

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, June 10, 1969

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

Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Banfield.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections in the minutes May 6th. Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded Mrs. Banfield.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for the replat of the area bounded by East 56th, East 60th, Roosevelt Ave. and Pipe Line Road and Homestead Park, submitted by Golden Ridge Inc.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained this was the replat of Homestead Park into Swan Creek Addition. The petitioner is planning a 70 home subdivision for moderately low income families.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that many groups of people are vitally concerned about preserving Swan Creek, including the County Commissioners, Metropolitan Park Board and the residents surrounding the site. He asked if the Planning Dept. had contacted the Dept. of National Resources, Dept. of Fisheries, or anyone else in terms of the degree of damage that might result. He felt this request was premature and should be further explored.

Mr. Buehler explained the Planning Dept. has not contacted those particular Depts., as it is in the ownership of the Metropolitan Park District. and the Park District is surveying that particular piece of land at the present time.

Mrs. Banfield moved to continue the hearing on this replat for one month, until July 8, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Finnigan explained this replat is surrounded by a residential area and is quite a distance from the actual Swan Creek Park area.

Mr. Lawrence, Engineer for the developers, explained all the streets will drain into storm drains that are already there and sewers are also in place.

Mr. Don Swager, the developer, said these are fifty foot lots with parking for two cars off the street. All improvements will be put in as well as underground wiring.

Voice vote was taken on Mrs. Banfield's motion to continue the hearing for one month. Motion LOST.

Mr. Finnigan moved to approve the above replat. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote was taken. Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Cvitanich. Absent 0. Motion Carried.

This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of the east side of Orchard St. 40th St. extended from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District, submitted by Robert J. Sproul and Associates.

Mr. Buehler explained that one of the requirements set forth by the Planning Commission was that the buildings be set back for possible future extension of 40th St.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that a large map of each rezoning request be prepared by the Planning Dept. staff and placed on the map board.

Mr. Robert Sproul, 1201 Regents Blvd., applicant, explained it is his plan at present time to construct four buildings and rent them to firms compatible with some building industry. The offices could also be occupied by real estate and insurance companies, as they are allied to the building industry.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that in the last paragraph, 4th line down, of the Planning Commission's recommendation letter, after the word "rezoning", the words "should not" be inserted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Sproul pointed out that an L I D for water mains to serve the property has been filed with the Water Dept. However, the Commission did recommend that the rezoning ordinance not be submitted to the Council until final passage of this L I D.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that an ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. A vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the request by Tribune Publishing Co. for rezoning of So. 19th to So. 23rd between State and the Allenmore Course from an "R-2" to an "M-1" District.

The last day to file an appeal was June 2, 1969 and an appeal was filed by Arney, Valen H. Honeywell.

The suggested date for hearing before the City Council is July 22, 1969.

Mr. Johnson moved that July 22, 1969 be set as the date for hearing on the appeal by the Tribune Publishing Co. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the rezone by the Tribune Publishing Co. should be returned to the Planning Commission for another hearing as only five of the nine Commission members were present when it was heard.

Roll call was taken on the motion to set July 22, 1969 as the date for hearing on the appeal of the above rezoning denial. Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Cvitanich. Aye 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that no other hearings be set on July 22.

Mr. Buehler stated as far as the Planning Dept. is concerned they will not set other hearings on that date.

#### COMMUNICATION:

Gordon N. Johnston, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, extending an invitation to the Mayor and City Council in welcoming a delegation from the Town Planning Commission and City Council of Vancouver, B. C. on June 20, 1969 at 10:00 A.M., and in hosting a luncheon and field trip.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that he had been informed by the State Auditor that the State Law does not permit a City to host anyone or anything. Therefore, he requested that the word, "hosting" in the 2nd paragraph of the Planning Commission's communication be changed to "greeting and joining in the luncheon".

Mayor Rasmussen requested that the City Council's representative on the Planning Commission, Mrs. Banfield, be designated as the official hostess for the visiting group and serve on the greeting party with as many members of the Council who can be present.

Filed on file.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 20228**

Fixing Tuesday July 8, 1969 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the alley between Wilkeson & Alaska north of Center Street. (petition of Atlas Laundry & Machine Company)

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich (temporarily)

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 20229**

Fixing Tuesday June 24, 1969 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for rezoning of the N. E. corner of So. 12th & Mullen from an "R-2" to an "R-3" district. (petition of Mutual Securities, Inc.)

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich (temporarily)

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 20230**

Authorizing the execution of a local improvement assessment deed to Joseph A. Agnes Dinalt for property on East 49th between East I St. & McKinley Ave. for the sum of \$350.00.

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

Mayor Rasmussen asked why this parcel of property had not been previously sold, and whether it had been appraised.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained the property is a small lot and the assessed value is only \$125.00. He felt the City had appraised the lot because of its size, but if the Council wished to postpone action on the resolution he would obtain further information.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the Council set a standard for property appraisals since there may be instances when the appraisals would cost more than the property is worth.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that the City's staff appraisers can do the work. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Zatkovich (temporarily)

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

## Resolution No. 20231

Awarding contract to Scarsella Bros. Inc. for the construction of improvements to the Tacoma Industrial Airport in the amount of \$524,443.80.

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

Mr. Cvitanich explained that he felt the resolution should be discussed at the end of the final reading of ordinances, as he thought the work-week for fire service employees should hold priority over any additional funds to the Airport.

Mayor Rasmussen moved to postpone Res. No. 20231 until the end of the Final Reading of Ordinances on the agenda. Seconded by Banfield. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 6: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich. Absent 0. Motion LOST.

Mr. Zatkovich explained he favored this program because of the City's investment in the Airport and the benefits that will be derived in the future.

Mr. Phillips, Airport Manager, explained the taxiway extension was essential to air traffic safety. He pointed out on a map all the parcels of land that have been acquired for the Airport. He noted that the taxiway extension is parallel to the south end of the runway, and, in addition, the company will develop a general aviation site south of the airport emergency building.

Mr. Cvitanich explained there had been a meeting with a number of persons relative to the air freight that is being delivered to the Kitsap Airport for the Bangor Naval Station. He wondered what had been done to see if Tacoma Industrial Airport could obtain some of this air freight.

Mr. Rowlands explained many meetings had been held but the runway at the Airport is not long enough for the large planes. When the runway is extended, it is hoped that the Navy will see fit to use the Tacoma Industrial Airport for some of its operations.

After further discussion, Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands to explain the accounting error in the Current Financial Report which he had reported under NC-588.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a distribution error relating to property taxes occurred on Dec. 12, 1968. He noted that the funds were properly titled as to the fund to be credited, but each receipt bore the fund number 101. A correction was made on May 29, 1969 by the Finance Dept. However, the surplus stated in the April monthly report was \$348,470 and must be corrected to read \$44,302.

Mr. Rowlands further stated that most of the City's difficulties stem from the fact that the State Legislature failed to provide sufficient aid to the cities. The City of Tacoma budgeted the amount of \$1,666,744 as State Aid to Cities and the amount the City will probably receive in 1969 will total approximately \$1,337,770 which is \$328,974 short of what was expected. He suggested that authorization be made to borrow from the LID Guaranty Fund. However, no borrowing should occur until later in the year when the complete financial picture unfolds.

Mayor Rasmussen felt this contract should be held in abeyance.

Mr. Rowlands explained he would not recommend postponement of the taxiway extension.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the airport should not be considered as a top priority as many other things were more important.

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

Ayes 6: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich.

Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20232

Authorizing the extension of an agreement with the Post Office Dept. for transportation of postal employees on the Transit System buses to cover the period of July 1, 1969 thru June 30, 1970.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20233

Authorizing the change in height restriction of Commonwealth Title Company building to permit the expansion of the proposed mezzanine to approximately 58% of the floor area.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield, Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20234

Rescinding Resolution No. 15235 passed by the City Council on March 3, 1958.

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

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the City Council should accept its responsibility and rescind Res. No. 15235 which designated the City Manager to exercise all of the Urban Renewal project powers. Res. No. 20234 designates the Urban Renewal project powers to be exercised by the local governing body which is the City Council. This, of course, would have to be concurred by the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development, he added.

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

Ayes 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20235

Rescinding Resolution No. 20213 and hereby granting Pacific Cascade Properties, Inc. an extension of 180 days for the performance of the undertakings provided for in the agreement of sale entered into with the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Johnson asked that the resolution number in the first paragraph, second line, be changed to 20213 instead of 22013.

Mayor Rasmussen stated if there was no objection, this would be done.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Wright, Urban Renewal Director, to submit a list showing the amount of tax loss on Urban Renewal property during the years the property was not on the tax rolls.

Mr. Wright stated they have a list of the increased taxes that have resulted from redevelopment. They have also checked on buildings vacated because the businesses have moved into Urban Renewal projects, and in only a few cases the old buildings are not being used presently.

Mayor Rasmussen felt it will take about ten years to recover the tax loss on property that had not been on the tax rolls.

#### Resolution No. 20236

Establishing the policy of the City Council that no new or additional Urban Renewal projects will be undertaken by the City Council unless and until the proposition for the establishment of such project has first been submitted to and approved by a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Cvitanich requested that Mrs. Banfield's name also appear on the resolution.

Mayor Rasmussen stated if there was no objection, Mrs. Banfield's name will be added to the resolution.

Dr. Herrmann moved that Res. No. 20236 be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

A number of citizens spoke in favor, as well as against the resolution.

Roll call was taken on the motion to remove Res. No. 20236 from the agenda.

Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland. Nays 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion carried.

The Resolution was removed from the agenda.

#### Resolution No. 20237

Amending Rule 12 of the Government of the City Council, limiting right of the public to speak to Council not more than one time in any 4-week period unless the subject matter upon which such person desires to talk relates to a matter under consideration by the Council and about which current discussions are being held by the Council members.

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

Mr. Cvitanich stated that the new section in the resolution provides that no member of the public shall have the right to speak to the City Council more than one time in any four-week period, unless the subject matter upon which such person desired to talk relates to a resolution, ordinance or motion then under consideration,

Mrs. Banfield moved that in case someone's name is brought up, they should be given the opportunity to reply. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich.

Mr. Bott moved to amend the amendment by adding, "in case anyone's name is mentioned in a derogatory manner, they should be given the privilege to respond." Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 3: Banfield, Bott and Johnson. Nays 6: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0. Motion LOST.

Roll call was taken on Mrs. Banfield's motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 1: Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich. Absent 0. Motion LOST.

After some discussion the Resolution was placed in order of a second reading since it relates to the Council Rules.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the rules be suspended to consider Resolution No. 20238. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

#### Resolution No. 20238

Authorizing the transfer of \$1,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Legislative budget to the Salaries and Wages category and M & O of the Fire Dept. for the purpose of deferring the cost and expense of adapting the City of Tacoma float used in the Daffodil Festival to a float of the City of Tacoma to be used in the Tacoma Centennial Festival Parade.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

#### FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

##### Ordinance No. 18849

Vacating the alley between So. 10th & 11th and between Yakima Ave. and I Sts. (petition of DeMinimus Corp)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

##### Ordinance No. 18850

Amending various sections of the official code relative to Traffic.

Mr. Rowlands submitted further information on the ordinance.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the ordinance be held over so the Council could study the information.

Mr. Bott moved that the ordinance be postponed until next week and placed again for first reading. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was placed in order of first reading.

Ordinance No. 18851

Amending Chapter 7.10 and Sections 7.10.020 & .030 of the official code relative to Special Police Officers.

E. E. Duppenhaler, Deputy Police Chief, explained this ordinance would delete day and night watchmen from the Special Police Officer category. The application to the Special Police Commission is lengthy and burdensome, particularly to the Personnel Dept. and the I & R Section of the Police Dept. He pointed out that day and night watchmen do not make arrests, do not serve warrants and have very little contact with law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Duppenhaler said this would not affect the Merchant Patrolman or Detective Agency employees.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the Trainees are screened before they are given a job.

Mr. Duppenhaler stated the Police Trainees are screened prior to becoming Police Patrolmen.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had information that a student who had been suspended from TCC was on the list to be a Police Trainee. He asked that a report be submitted to the Council on this matter.

Mr. Duppenhaler stated he would check into the matter and submit a report.

Mr. Zatkovich asked if a special test had been given the Trainees at TCC within recent weeks.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a number of Blacks interested in competing for police positions have been given a pre-screening test to determine their potential and reading comprehension skills. He noted that TCC, UPS and PLU have formed a consortium with a federal grant and the prospective Negro police candidates will be given help, if necessary, to prepare them to take the civil service examination. He also noted that the candidates have not and will not see any questions of any type in advance.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18852

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the official code to add a new section 1.30.650 relative to Disability Retirement Allowance.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18853

Establishing a new fund in the City of Tacoma known as the Police Dept. Planning and Training Fund and authorizing a temporary loan in the amount of \$8,898.00 from the General Fund for the purpose of carrying on said Police Dept. Planning functions.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that a copy of a study made by the National League of Cities relative to legislative participation in planning stages of the Omnibus Crime Control Act be submitted to the Council in their agenda Friday for review.

Mr. Rowlands said he would take care of the matter.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 18837

Amending Sec. 1.12.290 and .330 of the official code relative to reducing the work-week for certain Fire Service employees to 50 hours.



Mr. Cvitanich felt that the State Aid to Cities should not have any bearing whatsoever on the Council's decision on this ordinance. He distributed a report from the State Treasurer's Office relative to allocation of funds to the cities from the 1967 and 1969 Legislatures. He felt that the money Tacoma has received for the 1969-1970 biennium is equal, or more than that received from prior legislative sessions.

Mr. Finnigan said he was inclined to agree with the reduction in hours for the Firemen, however, the ordinance indicated that this be put into effect July 14. He suggested that such an ordinance would be more tolerable if it would be instituted during the month of Sept. or the first of Oct., which would be the last quarter of the year, thereby would relieve the initial expenditure.

Mr. John Willis, Business Representative for the Firefighters' Union, explained if the hours were not reduced until the middle of Sept., the amount of money required for the program would be reduced from approximately \$69,000 to \$48,000. He further explained that the union members were willing to let state payments, surplus to the Firemen's pension fund needs, be used to defray the cost of shorter hours for the Firemen.

Mr. Willis said they do not wish this to be a negotiable item for next January and would certainly appreciate a decision being made at this time.

Mayor Rasmussen felt this was a reasonable proposal by the Firemen.

Mr. Willis further explained that over the past 3 years there has been an eligible list for Lieutenant and men on this list have been working as Lieutenants on a temporary basis. He noted they could justify at least nine men being appointed permanently as there has been at least eleven men working in these positions full time on temporary appointment. A compromise has been made with Fire Chief Reiser to place two additional Lieutenants in each battalion on a permanent basis, however, if this ordinance is amended to Sept. 16th the list will have expired. He suggested this matter be taken care of before September.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Chief Reiser how this could be handled, as he felt Mr. Willis had made a very good point.

Chief Reiser explained that the civil service rules are very specific and the Dept. does not have the option of bending the rules. He further stated that he has been advised the present Lieutenant list will expire approximately at the end of July. These men have been working as limited term Lieutenants for those on vacation, sick leave, holidays, etc. He felt the future status of these men would be the determination of the Personnel Department.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to amend Ordinance No. 18837 under Section 1.12.290, HOURS OF WORK, that the effective date of July 14, 1969 be changed to September 16, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the information Mr. Cvitanich distributed from the State Treasurer's office was certainly accurate from the standpoint of what was set aside for the Cities as well as for the Counties. In preparing the budget, it was assumed that the Counties would not meet their obligation in reference to the 25% of the assessed valuation, so as a practical matter the information submitted to the Council under MC 587 dated June 3, 1969, pertaining to State Aid to Cities, still stands. Again he explained, as he had last week, that in the next biennium the cities will receive less money and Tacoma in particular would receive only \$128,744.59 less.

Mr. Rowlands also explained that on August 26, 1968 when various items were being discussed in the negotiations, he had made it very clear that he would agree to recommend the 50 hour work-week for firemen, effective July 13, 1969, predicated on a substantial increase in the appropriation for the cities by the 1969 Legislature over that provided by the 1967 Legislature.

Mr. Rowlands further explained that subsequent to that meeting, discussions were held by the City Council and he believed that the wording was used, that if the City received as much, or more, then adjustments would be made.

Mr. Rowlands also called the Council's attention to the fact that Portland and ~~Seattle~~ <sup>Spokane</sup> Firemen still work (56) hours. He had been in touch with the Budget officer and City Manager of Spokane and had been informed their negotiations would be for a reduction of hours in the 1970 budget, whether it would be a two or four hour reduction, or any reduction, is a matter of conjecture at this point.

Mr. Rowlands further explained that Tacoma over budgeted revenues by approximately \$400,000. Approximately \$1,666,000 was budgeted in the 1969 budget and the City will receive only approximately \$1,240,000 from the State. On Page 25 of the Annual 1969 budget, in his Budget Message, he had stated, "If the Legislature fails to make such an appropriation of State funds to be shared by the cities and towns, or makes an appropriation in an amount which would reduce Tacoma's pro rata share thereof substantially below the budgeted amount of \$966,744, and there are no other funds legally available for appropriation to substitute for said elimination or reduction, the City Council will, pursuant to RCW 33.35.120, make any necessary reductions or adjustments in the General Fund expenditure appropriations for the year 1969 as it may consider to be in the best interests of the City." Mr. Rowlands mentioned that all he was pointing out to the Council was that they are not discussing just \$48,000, but discussing in the neighborhood of approximately \$150,000 which will have to be placed in the 1970 budget. The City Council must consider seventeen departments, even though the Firemen and Policemen are outstanding in their performance. He felt he must also mention the Public Works Dept., the Nurses, Transit System, as well as the other city employees who are also performing outstanding work.

He further said, from his standpoint he has to look at the over-all picture of the seventeen City departments, and the fact that the last half of next year will see a reduction in the amount of money, from \$13,500,000 to \$10,000,000, will only make it that much more difficult to be able to make wage adjustments for the year 1970.

Mr. Rowlands stated that over the years negotiating with the Fire Dept had been very equitable. However, it was his recommendation to the Council that, if the Legislature reconvenes next January, and if the Legislature provides more money for the cities of the State, then there would be money available for special appropriations for any group of city employees in the first part of 1970.

Mr. Rowlands again mentioned that the City does not have the money available to appropriate \$48,000 for the Fire Dept. For the balance of this year all departments will have to curtail their needs as much as possible because the 1969 revenues to the City were overestimated.

Dr. Herrmann mentioned that at the budget hearings, discussions were held and it was determined that if the City of Tacoma received an equal or greater amount than it received in 1968, the firemen would be granted this reduction in hours. He also felt that although the cost will be \$48,000 for the balance of 1969, it will require at least \$150,000 in next year's budget to maintain the reduced hours. He also felt the appropriate time to consider this matter is at the budget hearings.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he felt that a reduction in hours for the Firemen is one of the highest priorities of the City, and he urged the Council to adopt this ordinance as amended.

Mr. Johnson did not feel he could vote for the ordinance because there was not enough money available at the present time.

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

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 2: Herrmann and Johnson. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

#### Ordinance No. 18845

Appropriating the sum of \$69,345 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of hiring (14) additional fire personnel.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Substitute Ordinance No. 18845 which appropriates the sum of \$48,000 instead of \$69,345, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Rowlands felt further ordinances will have to be submitted to cover this \$48,000 as funds are not available in the General Fund for this appropriation.

Mr. Cvitanich asked about the state payments, surplus to the Firemen's Pension needs, which Mr. Willis had mentioned.

Chief Reiser explained that some of that money is already budgeted for maintaining the desired manpower level in all fire companies.

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

Yes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen  
 No 2: Herrmann and Johnson. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18846

Appropriating the sum of \$36,514 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Sewer Utility Fund to provide for the payment of salaries and wages & M & O resulting from temporary overtime employment.

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

Yes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
 No 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18848

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4892 for paving on So. 60th from Fawcett Ave. to Park Ave. and other southend streets.

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

Yes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
 No 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

FINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

L I D 4835 for paving on No. Vessault from No. 23rd to 26th and other nearby streets.

L I D 6901 for street lights on So. Ferry from So. 19th to So. 21st Street.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday July 14, 1969 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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Mr. Cvitanich stated that the request he had made on May 28, 1969 regarding Legislative expenditures from the Dept. of Finance had been received and his expenses were \$1,450, Mr. Zatkovich's \$453 and Mrs. Banfield's \$332.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, whether the City Council had any power in regard to the six temporary Lieutenants in the Fire Dept.

Mr. Hamilton asked that he be allowed to check the matter, as Chief Reiser had told him the Lieutenant eligible list will expire sometime in July and an answer will be submitted before that time. He said the only thing he could say at this time would be to authorize additional money in the Fire Dept. budget for the purpose of paying permanent Lieutenant salaries.

Mayor Rasmussen stated there will be time, and a meeting will be held on the matter.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that Mr. Wesley, a newspaper reporter, has indicated he was in the Hilltop area under the Manager's orders on the night of the Mother's Day riot. Mr. Wesley has stated the Police picked him up and a fine was imposed. He asked Mr. Rowlands to explore the matter.

Mr. Rowlands explained that during that time there was a turmoil in the County-City Bldg. The suggestion was made by several Police officers that it might be well to send Mr. Wesley to the Hilltop area as he was known in the community and could calm their fears by informing them that the woman taken into custody had not been mishandled nor badly treated. She had been sent to the hospital and checked by a Doctor who stated she was in good condition. Mr. Rowlands said he then sent Mr. Wesley to the community. However, one of the Police officers not understanding why he was in the neighborhood had him picked up. Mr. Wesley did try to tell the people what had transpired. Mr. Rowlands agreed with Mayor Rasmussen that something should be done to rectify the fine and he would be willing to speak in Mr. Wesley's behalf before the Court. He also stated Mr. Wesley should not have been picked up.

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Mayor Rasmussen inquired as to the method used in determining which candidates for the Police Patrolman examination would be selected for the pre-testing examination and whether this examination is the same as the actual Police Patrolman examination.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a number of weeks ago a suggestion was made that the City try to hire ten Negro policemen. Consequently, a consortium formed by T.C.C., U.P.S. and P.L.U. to help the Negro obtain employment, broadened its scope to pre-screen or pre-test these individuals who would be applying for the position of Police Patrolman. They did not give them an examination that would be used by the Civil Service Dept. The idea of a pre-screening test was to test their general intelligence to ascertain whether they would be able to express themselves properly. Then the persons who appeared to have that potential would go to special schooling to be conducted by T.C.C.

Mr. Rowlands explained that many names of candidates were submitted by citizens of the Black Community. Mr. Hutchins, City Trainee Corps Director, also had names submitted to him. He felt that out of the 23 or 24 names submitted perhaps only 10 would have the special training, as the others would pass the examination without any further training.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that every candidate should be able to take this training if they wished.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Rowlands to prepare a report on the examination, indicating how the candidates were chosen, and who the individuals were.

Mr. Finnigan felt this discussion should be terminated and the report be submitted by the Manager as suggested.

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Mr. Cvitanich stated he had requested that he be provided with a copy of the Transit Dept.'s maintenance bills on the Fire Dept. equipment.

Mr. Rowlands stated a report of twelve pages has been prepared and a condensation is being made at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich said a monthly xerox copy of the bills would suffice.

Mr. Rowlands stated that can also be submitted.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked whether Mr. Hodges, Human Relations Director, had cleared with Mr. Rowland's office prior to recommending that the demands of the Black Citizens be approved. He felt that Mr. Hodges was trying to take over the duties of the Council, as he had reportedly stated, in a Human Relations Commission study session that the agency must become a force instead of a farce.

Mr. Rowlands, stated he was not at the study session of the Human Relations Commission referred to. This was strictly an action at that meeting and he knew nothing about it except what he had read and heard after the meeting was over.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Finnigan to explain the situation at that particular meeting.

Mr. Finnigan explained he was not present at that meeting and he only knew what he had read in the newspaper, that the Commission unanimously supported five demands of the Black citizens.

Mr. Zatkovich felt this entire meeting should be looked into, as a full compliance of Commission members had not been in attendance.

Mr. Finnigan felt if a person was not present at a meeting, even a Council meeting, he should abide by the decision of those who were present.

Mayor Rasmussen felt this had the approval of Mr. Rowlands.

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Mr. Cvitanich explained that he and Mr. Finnigan had checked into the matter of recreational facilities in the Hilltop area. At a meeting held today he stated it was the consensus of the group present that the Park Board Commissioners and the School Board be invited to a joint meeting at 2 P.M., Tuesday, June 24, 1969, at which time the Boys' Club will submit tentative priorities in terms of the locations they desire. Discussions can then be held as to what the Schools, Park Board and City can accomplish.

Mr. Cvitanich also asked that organizations in the Hilltop area that have suggestions and wish to participate in this program, notify the Mayor, Mr. Finnigan or himself.

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Mrs. Banfield stated she had asked that Mr. Hodges be present at the meeting as she wished to ask him some questions concerning the Human Relations Commission.

Mrs. Banfield stated she had been amazed to find in the newspaper that the Coffee House was going to send out free copies of the Black Manifesto. She also questioned Mr. Hodges' statements in an article, that the agency can no longer be timid and must implement programs that had been forbidden by some sources.

DEBATE REQUESTED BY MRS. BANFIELD

Mr. Hodges: This is very true Mrs. Banfield. Some of the programs that we felt constrained to lay aside a little over a year ago, at the suggestion of some of the people on the Council, we feel, had they gone ahead, would have certainly helped the relations in our community, especially the police and the community relations.

Mayor Rasmussen: Mr. Hodges, I might remind you that, that was by a majority vote of the City Council.

Mr. Hodges: I was going to ask you about that Mr. Mayor; I've looked in the minutes, was that ever voted on, or was that just a proclamation by you. I cannot find it in the-

Mayor Rasmussen: Mr. Hodges, if you have any doubt about it, I think you should ask your superior officer, who happens to be Mr. Rowlands. I think Mr. Rowlands could explain it to you in a very short sentence.

Mr. Hodges: You raised the question---

Mayor Rasmussen: Will you direct your inquiry to Mr. Rowlands.

Mr. Hodges: Mr. Rowlands, was this the vote of the Council.

Mr. Rowlands: I think, what you are referring to, Mr. Mayor and Council members, this question that has been bandied about here, and beaten to death, this so called sensitivity training bit. I feel that, and I'm going to continue to try to promote community relations and human relations of public relations, call it what you may.

Mrs. Banfield: Sensitivity.

Mr. Rowlands: And I think ---

Mayor Rasmussen: Mr. Rowlands, the question that Mr. Hodges asked you, was it a vote of the Council.

Mr. Rowlands: I'll answer you, if I may, in just a moment.

Mayor Rasmussen: Just take us around that mulberry bush once.

Mr. Rowlands: I wanted, I'll take you around, just once, that's right, because I think it is good to remind you that you need it once. Now, as far as the question is concerned, on this so called question of sensitivity, because that's what has been brought up here, time, time and time again, it was the consensus of the Council, as I recall it, that they directed the Manager and which, of course, would mean the staff, that you do not want to engage in so called "sensitivity training". That was, as I recall a majority vote of the Council, or at least the consensus of the feeling of the Council. But I don't think the Council members ever said, that you couldn't have training, because we've had it for years among our employees on human relations or public relations or community relations. That was my interpretation.

Mayor Rasmussen: I don't talk to some insolent subordinates. I expect you to chastise them. This was a direct vote of the Council. You received instructions to not have any of our city employees, not only the Police Dept., any of your employees, were not to be directed to take sensitivity training.

Mr. Rowlands: That's correct.

Mayor Rasmussen: It was on a direct recommendation of Dr. Harlan McNutt, our City-County Health Doctor, who made a full report to the Council. There was no question about it, it was a positive vote.

Now you advise that subordinate of yours that it was a direct Council vote and if it's violated, he'll be looking for a job in some other City.

Mr. Rowlands: Well, your talking about sensitivity training. I'm saying that there was never any statement made, that the City Manager and the staff could not conduct programs in public relations, human relations. As I understand it, the inference here, is, that you're talking about sensitivity. The answer was that the Council did take the position that you didn't want, as I say, sensitivity training, whatever that may mean to have our employees participate in sensitivity training.

Mayor Rasmussen: Mr. Rowlands, it was made very clear by Dr. McNutt, the City-County Health Doctor; he explained exactly what sensitivity training was; apparently you were not listening.

Mr. Rowlands: I was not at the meeting when Dr. McNutt ---

Mayor Rasmussen: You were at the meeting when the Council gave you instructions that there was to be ----

Mr. Rowlands: I'm not arguing I thought I'd made my point clear. It was my understanding that it was a majority of the vote of the Council, not to have ---

Mayor Rasmussen: So that insolent subordinate could understand it, I wanted to make it clear.

Mr. Rowlands: I don't think he was insolent.

Mr. Murtland: Mr. Mayor, may I make an inquiry about what you brought up.

Mayor Rasmussen: Mrs. Banfield, do you desire to yield the floor to Mr. Murtland.

Mrs. Banfield: For a second.

Mr. Murtland: I would like to know what meeting that you speak of in which the vote was taken. Where is the record, was it an official meeting of the Council.

Mrs. Banfield: Yes, it was Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Rasmussen: Right, sitting in this chamber, Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Murtland: Was it an officially called meeting.

Mrs. Banfield: Yes.

Mr. Murtland: I'd like to know when it was then, Madam Clerk would you check that out and bring it into me at the next meeting.

Mr. Hodges: Thank you very much, I was really anxious to get that information, and I appreciate getting it.

Mayor Rasmussen: Mr. Hodges, remember that you are talking to the City Council and restrain your insolence.

END OF VERBATIM

Mr. Hodges explained that many members of the entire community of Tacoma have met together in dialogue trying to understand each other and determine ways in which everyone can work together for the good of the community. He hoped the City Council would also be a part of these meetings.

Mrs. Banfield called this sensitivity and stated she did not care to be a part of it at all.

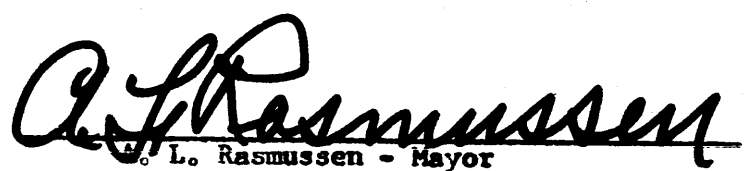
Mr. Zatkovich suggested that the details of the Human Relations Study Sessions not be published until a regular Thursday meeting of the Commission so there would be no misunderstanding about the opinion of the Commission.

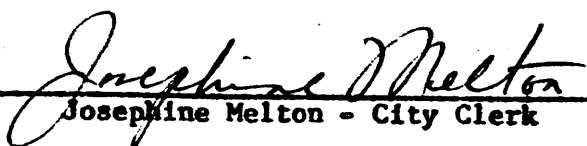
Mr. Hodges stated he agreed with Mr. Zatkovich, however, at the insistence of a new commissioner the study sessions had been opened to the press.

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Mayor Rasmussen listed the accomplishments of the Trainee Corps Selection and Evaluation Board relative to placing persons in positions within the City.

After some discussion, Mr. Cvitanich moved to adjourn the meeting and place the remainder of the agenda on next Tuesday's Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

  
A. L. Rasmussen - Mayor

Attest:   
Josephine Melton - City Clerk