

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, December 17, 1963

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Cvitanich & Bott. Mr. Bott arriving at 4:15 P. M. Mr. Cvitanich at 4:17 P. M.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication from Tacoma-Pierce Co. Safety Council, Inc. regarding ⁹⁰ the switching of Railroad cars across City streets at certain hours.

Mr. Rowlands said the City Staff will be meeting with the Railroad Co. to check the proposed Ordinance, then it will be presented to the City Council for review.

Mr. Bott arriving at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17697:

Authorizing agreements with certain car agencies to provide cars for rental on the premises of the Tacoma Industrial Airport for the privilege of operating and carrying on at the airport a car rental business.

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

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

Resolution No. 17698:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute on behalf of the City an agreement for the operation of an aviation trip insurance machine in the Terminal Bldg. of the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

Mr. Cvitanich coming in at this time.

Mr. Bott asked if the City had the personnel to maintain these machines.
Mr. Phillips, Airport Manager, explained that the City had the personnel to handle the maintenance of the machines.

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

Resolution No. 17699:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute any instruments of conveyance needed to transfer certain portions of the Chehalis, Cowlitz & Cascade Railroad right of way to be used as access roads in the Cowlitz Power Development Project.

Mr. Steele 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. 17700:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an amendment to the written lease entered into between the City of Tacoma & Inigo Lucchesi d/b/a Tacoma Boxing Club for a reduction in rent from \$50.00 to \$25.00 for leasing the third floor of the building at 711 Commerce St.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated, the existing lease with Mr. Lucchesi was for \$50.00 a month, and since the promotional activity is no longer lucrative in Tacoma, it was either cut the rent or lose the club as a tenant. He said Mr. Lucchesi will pay the utilities and keep the premises in a reasonably good condition as it is being used for training.

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

Resolution No. 17701:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement between the Belt Line Division and Railroad Yardmasters, commencing January 1, 1964.

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

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

Resolution No. 17702:

Fixing Monday, January 13, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5382 for cast iron water mains in So. 60th from Fife to Prospect and on Prospect from So. 60th to So. 62nd Street.

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

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

Resolution No. 17703:

Fixing Monday, January 27, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6837 for street lights on So. 72nd to So. 79th St. from Pacific to Park Ave.

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

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

Resolution No. 17704:

Fixing Monday March 23, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6840 for street lighting on No. 13th from Stevens to Orchard; No. Vassault & Bristol from No. 26th to No. 27th, also on Locust Lane from 6th Ave. to So. 12th Street.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17515:

Appropriating the sum of \$500,000 or so much as may be necessary from the Current Fund of the Light Division to the Light Division's expense classification of M & O for the purpose of paying for additional power purchased from Bonneville in the year 1963.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Utilities Director, stated, in preparing the 1963 budget, it was anticipated that Mayfield would be generating at the beginning of the year but there was an unexpected delay. He said, instead of generating in January they did not produce any power until May. During that period it was necessary to continue to purchase power from the Bonneville Power Administration at a cost of approximately \$500,000. He said this \$500,000 will be added to the cost of the

Mayfield Project, which comes out of the construction fund.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17516:

Amending Sec. 11. 24. 120 of the Official Code of the City to reduce the maximum penalty for overtime parking by a fine of not more than \$20. 00.

Mr. Murtland said the proposed Ordinance provides that the maximum fine for overtime parking shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$20. 00. The maximum fine for overtime parking in the Ordinance that is in effect now provides a fine of \$300. 00 and/or 90 days imprisonment, which he thought was not proper.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17400: (postponed from the meeting of October 22, 1963)

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4595 for paving on No. 21st Street from Stevens to Husons Streets.

Mr. Rowlands stated, this Ordinance for paving was held up pending the processing of an L I D for water for the same area. He added, that this water L I D has now been initiated.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17490: (postponed from the meeting of December 3, 1963) ⁸⁴

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4732 for paving and storm drains on So. 76th from Alaska to Sheridan Ave. and other nearby streets. ¹⁰⁸

Mayor Tollefson stated he had received two letters of protest which he read into the record. It was pointed out that one protest was a duplicate and that the total amount of protests filed against the entire district was 26 1/2 %.

Mr. Bott said, this does pose a problem as the majority of the people are against the improvement in the area on Sheridan between So. 78th and So. 80th, but the greater amount of property is owned by a contractor and the school who are in favor of the improvement.

A communication from Dr. Ciaudrone, Supt. of Tacoma Public Schools, was read into the record as being in favor of the improvement.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

There were some residents present from the area protesting the improvement stating they could not afford the assessment as they had three other L I D's that had been put through and they could not afford this additional expense.

Mayor Tollefson explained to the residents, the State and local laws which permit development of unimproved land.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, if the paving on Sheridan between So. 78th and 80th could be deleted.

