

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, December 22, 1964**

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

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1964 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Suggestion awards were presented by Mr. Rowlands to Jack Harkins, E. W. Keselburg, H. A. Strong, W. A. Adams from the Fire Dept. which concerned the fabrication and installation of a below-deck monitor on the City of Tacoma Fire Boat.

Mayor Tollefson and the City Council congratulated these men for this suggestion.

A suggestion award was presented to Thomas B. Hurley from the Public Works Dept. by Mr. Rowlands. His suggestion concerned installation of a "kill switch" on the pump motor of the Oil Distributor.

Mayor Tollefson and the City Council congratulated Mr Hurley for his suggestion.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the request submitted by Rex N. Harrington for the rezoning of the property located at 2509 No. Stevens from the "R-2" District to the "R-4-L" District.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved that the proper Ordinance be drawn approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing on the request submitted by Robert Kirchner for the vacation of all of So. L St. and the alley lying immediately west thereof, from the north line of PSH #1 (Freeway) to the south line of the Flume Line r/o/w.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved that the proper Ordinance be drawn approving the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c. The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition submitted by S. L. Rowland Construction Co. for the rezoning of property located approximately at Jackson and Olympic Blvd.

An appeal has been filed and Planning suggests that the date of hearing on the appeal be set for January 26, 1965.

Mr. Murtland moved that the date for the hearing on the appeal of S. L. Rowland Construction Co. be set as January 26, 1965. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Request for abandonment of alley vacation petition by Lige Dickson petitioner.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Planning Commission recommended the vacation providing the petitioner would dedicate certain properties in return for the vacation. The petitioner chose to abandon the vacation instead of dedicating the property.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, stated, this has been held in abeyance since the Council concurred with the Planning Commission's recommendation at the time of the hearing. He explained the location of the proposed vacation, stating the Public Works Dept. requested a 20 foot dedication for right-of-way on Pine Street.

Mayor Tollefson stated, the communication from the petitioner requests the vacation in accordance with his original application, reserving to the City the easements that are necessary for utilities, and in the event this request cannot be granted, he would withdraw his application. He further stated, the Council has not had the opportunity to determine whether or not to vacate with just the utility easements.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Buehler if the Planning Commission had reviewed the letter and recommended not to vacate.

Mr. Buehler replied that the Commission had not seen the communication since the letter was received after the hearing by the Council. At the Planning Commission's Hearing they deemed it advisable to acquire the r/o/w for the best interests of the City.

Mayor Tollefson felt they should postpone this request for two weeks.

Mrs. Price moved to postpone Lige Dickson's request for abandonment of alley vacation until January 5, 1965. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Petition submitted by Manfred J. Vierthaler requesting the rezoning of the property located at Belmont St. and Ruston Way from a "M-2" District to a "R-5" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18097 (Postponed from Dec. 8, 1964)

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make application to HHF A for an advance for the construction of improvements, additions and betterments to the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

Mayor Tollefson stated this resolution had been postponed upon the request of the Council as they wished additional information as to the future plans of the

Airport.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Howlett, of Consulting Services, Inc., who is conducting a joint Federal-County-City Planning Study of the Peninsula area, to explain their study.

Mr. Howlett pointed out on a map the open spaces, industrial area and new road network, the planners envision around the airport in the future. He said the open space to the north of the runway could be utilized for farming, park, golf course or whatever.

Mr. Johnson stated if the Council proposes a bond issue for airport improvements, they would have a large selling job on their hands. He said he would not like the City of Tacoma to miss an opportunity and the City should not think too small. He said as yet he had not made a determination on the resolution.

Mr. Haley discussed the projected growth of the Tacoma area and the potential increase of freight and passenger business at the airport.

Mr. Phillips, Airport Director, felt there was sufficient air freight business in Tacoma so a freight carrier could provide local shippers with improved service through the Tacoma Industrial Airport, and then the volume could increase considerably.

Mrs. Price stated it was her understanding that the airport was to be built in three phases, the first phase was completed, and this is to get a study for completion of the 2nd phase. She did not believe that anyone was under the impression that they would build an airport as it is now with only a 5000 foot runway. She said it was always her understanding that the City would build a 5000 foot runway at the beginning and proceed eventually to a 7500 foot runway. At this time all the City is asking for is Federal Funds to make a study to give us more information to eventually proceed with the larger runway and the larger airport, she added. She felt the study should be made and then the City could proceed whenever they wished to enlarge the airport.

Mr. Finnigan asked the expected completion date for the development if this study were approved by the Council and completed by next summer.

Mr. Phillips stated it would take approximately two years with local and Federal funds being available.

Mr. Patrick M. Steele, 4310 No. Gove St., explained the background of the airport to the Council. He further stated, Tacoma is committed to the development of the airport as outlined in the master plan for the field as prepared by consultant James C. Buckley.

Mr. Steele stated, Tacoma needs all the airport that it can get. The people of Tacoma were never told that they would get an airport for \$350,000 and it was understood at the offset that it was going to cost more, but these improvements have to be done in phases because of the financial situation.

He stated this \$147,000 is not for study and improvements but an application for the necessary pre-planning engineering loan to get the necessary engineering data so that phase #2 of the Tacoma Industrial Airport will become a reality. Mr. Steele introduced Mr. Barrie Jackson, a Public Relations businessman of Tacoma.

Mr. Jackson, 620 North J, thought that the Council should proceed with the airport's future development.

Mayor Tollefson stated the Council is concerned as to the amount of money that would have to come out of the General Fund, not for this immediate study, but what would happen at a later date concerning the program.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated the new Resolution that was submitted is clearer but the body of it is exactly the same.

Mayor Tollefson said he would rule that it was the motion and the second to move on the new version of Resolution No. 18096.

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

Resolution No. 18118

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons on its bid of \$2,673.50 for IMP 3558-Unit B which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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. 18119

Awarding contract to Electric Construction Co. for L I D 6848 on its bid of \$3,098.00 including taxes, on proposal No. 2, which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

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

Resolution No. 18120

Appointing Burleigh Krona to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term of 5 years, commencing Feb. 5, 1965 and terminating Feb. 4, 1970.

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. 18121

Fixing Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of a portion of Ruston Way approximately 250 feet east of Orchard Street extended.

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. 18122

Fixing Monday, Feb. 8, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4765 for permanent paving on No. 7th St. from Union to Washington, No 27th St. from Mullen to Huson and other 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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17737

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding four sections 13.06.083-2, 13.06.112-2, 13.06.112-3 and 13.06.115-6 to include the property on the west side of Sprague Ave. between So. 66th & 74th Sts. in the CFP, CFV, CPN and R-4-LT Districts. (Petitioner Hillcrest Investment Co. Inc.)

Mr. Cvitanich asked that the letter received from the Federal Aviation Agency regarding the height of the apartments to be built in the development of Hillcrest Properties be noted.

Mr. Rowlands stated this letter pertains to the section which will be considered at a later date.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17738

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.130 (27) to include the property on the NE corner of So. 13th and L Sts. to a "C-2" District. (Petitioner Robert Paulson)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17731

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4759 for paving on Ainsworth from So. 38th to So. 39th and Ea. Tonia from 68th to 70th and other streets.

Mr. Bott left at this time.

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Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

**Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Finnigan (temporarily)
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.**

Ordinance No. 17732

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5392 for water mains in 128th St. east from Vickery Rd. to 37th Ave. East and 37th Ave. East from 128th St. East, northerly approximately 550 feet.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

**Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.**

Ordinance No. 17733

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5395 for water mains and fire hydrants in Fife Heights Area.

Mr. Johnson said the Town of Milton is concerned as to their bond issue and asked if this had been worked out to their satisfaction.

Mr. Baarsleg, Assistant Supt. of the Water Dept. , stated there would still be customers on their service to help pay the bonded indebtedness. He said Milton officials have also requested water service in the event this improvement is approved. The Water Dept. is also discussing the possibility of purchasing meters, meter yokes and meter boxes from Milton which would reduce their bonded indebtedness. He added, the new customers of the City will pay approximately 30% more per month for their water than those inside of the City limits.

Mr. Haley asked if the City would face potential litigation with the Town of Milton because of the revenue bonds.

Mr. McCormick stated the City cannot stop Milton officials if they wish to start litigation.

Mayor Tollefson said there will be technical matters to be worked out between the Town of Milton and the City of Tacoma but there is no reason why this cannot be solved to their mutual satisfaction.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

**Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.**

Ordinance No. 17734

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2353 for grading and oil-mat surface on No. 40th St. from Orchard to Baltimore.

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Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17735

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5377 for water mains in A St. from Ea. 84th to Ea. 96th St. and in Ea. 92nd St. from A to B Sts.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17736

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5382 for water mains in So. 60th St. from Fife to Prospect and on Prospect from So. 60th to 62nd St.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities submits the following assessment roll for hearing:

L I D 5371 for water mains & hydrants in Ea. 48th from I to Ea. L; in Ea. L from 48th to 50th; Ea. 50th from Ea. K to Ea. L.

Mr. Haley moved that Monday, January 25, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the City Planning Dept. for the month of Nov. 1964.
- b. Report from the Municipal Court of Tacoma for the month of Nov. 1964.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said due to the recent freezing and thawing of the oil-mat streets there has been trouble. A resolution has been prepared which reads as follows: "Have Council authorize the limiting of speeds and weights on all oil-mat and gravel streets within the City limits of Tacoma and the posting of such streets as to-weight limits and speeds as determined necessary by the City Engineer for the preservation of such streets, due to the recent freezing and thawing."

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State Law requires the publishing of a notice for three days except for emergencies as to such restrictions on speeds and weights, but due to the sudden thawing, it was necessary to start posting the streets as of Monday December 21st, 1964 and therefore the City Council's ratification of such action is also needed.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to concur in this Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, the situation as of this date.


Mr. Schuster replied that starting on Dec. 21st the streets were posted. He explained the damage to oil-mat streets from changes in weather.

Mr. Rowlands reported that the Bus service which was taken over by City Transit a few months ago in Northeast Tacoma is now paying for itself. He added, there are nine round trips per day, Monday through Friday and five trips on Saturday.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk