

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, July 14, 1964

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of July 14, 1964 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by Hokold, Inc. 299 for the vacation of a triangular section of r/o/w at the north west corner of South 84th and Alaska Streets.

No one appeared to be heard; Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that an Ordinance be drafted vacating a triangular section of r/o/w at the northwest corner of So. 84th and Alaska Streets. Seconded by Mr. Haley Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by Richard L. Corey 299 for the vacation of a portion of So. 29th St. lying west of Proctor Street. 330

No one appeared to be heard; Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that an Ordinance be drafted vacating a portion of So. 29th St. lying west of Proctor Street. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17944

Appointing Arthur R. Anderson to serve as a member on the Utility Board for a five-year term, expiring June 30, 1969.

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

Mayor Tollefson stated, the Council recognizes that a great deal of consideration was given to the selection of a member to the Utility Board.

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He added, Mr. Bradley has done an outstanding job during his term of office.

Mayor Tollefaen said he felt that Arthur Anderson would be a good member on the Board as he has excellent qualifications.

Mrs. Price asked that a Resolution be brought in at the request of the City Council, for the next Council meeting, commending Mr. Bradley on his years of service on the Board.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17945

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a quitclaim deed to Pierce Co. for property located at East Harrison & B Sts. to correct an error.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17946

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a new agreement with Charles W. Voss to operate a concession at Lake Kapowsin for a period of (5) years at an annual rental of \$420.00.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17947

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union #483 concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor of Light Div. electrical workers from April 1, 1964 through March 31, 1965.

Mr. Bott moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, outlined briefly to the Council the agreement between the Department of Public Utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union #483. He said there are 314 employees affected, which is retroactive as of April 1, 1964. The increase over 1963 totals \$123,116. The new section in the agreement is that an employee who has worked 24 years for the City will be receiving 25 days vacation. Now

an employee who has worked 19 years receives 20 days vacation. At present there are 16 employees that will be affected by this vacation change.

Mr. Finnigan asked if they anticipated giving other employees a 5% increase.

Mr. Erdahl stated, the Board has directed that other employee's salaries be reviewed to determine if any inequities exist in comparison with other like positions. He stated there are four classifications that are affected, the Supervisors for Communications, Hydro-Plant, Steam Plant and Leaderman, which involve seven employees. These employees were formerly on an hourly basis but Management decided it would be best to place them in a supervisory classification, which removes them from active participation in the union agreement.

In making this recommendation for wage increases, some of the employees will be receiving salaries together with their overtime, possibly in excess of what the supervisor will receive.

Mr. Finnigan stated he did not think a 5% increase was justified, as it appears the City will not be in a position to give other City employees this type of an increase. He asked Mr. Erdahl if he thought all of these people were entitled to a 5% increase.

Mr. Erdahl said, as far as could be determined, in the negotiations and what other utilities are paying in the Northwest, both public and private, this is the prevailing going wage for these crafts.

Mr. Murland asked what justification was there for the 5% increase. He said he didn't go along with the old saying, "just because everyone is doing it that they must also go along with it."

Mr. Erdahl explained that the Utility Board has tried to follow a policy of recommending the prevailing wage for Utility employees and had concluded that the new contract embodies a fair prevailing going wage for crafts.

Mr. Johnson asked if the City expects a corresponding increase in productivity.

Mr. Erdahl said the Utility Dept. continually works toward such an increase.

Mr. Ferguson, Supt. of the Light Div., stated that utility labor and material costs have risen 60% over the past 10 years, whereas light rates have increased only 7%. There has been a reduction of 75 utility employees and the utility power load has doubled.

Mr. Haley said he was concerned that this increase in percentage may set a pattern for other employees in other areas of City government. He said, perhaps, this is the year to say, "No".

Mrs. Price said the Utility Board and staff and Union officials had a series of 27 meetings. She thought the people concerned had come to an agreement as a great deal of thought has been given on this matter, and the Council should go along with the recommendation.

Dr. Herrmann said he was a firm believer in the policy of equal pay for equal work inside and outside of City government, and it appears that this is the result of the negotiations.

Mayor Tollefson said the annual spring contract settlement with the electrical workers has been an exception to the general rule for a long time, and he couldn't find himself in a position to disrupt it at this time. Other City

employees have recognized it as an exception and have accepted it grudgingly. He said he was reluctant to approve an increase in vacation time, as this would cost the general fund more than \$15,000 a year to match this amount against the salaries for the Utility employees.

Mr. Rowlands explained that fringe benefits are applicable to all employees both General Government and Utilities. This recommendation will change the normal policy as far as any substantial fringe benefits are concerned. He emphasized that approximately 1700 employees of the General Government should be given equal treatment when the negotiations are made later this year. He said he would like to recommend that instead of this vacation policy, as suggested, that an increase in salary be given to the employees, if even, that amount is available, because fringe benefits are soon forgotten.

Mr. Finnigan said he did not think they should show such a preference to one group, knowing that the City is not in a position to increase the salaries of the rest of the City employees by the same percentage, if it were passed it would be an injustice to other City employees.

Mayor Tollefson asked if the Council members would want to make any change with regard to the vacation benefit.

Mr. Haley moved to delete the increased vacation benefit. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Discussion was held by the Council members concerning the increased vacation benefit, whether to delete the benefit from the contract or change the effective date to the first of the year.

Mr. R. Green, Pres. of Local #483, asked the Council members to respect, rather than repudiate, the long hours of negotiation and study made by the Utility Board members and Utility's officials. He said that the settlement by the private power companies in the area on which the Tacoma contract was based was not picked out of the air. They have Economists, Shareholders and Bondholders to whom they must answer.

Roll call was taken on the motion to delete the increased vacation benefits. Ayes 2; Nays 7, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Price and Mayor Tollefson. MOTION LOST.

Mr. Finnigan moved to have the effective date changed to January 1, 1965 for the effective date for the vacation benefit. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Roll call was taken. Ayes 6; Nays 3, Bott, Finnigan and Haley. MOTION CARRIED.

The amended Resolution passed by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 3, Finnigan, Haley and Murtland.

Mr. McCormick stated the contract will have to go back to the Utility Board and the Union for ratification before it will become effective.

Resolution No. 17948

Awarding contract to Sound Battery Co., for the furnishing of storage batteries on its bid of \$6500 which bid is determined to be the only acceptable bid.

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

Mayor Tollefson stated he had been contacted several times by Nic-O-Ray the other bidder, who insists that their bid qualified and that they have met all the specifications. He said they wanted to be represented by their attorney at today's meeting, but the attorney was not able to attend the meeting. Mayor Tollefson asked that the Resolution be postponed for one month, until August 11, 1964.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone the Resolution until, August 11, 1964.
Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17949

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. for IMP. No. 3554, Unit "B" on its bid of \$128,465 which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17950

Fixing Monday August 24, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3577 for sanitary sewers in Lenore Drive from No. 24th to cul-de-sac.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17951

Fixing Monday August 10, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3583 for sanitary sewers on various streets between Alaska & Portland Ave., and between So. 30th and 90th Streets.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17952

Fixing Tuesday, August 11, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. for hearing on the petition 358 submitted by Tradewell Stores, Inc. and the National Bank of Washington for the vacation of No. 7th St. from Union Ave. west to Washington St and the alley between 6th Ave. and No. 7th St. from Union Ave. to Washington St.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17953

Fixing Tuesday July 21, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the rezoning of property on the South side of No. 7th St. between Washington St. 339 and Union Ave. (petition of Tradewell Stores, Inc. & the National Bank of Washington)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17954

Approval of the Westgate Estates First Addition plat on the South side of North 42nd St. between Pearl and Shirley Streets.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Dr. Herrmann moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 17955 which did not appear on the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17955

Fixing Tuesday August 11, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the petition submitted by April Enterprises, Inc. for the rezoning of a tract of property extending from So. 92nd extended to So. 96th St. abutting So. J from an "R-2" to an "R-4-E" District. 317 358

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

Mr. Rowlands said there will not be a quorum to conduct business on July 28, 1964, therefore, this hearing for April Enterprises Inc. is being set for August 11, 1964.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17651

Authorizing the condemnation of property in the area of Mildred St. between No. 17th and So. 19th Sts. for the construction, reconstruction of slopes and fills for a public highway and related purposes.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17652

Amending Chapter 12.06.050 & 100-a; repealing 12.06.250 and re-enacting 12.06.250 relating to the sale of electric energy.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17650

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City to add a new section 13.06.065-37 to include the S. W. corner of No. 35th St. and Proctor in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of D. W. Weaver) 327

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the City Planning Commission for the month of June 1964.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Murtland stated, since last week's meeting he had been contacted by Mr. Bennedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, regarding Ordinance No. 17632 for the condemnation of property near the Utilities Building which was lost last week. He said he thought it might be wise to reconsider the Ordinance.

Following a discussion by the Council members as to the date in which to reconsider the Ordinance, it was decided to set Sept. 16, 1964.

Mr. Murtland then moved to reconsider Ordinance No. 17632 on Sept. 16, 1964. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call was taken. Ayes 7; Nays 2, Bott and Haley. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands briefly discussed MC-440 regarding parking meter changes. He said the Public Works Traffic Engineering Div. has been conducting a parking survey of streets in the Central Business District fringe areas, and it is the staff's recommendation that meters be installed in these areas as it will help to control proper parking. This program will require approximately 1,027 new meters; 384 will be for new locations and 643 will be replacement of existing meters which will cost approximately \$60,800. He said based on past experience, additional revenue of \$31,347 may be expected as the result of the new meter installations.

Discussion was held by the Council members concerning the matter and it was requested that Mr. Rowlands furnish additional information prior to making a determination on the installation of the meters.

Mr. Bott moved to postpone the matter until next week.

Mr. Rowlands added that this could be discussed at the next Study Session.

Mayor Tollefson asked that the people in the Central Business District be contacted and given a copy of the report.

Mayor Tollefson said he would like to bring up the matter of the sale of the Belt Line. He said when this was first considered by the City Council it was not acceptable because they thought it would obligate the City with regard to the offer of sale. He asked if the Council would be interested in considering a resolution drafted in general terms which would allow them to investigate whether or not they can get a reasonable offer for the Belt Line. He said he is bringing this matter to the attention of the Council at this time because the Port of Tacoma will be faced with a problem of a new industry settling in Tacoma that will require a new line. The Port has asked the Utilities Dept. if they will commit themselves with regard to a new line to serve this new industry which will cost approximately \$75 to \$80,000. He said before they make any commitment they would like to know whether the Council is willing to sell the Belt Line at a reasonable price. If the Council agrees that they would not want to sell the Belt Line there is no reason for the Utilities Dept. to get involved in a lot of unnecessary work.

Mr. Haley said he would be willing to accept a reasonable offer but he hasn't as yet heard of a figure that would come close to their price.

Mr. Bott asked that the Council be polled to see if they are desirous of selling.

Mayor Tollefson said he thought they should know the price first. He then asked the Council if they were interested in selling.

Dr. Herrmann said he did not consider this as being a sale between two public agencies, it is a transfer of responsibility, everything will remain the same except the responsibility of operating the Belt Line. He thought it was to the City's benefit to obtain these monies from the Belt Line.

Mr. Haley said he would consider it being a sale because anyone has the right to submit a bid.

Mayor Tollefson said from the concensus of the Council he thought it would be useless to have a Resolution drafted.

Mr. Haley asked to be excused at the Council meetings of July 21 and 28, 1964.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Mr. Haley be excused at the meetings of July 21st and 28th, 1964. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson said he was going to take a vacation in conjunction with his trip to Miami Beach, Florida and will be gone July 21, 28, August 4, and August 11, 1964.

Mr. Haley moved to excuse Mayor Tollefson from the meetings of July 21, 28, August 4 and 11th, 1964. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson asked if any formal action had been taken as to whom will attend the AMA conference in Miami Beach.

Mrs. Price and Mr. Cvitanich have indicated they would like to go, and Mr. Bott indicated he was going.

Mr. Haley moved they be allowed to attend the conference. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson moved to excuse Mrs. Price from the meetings of July 28, August 4th and 11th, 1964. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson moved to excuse Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Bott from the meetings of July 28th and August 4th. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson suggested that Mr. Erdahl and Mr. Rowlands meet to determine if there are properties in the area that could be disposed of and put on the tax rolls, such as the property in Kapowsin that is being leased for a concession.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

W. M. Kelley

Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

Josephine Melton

City Clerk