Mr. McCormick said there isn't a single unit within the L I D that could be deleted as they are all contiguous to the L I D.

Mayor Tollefson said, he would terminate discussion on the matter at this time and if any of the City Council members wished to reconsider their action on the Ordinance next week, they may do so.

Ordinance No. 17506:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.160-8 to include property on the S. E. corner of So. 21st St. & Fawcett in an "M-1" Light Industrial District. (petition of James G. Harmon) 70

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

**Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.**

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 Alask St. from So. Tacoma Way to the N. P. R. R. R/W. (petition of R. T. Davis Investment Co.) 70

Mr. Cvitanich left at this time.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17508:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2357 for the construction of grading and oil-mat surface on No. Bristol between No. 42nd & No. 45th and on No. 45th from Whitman to Vischer St. 106

Mr. R. Comfort, Attorney, representing Mr. Gloyne and three other property owners protesting this improvement, requested a week's postponement as he wished time to check into the L I D.

Dr. Herrmann moved to postpone the Ordinance until December 26, 1963. Secended by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried .

Ordinance No. 17509:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5379 for cast iron water mains in So. 10th from Frace to Whitman and on Whitman from So. 10th to So. 12th.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17510:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6835 for street lighting on So. 56th St. to So. 63rd between Yakima Ave. and Sheridan Ave.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17511:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2342 for grading and oil-mat surface in the vicinity of East 64th & T Street.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17512:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3541 for storm drains in the vicinity of East 64th & T Street.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17513:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5360 for water mains in Bell St. from So. 60th to So. 64th St. ; So. 60th & 52nd from Bell to A St.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17514:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5362 for water mains in So. 61st St. from Wapato Lake Drive to Ainsworth Ave.; Ainsworth Ave. from So. 61st to So. 63rd St.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

MC - 429 Initiative petition specifying the minimum number of employees and 120 maximum work week in the Tacoma Fire Dept.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Tacoma employees' retirement system report for the month of Nov. 1963.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Steele said this was a moment in his career as a Councilman that he had anticipated and at this time wished to present his resignation.

Mr. Steele submitted his resignation to the City Clerk and was read into the record to become effective immediately.

Mayor Tollefson remarked that Mr. Steele had been a fine Councilman and that he was sorry to see him resign at this time. He wished Mr. Steele a great deal of success and good luck in the New Year.

Mrs. Price asked that a Resolution be brought in next week thanking Mr. Steele for his years of service on the Council and on the various committees.

Mr. Bott said he had a great deal of respect for Mr. Steele's ability and said that he had done a great deal for the City.

Mr. Rowlands mentioned again that the Council Meetings for the next two weeks will be held on Thursday, December 26th and on January 2nd.

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Mayor Tollefson read into the record a communication from Jack Sonntag relative to a memorial for the late President John F. Kennedy. Mayor Tollefson asked that the City Council members keep in mind the forming of a committee to study the matter to work out a proper memorial for the late President by the next meeting.

Mayor Tollefson said he had received a communication from the U S O commending Mr. Bott for his contribution to the organization at the completion of his term as a member of the U S O Board.

Mayor Tollefson requested that the Legal Dept. prepare for presentation to the City Council a resolution expressing the policy of the City Council in future Urban Renewal projects, to provide that before the Council would establish or originate any project for urban redevelopment or conservation, as distinguished from a project where property is taken or the owner participates, as in the Center St. project, the written approval of the majority of the people affected in the area must first be obtained. The Mayor further expressed the belief that this would be a proper resolution and the proper approach to this particular problem, as several members of the Council have already orally expressed this view and all people are entitled to know the position of the Council. Mayor Tollefson further stated that the Council is not going to tell people that they have to do certain things when the majority of people in the area are opposed to such Plan.

Mayor Tollefson said he received a communication from the Indoor Sport Club, Inc. regarding the Tacoma Handicapped Club as they are affiliated with this group. He stated the handicapped group have been trying for a long time to have public buildings built in such a way that handicapped people have access by way of ramps rather than stairs for people who use wheel chairs. He added, they have requested that the week following New Year's day be declared, "Housing for the handicapped Day" in recognition of the problem that these people encounter in getting in and out of buildings.

Mr. Gingrich, Jr., 717 Cushman Ave., said as he understands the City Light will award a contract in approximately two weeks for the construction of a 105,000 volt line connecting the Cowlitz & Cushman substation. He thought it would be advantageous to the City aesthetically if the line were routed near the railroad tracks rather than in residential areas.

Mayor Tollefson said contracts are awarded by the Utility Board and suggested that Mr. Gingrich discuss this matter with the Utility Board which will meet Monday, December 23, 1963 at 1:00 P. M.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

JAM Jolliffe
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk