

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
April 16, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Sonntag.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of April 21 through April 27, 1974 as "Earth Week" in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Johnston also proclaimed the week of April 21 through April 27, 1974 as "Consumer Credit Week" in the City of Tacoma.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the special meeting and regular meeting of April 9, 1974.

PETITIONS:

John D. Dobler requesting the rezoning of the property located on the west side of South Alder Street between South 45th and South 47th Street from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

For referral to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22774

Fixing Monday, May 13, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5540 for water mains and fire hydrants in the vicinity of East "D" and East 90th Streets.

Resolution No. 22775

Fixing Tuesday, April 30, 1974 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for rezoning the West side of Lawrence Street between South 40th and 43rd Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District. (Teco, Inc.)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of March 18, 1974.
- b. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of March 27, 1974.
- c. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of April 1, 1974.
- d. Monthly report, Belt Line Division, Light Division and Water Division, February 28, 1974.

- e. Monthly towing report, March, 1974, Bill's Towing & Garage, Inc.
- f. 1973 Financial Statement, Metropolitan Park District.

Mr. Nelson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 22774 and 22775, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20098 Creating a new fund to be known as the "Fire Fighters Health Care Trust Fund," relative to Pierce County Medical Bureau, Inc. Credits.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Abstaining: 1 - Dr. Herrmann

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20099 Amending Sections 1.30.380, 1.30.550 and 1.30.665 of the Official Code relative to Employees' Retirement System to add military service credits, refund of contributions and cost of living increase.

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules in order to hear from members of the Retirement Board. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Alex K. Brown, member of the Employees' Retirement Board and employee of the Light Division, reviewed the past changes made in the retirement benefits and urged adoption of the proposed new benefits.

John Sankovich, City Treasurer and member of the Employees' Retirement Board, reviewed for Council the benefits under the State Retirement System, the State Patrol and the Police and Fire pension systems, and advised that the proposed benefits under the ordinance are being made in order to keep pace with other pension systems. He also advised that the proposed improvements have been approved as financially sound by the actuaries.

Mr. Sonntag said he felt the notice mailed to employees did not allow sufficient time for them to review and understand the proposed benefits. He then moved to continue the ordinance for four Council meetings and that the Retirement Board be requested to hold a well-advertised special meeting on the proposed benefits and invite all City employees or their contract representatives to appear. Seconded by Mr. Nalley.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick

Nays: 2 - Dr. Herrmann and Mayor Johnston

Final reading of the ordinance was continued to May 14, 1974.

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Ordinance No. 20100 Accepting a grant from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$60,000, creating a new fund to be known as the Technology Transfer Center Fund, appropriating \$60,000 from said fund for operation of a City technology transfer center and declaring an emergency that this ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20101 Amending Section 1.12.414 of the Official Code to add the position of Technology Transfer Director and declaring an emergency that this ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20102 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 5542 for constructing water mains and fire hydrants in South 81st Street from Ainsworth Avenue, east 290 feet more or less, to Cushman Avenue.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20103 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8045 for permanent paving along South "G" Street from South 74th to South 76th Street and other nearby streets; also, storm drains only in South 76th from South "G" to Park Avenue.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20104 Vacating the unnamed street r/o/w lying between 58th Ave. NE and 59th Ave. NE from Highline Place to 27th St. NE (Public Works Department)

Russell Buehler, Planning Department Director, reviewed the request for Council and advised that a deed dedicating the necessary right-of-way has been received from Clifford E. and Joan K. Doolittle.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20105 Authorizing execution of a Grant Award Contract with Washington State Law and Justice Planning Office for funds in the amount of \$2,596 to provide technical training for officers in the Police Department, transferring \$350 from the General Fund Non-Departmental Grant Program Account and appropriating the sum of \$2,946 for carrying out the program.

Police Chief, Lyle Smith, advised that this would authorize the acceptance of the grant and provide for the use of the funds.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20106 Authorizing execution of a Grant Award Contract in the amount of \$13,500 with the Washington Law and Justice Planning Office for the establishing of the Adult Offender Outread Volunteer Project, transferring the sum of \$1,500 from the General Fund Non-Departmental Account and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of carrying out the program.

Mel Jackson, Human Development Department Director, advised that the ordinance would authorize the acceptance of the grant and the funding of the program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Mayor Johnston moved to recess the meeting in order to hear Mr. Brown of the Account Firm of Knight, Vale & Gregory who will brief the Council on the audit of the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Council recessed at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 22776 Awarding contract to Allstate Elevator Co. (Escalator maintenance - \$6,240.00)

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. 22691 (Continued from the meeting of March 26th) Authorizing execution of City of Tacoma Labor-Management Master Agreement.

Hugh Judd, Labor Relations Director, asked that this resolution be continued to May 7, 1974.

Mayor Johnston moved to continue the Resolution. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to May 7, 1974.

Resolution No. 22766 (Second Reading)
Authorizing submittal of application to the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for funds in the amount of \$12,500.00 to complete development of the mini-park at 25th and Sheridan Streets.

Motion to adopt was made at the meeting of April 9, 1974 by Mr. Sonntag and Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22767 (Continued from the meeting of April 9th)
Authorizing execution of a lease with the Labor Temple Corporation for 750 square feet of office space to be used by the staff of the Manpower Area Planning Council.

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

Resolution No. 22777 Authorizing the purchase of one defillator from Jay L. Hall Company for the sum of \$3,732.89 and waiving the competitive bidding requirement.

Fire Chief Reiser requested that the resolution be continued for one week.

Mayor Johnston moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to April 23, 1974.

Resolution No. 22778 Designating the Technology Transfer Center Program as a major federal aid project and authorizing the temporary positions of Clerk Stenographer III and Planning Technician.

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. 22779 Approving the addition of the positions of Clerk-Cashier and Nutritionist in the regular Health Department.

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

Resolution No. 22780 Adjusting the salary range of Housing Improvement Representative in the Urban Renewal Project effective January 1, 1974.

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

Resolution No. 22781 Adjusting the salary range of Auto Service Repairman I and Locomotive Mechanic I in the Emergency Employment Project Effective January 1, 1974.

Resolution No. 22782 Authorizing execution of collective bargaining agreement with Firefighters Union Local #31 and authorizing compensation increases to be effective January 1, 1974.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nelson.

Mrs. Egan moved to substitute the corrected page 11. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

John Willis, Business Representative for Firefighters Local #31, spoke in favor of the resolution and urged adopted.

Voice vote was taken on the amended resolution and carried. The Resolution as amended was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22783 Authorizing execution of collective bargaining agreement with Tacoma Police Union Local #224 and authorizing compensation increases to be effective January 1, 1974.

Mr. Sonntag moved to adopt the Resolution including substitute corrected pages 11 and 12. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Nick Nickolas, Business Representatives for Police Local #224, spoke in favor of the Resolution and urged adoption.

Mr. Sonntag moved to substitute changes in pay in job classification 4105 Radio Operator and 4110 Radio Technician. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken on the amended resolution and carried. The Resolution as amended was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22784 Clarifying the Port of Tacoma Shoreline Permit Application on the Hylebos Waterway.

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

Bill Barker, Assistant City Attorney, reviewed for Council the provisions of the Resolution in clarifying the permit application and answered questions of Council regarding the operation and requirements of the State Shoreline Hearings Board.

Mr. James Mason, Attorney representing the Port of Tacoma, advised that the Port agrees to all terms of the resolution and urged adoption.

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

Ayes: 7 - Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 2 - Egan and Nalley

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22785 Establishing a Summer Youth Employment Program and rate of pay.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

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George Hauser, Director of Neighborhood Youth Corps, asked that Council provide provisions for leeway in the rate of pay due to recent federal legislation. The number of youths employed and the total appropriation would not change. Any change in the rate of pay would be reflected in the hours of work.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the rate of pay equal those of the Neighborhood Youth Corps. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Hudson moved that each individual youth employed be required to fill out an application. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

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

Ayes: 5 - Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 4 - Egan, Nalley, Sonntag and Warnick

The motion carried.

Voice vote was taken on the amended Resolution and carried. The Resolution as amended was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22786 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Tacoma Symphony Orchestra for a free public concert at a cost of \$3,950.00.

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning the northeast corner of South 66th and Stevens Street from an "R-2-T" to an "R-4-L" District. (3-18-74 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0, 1 absent) (Robert J. Milga)

Russell Buehler, Planning Department Director, reviewed the request for Council and advised that the applicant has agreed to all of the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission.

Mike Westgaard, Attorney representing the petitioner, urged approval.

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

- b. This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning the east side of Pearl Street and 150 feet south of North 26th from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District. (3-18-74 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-1) (Skipper's Fish & Chips, Inc.)

Mr. Buehler reviewed the request for Council, and advised that the petitioner is requesting the rezone to a "C-2" in order to be permitted to serve beer and wine on the premises.

Ted Caress, representing the petitioner, answered questions of Council and urged approval of the requested rezone.

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

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:


In answer to an inquiry of Mr. Sonntag, Mr. Nelson advised that Ben Hanson, Chairman of the Citizens Reacting Against Paternalism, had asked him to convey his regrets that he could not attend this evening's meeting because he had to go out of town.

Mayor Johnston ruled that Mr. Hanson be given the opportunity to be heard next week under citizens requests to be heard.


Mr. Sonntag made reference to a bill before the State Legislature concerning traffic signalization contracts and advised that with the pending amendments it would appear to be agreeable.

Mr. Warnick made reference to the Finance Department's annual report which reflected the status of the various departments and complimented the department heads.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 

H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK