

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
April 30, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present on roll call - 8: Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Warnick.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Hudson.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed May 6 through 11, 1974 as "Life Insurance Education Week" and May 1 through 7, 1974 as "Respect for Law Week".

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 1974.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22794 Fixing Tuesday, May 14, 1974 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for rezoning the northeast corner of So. 48th and Orchard Streets from an "R-2", an "R-2-TM" and "C-1" to an "R-4-TM" District. (George S. Pessemier)

Resolution No. 22795 Fixing Tuesday, May 28, 1974 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for vacation of So. 3rd Street between So. "K" and "L" Streets. (Tacoma General Hospital)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of March 19, 1974.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma Model Cities Program Land Use Review Board meetings of April 1 and 15, 1974.
- c. Monthly Report, Traffic Violations & Court Cases, Municipal Court, March, 1974.
- d. Monthly Report, Fire Department, March, 1974.
- e. City Planning Department filing Program Management System Quarterly Report for Grant Period November 1, 1973 through February 28, 1974.

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- f. City Planning Department filing National Flood Insurance Program application forms.
- g. Monthly Report, Director of Finance, January, 1974.
- h. Monthly Report, Personnel Department, March, 1974.
- i. Monthly Report, Police Department, I & R Division, March, 1974.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 22794 and 22795, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

Planning Commission approving the withdrawal of Keystone Investments, Inc.'s request for rezoning the west side of Warner Street between South 40th and 43rd Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

Mr. Nelson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20107 Vacating Lexington and Frace Streets between So. 10th and 12th Streets; alley between Lexington and Frace Streets from So. 10th to South 12th; alley between Frace and Whitman Streets from So. 10th to So. 12th Streets. (Harold Jewell, et al)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Warnick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20108 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the West side of Pacific Ave. approximately 113 feet north of Spooner Street from an "R-2" to an "R-4-LT" District. (David A. Tonnesson)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Warnick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20109 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 3745 for sanitary sewers in 33rd St. N.E. from 49th Ave. to 53rd Ave. N.E., 53rd Ave. N.E. from 33rd St. N.E. to 29th St. N.E. and other nearby streets.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Warnick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20110 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 3746 for sanitary sewers in the area from 51st St. N.E. to 55th St. N.E. and other nearby streets.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Warnick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20111 Appropriating the sum of \$74,122.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Joint County-City Public Health Pooling Fund for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to meet the needs of programs of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

Herb Kuzniczki, Health Department, advised that the money is needed for expansion of existing programs within the Health Department to be supported by funds coming from State, Federal, Fees and Counties.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20112 Authorizing the acquisition of certain easements for sewers in Northeast Tacoma in Local Improvement District No. 3746.

R. G. Anderson, City Engineer, advised that these easements are necessary for the construction of sewers in Northeast Tacoma under L.I.D. 3746.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20113 Appropriating the sum of \$65,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for the purpose of establishing and operating a 1974 Street Oil Sealing Program to be administered by the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Anderson advised that these funds would provide the means for the labor and materials necessary to seal approximately 30 miles of oil mat arterial streets.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20114 Appropriating the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for the purpose of establishing and operating the Youth Activities Coalition Camping Services for 1974 to be administered by the Human Development Department.

Mrs. Egan moved to consider substitute ordinance 20114. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

Mrs. Egan advised that the application for the program was for \$64,678. She felt this amount should be considered and after reviewing the program a decision can be made on the amount to be funded.

Mel Jackson, Director of the Human Development Department, advised that the program is for day camps and overnight camperships for youngsters ages 6 to 18 and that this is the second year of the activity. He also advised it was felt it would be less expensive to provide the camperships through a coalition of agencies. Last year approximately \$46,000 of revenue sharing money was used to fund the program. This year the coalition submitted a request for \$64,678. The program management team recommended \$50,000 because of the amount of monies available and also because \$50,000 was an increase over last year's funding.

Elinor B. Curry, Campfire Girls and 1974 Chairman of the Youth Activities Coalition, spoke in favor of the substitute ordinance. She advised that the Coalition operates programs for the County as well as the City; however, the funds in this ordinance are for City activities only.

Chris Jensen, Tacoma City Schools and a representative of the Youth Activities Coalition, reviewed the benefits he has observed from his personal contact with children who have participated in the program and urged Council to adopt the substitute ordinance.

Dick White, representing the Big Brothers Program, urged adoption of the substitute ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20115 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the West side of Sprague Ave. between So. 64th & 66th Streets from an "R-4-L" to an "R-4-LT" District. (Property Holding & Development)

Rod Kerslake, Planning Department, advised that Council held a hearing on this and all of the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission have been met and everything is in order for passage of the ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20116 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the East side of Pearl Street and 150 feet South of No. 26th from an "R-2" and "C-1" to a "C-2" District. (Skipper's Fish & Chips, Inc.)

Rod Kerslake advised that Council held a hearing on this request recently and everything is in order for passage of the ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 22796 Awarding contract to: Cascade Asphalt Paving Co. on its bid of \$143,946.90 for L.I.D. 8018 and L.I.D. 2420--residential street paving and alley grading.

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

Resolution No. 22797 Authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement with I.B.E.W. Local #483 and compensation increases effective January 1, 1974.

Hugh Judd, Labor Relations Director, requested the resolution be continued for two weeks.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be continued for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Resolution was continued to May 14, 1974.

Resolution No. 22798 Authorizing execution of agreement with Rocket Research Corporation and amendment to National Science Foundation Grant Agreement GT-34903 for development of a new firefighting technique.

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

Resolution No. 22799 Authorizing the sale of certain surplus L.I. Guaranty Fund Property in the vicinity of No. 38th and Shirley Streets to Jim King Realty Company for the sum of \$7,500.

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

Resolution No. 22800 Authorizing the filing of an Amendatory Application for Loan and Grant Contract No. Wash. A-3, between the City as the LPS and the U.S. of America.

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

Resolution No. 22801 Authorizing a supplementary contract between the City as the LPA and Real Estate Research Corp. for an economic feasibility and marketability study of certain properties and uses in the New Tacoma Project, Wash. R-14.

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. 22802 Approving the Model Cities Third Action Year Plan Amendment and expressing intent to execute a grant agreement with the U.S. of America.

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

Resolution No. 22803 Authorizing the submission of an application for a grant in the sum of \$75,000 to HEW in order to implement the "Partnership Projects" aimed at improving social services and management.

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. 22804 Authorizing execution of agreement with the Tacoma Urban League for the operation of the Adult Offender Outreach Program between the dates of February 1 and April 30, 1974.

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. 22805 Accepting the National Flood Insurance Program Requirements.

Bill Donaldson, City Manager, asked that this resolution and Resolution Nos. 22806 and 22807 be continued for two weeks.

Mr. Sonntag moved to continue the resolution for two weeks. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to May 14, 1974.

Resolution No. 22806 Requiring review of building permits relative to mudslide hazards.

Mr. Sonntag moved to continue the Resolution for two weeks. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to May 14, 1974.

Resolution No. 22807 Requiring review of building permits relative to flood hazards.

Mr. Sonntag moved to continue the Resolution for two weeks. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to May 14, 1974.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

This is the date set for hearing the appeal by Sign Center Northwest on the Tacoma Board of Adjustment's denial of a request for a sign variance on the northerly side of SR 16 (freeway) between Cedar and Steele Streets. (3-14-74 Tacoma Board of Adjustment recommended denial 3-0, 2 absent)

Rod Kerslake, Planning Department, advised that the petitioner wishes to place a sign six by eight feet in size to a height of 18 feet on the Allenmore Golf Course property adjacent to SR 16 Freeway. He then reviewed the Board of Adjustment's reasons for recommending denial.

Murray J. Anderson, member of the Board of Trustees of the Elks, gave his reasons for urging approval of the sign variance.

Jack Sammons of the Sign Center Northwest Company, described the sign to Council and answered questions.

Some Council members felt that before granting the sign variance a review of the proposed new sign ordinance should be made. Others were concerned with the aesthetic and environmental impact. After discussion, Mr. Sonntag moved to overrule the decision of the Board of Adjustment and grant the sign variance. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 2 - Nelson and Sonntag

Nays: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Mayor Johnston

Absent: 1 - Warnick

The motion to overrule the decision of the Board of Adjustment failed.

This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning the property located on the west side of South Lawrence Street between South 40th and South 43rd Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-4-1" District. (4-1-74 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0, 1 absent) (Teco, Inc.)

Rod Kerslake reviewed the rezone request for Council and advised that the Planning Commission had recommended approval.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Dr. Herrmann asked to be excused from next week's meeting. Mr. Sonntag moved to excuse Dr. Herrmann from next week's meeting. Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Nelson referred to a certain contractor who is doing business with an entity of City government. He said he did not appreciate the contractors attitude and felt a Council Study Session should be held to discuss contract compliance in general.

Mr. Sonntag commented that he had requested a legal opinion as to the legal rights of other elements of City Government in refusing to comply with the Affirmative Action Ordinance of the City.

Mrs. Egan reported that Council is in receipt of additional information from Mr. Mittelstaedt and the Program Management Team on the amount of revenue sharing funds available for Council's assistance in determining the amount that could be spent on the Youth Activities Coalition Program.

Mr. Moss asked that the Action Committee for Minority Employment be invited to the Study Session planned for discussion on the contract compliance ordinance.


Mayor Johnston suggested that a closer look be taken on certain allocations during the next budget consideration.

Pat Steele, former Council member and attorney, requested permission to be heard.

Mr. Nelson moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Steele. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Steele commented on the Tacoma Industrial Airport and his pursuit of the establishment of an airport for the City since 1957 and his continued support to place Tacoma in the aviation business. He said it appears to some people that he may have a personal interest. However, he wanted the record set straight that he owns no property on the peninsula nor has any interest in any business entity concerned with the airport. Also, he does not represent any client who has an interest in the airport.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 

H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK

