire Girls 65th Birthday.

Present on roll call: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 0.

The Flag Salute was led by a Camp Fire Girl Representative.

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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 March 11, 1975.

PETITIONS:            CREST BUILDERS, INC. requesting the rezoning of the South side of South 19th Street between Steele and Prospect Streets from an "R-2" District to an "R-4-LT" District.

JOHN D. DOBLER requesting the rezone of property located in the vicinity of So. 47th Street from Lawrence to Warner Street from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

For referral to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23264 Fixing Monday, April 14, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 7701 for conversion of operating voltage and placing underground the existing overhead electrical and cable television systems in a portion of Scenic View Heights.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS: The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for the following:

LID 8038 - asphalt paving on South 63rd from South "J" to South "K" Street; South 80th from Pacific Avenue to South "D"; and South "D" from South 80th to 82nd Street and storm drain line in South "K" from So. 62nd to 63rd St. and So. 82nd from So. "D" to Tacoma Ave. South.

Fixing Monday, April 28, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Civil Service Board meeting of February 19, 1975.
- b. Minutes of the Tacoma City Planning Commission meeting of February 19, 1975.
- c. Minutes of Regular meeting of Board of Park Commissions, February 24, 1975.
- d. Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting of February 26, 1975.
- e. Monthly report, Clerk of Municipal Court, February 28, 1975.
- f. Monthly report, Traffic Violations and Court Cases, February, 1975, Municipal Court.
- g. Monthly report, December, 1974 and January 1975, Personnel Department.
- h. Emergency Services Department filing Personnel and Administrative Claim for January, 1975.
- i. 1975 City of Tacoma Community Development Plan.
- j. Monthly Towing Report, February, 1975.

Mr. Nelson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 23264, 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:

- a. Legislative Report to the City Council by Mel Gaumer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

Mel Gaumer gave a legislative report to the City Council on the various bills in the State Legislature of concern to the City. The Council took the information under advisement with no formal action taken.

- b. The Civic Arts Commission of Tacoma-Pierce County presenting second edition of their publication, "Back Home in Pierce County".

Mrs. Elida Kirk, President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, presented a framed map as it's been published by the Arts Commission describing historic places in Tacoma and Pierce County. She also presented additional maps to members of the Council, together with copies of the second issue of "Back Home" another publication of the Commission.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20363      Amending Section 31 of Ordinance No. 19050, to allow a change in the schedule of payment of the Cable TV franchise fee paid by TelePrompTer to the City of Tacoma.

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Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20364 Appropriating the sum of \$61,515.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund for increase in the budget for the care and custody of prisoners in the City Jail for the period March 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20365 Authorizing the City to increase the appropriation of Fund 141 and enter into an agreement with the State of Washington for \$73,683.00 in State LEAA funds plus \$4,093.00 in State "Buy-in" funds.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20366 Authorizing the City to increase the appropriation of Fund 163 and enter into an agreement with the State of Washington for \$15,790.00 in State LEAA funds plus \$877.00 in State "buy-in" funds.

Mr. Sonntag made a motion to suspend the rules for further discussion on the Northend Home for Youth subject. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 5 - Egan, Hudson, Nelson, Sonntag and Warnick. Nays: 4 - Herrmann, Moss, Nalley and Mayor Johnston.

Mrs. Sherrie Swain, Director of the Pierce County Homes for Youth Program, appeared before the Council and answered questions regarding the taking into custody of several youths residing in the home for Police investigation.

Police Chief, Lyle Smith, also responded to questions regarding the extent and investigation of the case.

Mr. Nalley made a motion to postpone action on the ordinance until March 25th.

Mayor Johnston ruled the motion died for lack of a second.

Following considerable additional discussion, roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Abstaining: 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20367      Establishing a new fund to be known as the "Municipal Cable Television Program Fund" and appropriating the sum of \$62,032.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary from said fund for the purpose of operating the Municipal Cable Television (MCATV) Program and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20368      Amending Chapter 8.102 of the Official Code relative to definitions of Body Painting.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20369      Amending the 1975 Annual Budget to include negotiated salary settlements and certain increases in maintenance and operation.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20370 Amending the pay and compensation plan to provide salary adjustments for certain unrepresented classes and establishing the position of Distribution Engineering Technician.

Mr. Sonntag made a motion to strike that portion of the Ordinance establishing the position of Distribution Engineering Technician.

Mayor Johnston ruled that the motion died for lack of a second.

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

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20371 Amending Section 1.12.430 of the pay and compensation plan to establish a new class of Technical Productivity Specialist and setting the rate of pay.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20373 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8068 for concrete pavement in alley between So. Alder and So. Cedar Street from So. 45th to So. 47th Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20374 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8070 for concrete pavement in alley between South Madison and South Monroe, from So. 66th to So. 67th; also, concrete sidewalks north side of So. 67th from Madison to Monroe and other nearby streets.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20375 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 8027 for permanent paving on South 17th Street from South Ainsworth Avenue to South Sprague Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20376 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 5466 for constructing water mains in South Tacoma Way from So. 38th to So. 43rd; Washington Street from South Tacoma Way to So. 43rd produced; and South 43rd from Union Ave. to South Tacoma Way.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20372 (Continued from the meeting of March 11th) Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the S.E. corner of So. 12th and Pearl Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District. (Educational Employees Credit Union)

Following a clarification from City Attorney, Robert Hamilton, that the Council should not conduct a hearing by virtue of the new ordinance establishing the Land Use Hearings Examiner, the ordinance was passed over to second reading.

Ordinance No. 20377 Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Official Code to add health insurance options for early retirees.

Mayor Johnston made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the emergency clause provision, which was inadvertently omitted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried, after which the amended ordinance was passed over to second reading.

Ordinance No. 20378 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the northeast corner of So. 56th Street and Yakima Avenue from an "R-3" and a "C-1" to a "C-2" District. (Gerald J. Gettmann)

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20379 Appropriating the sum of \$25,000 in 1975 Federal Shared Revenue Sharing Funds for the operation of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission 1975.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20380 Authorizing the transfer of \$36,450.00 from the General Fund to the Technology Transfer Center, Account No. 1640651 and appropriating said funds for the purpose of continuing the Technology Transfer Center activities.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20381 Amending Chapter 12.07 of the City Code relative to interchange of surplus power, load factoring rates and surplus electric power rates.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20382 Authorizing the appropriation of \$6,057.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve for replacement of Fire Department Equipment Fund and authorizing the purchase of a bucket truck and bucket assembly for the Fire Department.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20383 Authorizing the replacement of dangerous sidewalks and construction of protective guard rails on the east side of Fawcett Avenue South of 19th Street.

Following the suggestion of City Engineer, Ron Button, Mr. Nelson made a motion that on line 21 of the ordinance the figure "\$4,000" be changed to "\$1,000 estimated cost". Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried,

The amended ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase

Resolution No. 23265 Awarding contract to Gary Rogers Trucking, Inc. on its bid of \$47,967.03 for L.I.D. 8045 and rejecting all bids for Fire Department Line Truck as they do not meet specifications.

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

Resolution No. 23266 Granting an easement to the State of Washington for highway purposes at East 128th (Collins) and Meridian Street.

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

Resolution No. 23267 Authorizing execution of collective bargaining agreement with IBEW, Local #483, Controller's Division from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975.

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

Resolution No. 23268 Authorizing the proper officer of the City to file a Notice of Intent with Pierce County Boundary Review Board to provide water service to Narrows Plaza Development.

Mr. Ray Graves, attorney and secretary of the University Place Water Company, spoke in opposition to the resolution stating that the City's intended action would infringe on the franchise area of his company.

Mr. Tom Fishburne, attorney representing the developer of the area, Mr. Boyd Lundstrom, spoke in favor of the resolution.

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

Resolution No. 23269 Authorizing execution of Agreement No. GM-818 with the State of Washington, turning back to the City new portions of roadway, reconstructed streets and cul-de-sacs outside the limited access and adjacent to SR 16 from I-5 to So. 23rd Street and Bantz Blvd.

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

Resolution No. 23270 Authorizing the settlement of the claim of Arthur J. Overman and the expenditure of \$1,000 in City funds.

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

Resolution No. 23271 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a written agreement with James R. McGranahan, AIA, to provide certain services in respect to transmitting pedestrians across So. 9th Street, So. 11th St. and So. 13th St. where they intersect the Broadway Plaza.

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

Resolution No. 23272 Authorizing application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$458,000.00 in Discretionary Funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to implement the following innovative projects: (a) Commencement Bay Marine Research and Fisheries Enhancement Center (\$250,000); (b) Pilot Project for Economic Analysis-Evaluation (\$125,000); (c) Application of Solar Energy to Innovative Housing Projects (\$41,500); and (d) Application of Current Technology to Housing Renovation (\$41,500)

Mr. Keith Palmquist, Assistant Director of the Community Development Department, briefly reviewed the purpose of the application and introduced the following members of the City staff to speak on the four topics: Ron Nelson, Planning Department,



project (a); Economist Bernie Booms, project (b); Mrs. Regina Glenn, Technology Transfer Director, projects (c) and (d).

After discussion, Mr. Warnick moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23273 Authorizing submission of grant application for \$57,234.00 in State Law & Justice funds to provide for first year operation of Dorcas House (a division of Progress House).

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

Resolution No. 23274 Amending Resolution 23138 relating to Work Experience Enrollee and New Career Enrollee.

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

Resolution No. 23275 Authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement with Automotive and Special Services Union Local #461 to be effective January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975.

Mr. Sonntag made a motion to insert the corrected page on the agreement attached to the resolution, comprising the cover page and page 14. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: H. B. Bond, City Clerk, advising the Council that at the L.I.D. Committee meeting, March 10, 1975, protests amounting to 94% were filed against L.I.D. 5552 and a recommendation was made that the L.I.D. not be created.

Mr. Moss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to concur in the recommendation of the L.I.D. Committee that the L.I.D. not be created. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:


Mayor Johnston made a motion appointing and confirming Councilman Warnick as a member of the Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Warnick asked for the Council's study and consideration of the L.I.D. procedures, which sometimes put a severe burden on home owners who are literally forced to participate in the L.I.D. by a large developer or perhaps even the City.

Upon proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Attest:

  
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK

  
GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR