

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, December 10, 1963

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayer Tollason. Absent 1: Finnigan.

Mr. Haley moved that Mr. Finnigan be excused from the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of November 26, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17693:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the February 11th, 1964 election a proposition to amend Section 9.1 of the City Charter providing the manner of selling, leasing or disposing of real or personal property belonging to the City of Tacoma, and rescinding Resolution No. 17612. 83
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Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 2; Bott and Cvitanich; Absent 1, Finnigan.

Resolution No. 17694:

Rejecting the bid of Abel the Digger in the sum of \$285.00 for demolition and site clearance in the Fawcett Project Urban Renewal area, Contract UR-11642.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Rowlands said the reason this bid is being rejected is that the Fire Department can burn the building for training purposes.

The Resolution was unanimously passed by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Finnigan.

Resolution No. 17695:

Approving the plat of Sunset Estates Division One located in the area on the east side of Sunset Drive and the north side of 6th Ave. Extension.

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

Mr. Haley asked if the utilities were going to be placed in the alley or underground.

Mr. Bushler, Director of Planning, explained this plat was submitted by Mr. Fred F. Lawrence and approved by the Planning Commission in 1962, and the Commission at that time did not place any restrictions on the plat.

Mr. Haley stated, several months ago several representatives from the Planning Commission, one of which is from the Util. Dept. said it was their policy to place utilities in the alley instead of the front street. He said, that being the policy, he did not know why the City continues to accept plats if it does not comply with this policy. He thought a firm stand should be established and all utilities or services should be placed in the alley.

Mr. Bott said he had requested sometime ago a report from the Planning Commission on whether or not the City should establish a policy to install lights and utilities in the alley, but in reading the minutes of the Planning Commission they took exception, stating it was not practical as it would involve too many ramifications. He said he would like a copy of the Planning Commission minutes regarding the matter, distributed to the Council at the time this was discussed.

Mayor Tollefson said if some Council members think that the Council should express a policy on the matter, they should ask that an Ordinance be drafted. He remarked, that he did not know how far the Council should go, as some types of land, lay themselves better with no alleys rather than an alley. However, he added, regulations should be set for the petitioner to follow before a plat is accepted, otherwise the Council cannot refuse to accept the plat if he has complied with the law.

The Resolution was unanimously passed by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Finnigan.

Resolution No. 17696:

Authorizing the proper officers to execute a Title Insurance contract with the Tacoma Title Co. for services in the sale of property in the Center St. Urban Renewal Project. Wash. R-1.

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

The Resolution was unanimously passed by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Finnigan.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17506:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new⁵⁷
section 13.06.160-8 to include property on the S. E. corner of So. 21st and ⁹⁹
Fawcett in an "M-1" Light Industrial District. (petition of James G. Harmon)

Mr. Rowlands said this is a part of the CBD Plan which the Planning
Commission approved and distributed to the City Council.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17507:

Amending Ordinance No. 17451 to correct an error in description for the
vacating of property in Asotin St. and the alley west of Alaska from So. Tacoma
Way to the N. P. R. R. R/W.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17495:

Renewing the franchise with modifications to the Chicago, Milwaukee,
St. Paul & Pacific R/R Co. for a period of 25 years. ⁷³
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Mr. Rowlands said, since this matter was discussed at the first reading
of the Ordinance, several meetings have been held by the staff concerning time
schedules of trains crossing City streets at peak hours. The City staff plans to
discuss proposed changes with the railroad representatives, then a report will be
submitted to the Council for consideration.

Mr. Bott said he had inquired a few years ago on whether or not the
City could control railroad crossings and at that time he was informed that
inasmuch as they were covered by a franchise there was nothing that could be
done until the franchise was again negotiated. As he understood now, there is
a different interpretation of this franchise and he asked Mr. McCormick, City
Attorney if the City could pass an ordinance providing certain times for switching.

Mr. McCormick explained that on page (9) of the Franchise Ordinance, it read:

Mr. Cvitanich left at this time.

as follows: "that the City of Tacoma shall retain the same police power and control of the streets, avenues, ways and public places, etc. to regulate speed of locomotives and trains therein." He said, in his opinion under the provisions of this proposed franchise the City Council can regulate by Ordinance.

Mr. Bott asked if this also holds true with other franchises that are in effect with other railroads.

Mr. McCormick said it would hold true if the other franchises contain the same provision as in this franchise. However, there is an Ordinance which generally controls crossings which has been in effect for 25 to 30 years, and no objections have been made.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Finnigan.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17503:

Amending Subsection 1. 12. 140 (d) and sections 1. 12. 180, 360, 626 and 790 and repealing section 1. 12. 185 of the Official Code relating to the pay and compensation plan.

Mr. Rowlands explained that there is an amendment to the Ordinance which adds another Classification, No. 0404 Engineering Clerk II. The explanation of the amendment is listed on the bottom of the last page.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Ordinance be amended to include this classification. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Finnigan.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17504:

Amending Sections 1. 06. 070 & 210 of the Official Code relating to the Administrative Code establishing the Tax & License Dept.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Finnigan.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17505:

Vacating the alley between Baltimore & Villard Sts. from No. 33rd to 87 No. 35th Streets. (petition of Alice K. Humble et al.)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Finnigan.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works & Public Utilities present the following assessments for hearing:

- a. L I D 4707 for paving on No. 9th from Proctor to Adams and other nearby streets.
- b. L I D 4706 for paving on Ash St. from So. 72nd to So. 74th Sts.
- c. L I D 5351 for water mains in the area from Orchard to Viesscher between North 42nd & No. 44th Sts.
- d. L I D 5376 for water mains in East B from East 80th to 82nd Sts.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, January 27, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 4707, 4706, 5351 and 5376. Seconded by Mr. Steels. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Personnel Report for the month of October 1963.
- b. Tacoma Police Dept. Report for the month of October 1963.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Bott asked if the information he requested last week regarding the procedure followed by the City and County for recording property when vacated by the City for placing it on the tax rolls, was available.

Mr. Rowlands explained he checked into the matter and pointed out, when property is either vacated or sold by the City, it is then recorded with the County Auditor, who in turn records the property with the County Assessor to be put on the tax roll for the next year.

Mr. Rowlands said he was pleased to report that the City of Tacoma was to receive a Federal Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the Pollution Control Program.

Mayor Tollefson said a communication was received from the Goodwill 124

Industries concerning their interest in purchasing a 5 1/2 acre tract in the Center Street Urban Renewal area.

He added, Mrs. Clara Goering, Chairman of Goodwill Industries, Mr. James Szenas, Executive Director and Mr. Howard Gregory, Chairman of the Long-range Planning Committee were present in regard to this matter.

Mrs. Goering said this property is generally bounded by Center, South 27th Street, Tacoma Avenue and the Yakima Ave. bridge ramp. She stated the Goodwill Industries had contemplated a multi-story addition adjacent to its present building on Tacoma Avenue, but it was decided that a one-story building would be more adaptable for employing the handicapped and the Center Street acreage would make this possible. She said the Federal Government has approved a \$225,000 grant for the expansion of the organization's facilities. The plans must be drawn by May 1st to preserve the grant, which will make a very tight schedule for the Goodwill Industries.

Mrs. Goering asked if it were possible for the City to set the date for calling of bids early in January on this property so the Goodwill Industries would have an opportunity to bid.

Mr. Rowlands said there has been some indication of other bidders for this property. He stated, if the Council wished, the City could call for the opening of bids on approximately Jan. 3rd or 4th, 1964. It would take eight to ten days to evaluate them and then report to the City Council.

Mr. Bott said he wasn't taking a stand against Goodwill Industries, but thought it was the City Council's responsibility to carry out the purpose of this Urban Renewal Program. He did not think they should be handicapped by a deadline to the extent that other qualified bidders might be eliminated.

Mr. Gregory said it has been pointed out that this property has been advertised for two months and that the City is legally required to advertise for another three weeks. He thought that was a reasonable length of time to advertise if anyone were interested in bidding for the property.

It was pointed out that even if bids were called for, it would not mean that they would have to be accepted.

Following a discussion by the City Council, Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Maffin, Director of Urban Renewal, when they could advertise for bids.

Mr. Maffin replied they could start advertising the latter part of the week, so the call for bids would be January 3rd at the earliest possible date.

Mayor Tollefson said he would entertain a motion that the Urban Renewal Dept. open bids on this property on the 10th of January, 1964.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Urban Renewal Dept. call for bids on this property on January 10, 1964. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson mentioned the problem of the Green River Watershed. He said the Department of Agriculture and Forestry Service would like the watershed opened for multiple use, but the City has denied their request inasmuch as it indicates a cost of \$5,000,000 for a treatment plant, in the event the area were opened. He stated he had received correspondence from Senator Magnuson and the U. S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation asking for the City's comments. He said he assumed the City Attorney and his Chief Assistant

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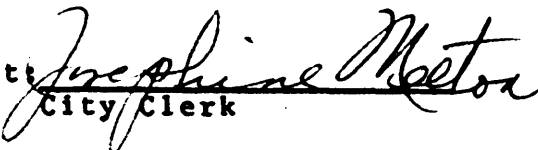
at the Utilities Dept. would make a report on the matter as soon as possible.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

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City Clerk