

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 14, 1963

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

In the absence of Mayor Tollefson, Deputy Mayor Herrmann presided.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann explained, that Mayor Tollefson is trying a case in court and will be late in attending the meeting.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of April 30, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

(a) This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition of the vacation submitted by John Wiborg, et al, of portions of the east and west 10 feet of Whitman St. between No. 42nd & No. 45th St. 117
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Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, pointed out that this vacation reduces the Street from 80 feet to 60 feet of a residential street. The applicant proposes to use the vacated right-of-way as additional depth for residential building sites, and he added, no objections have been filed.

Mr. Steele moved that the application for the vacation as recommended by the Planning Commission be approved, and that the proper Ordinance be brought in confirming the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

(b) This is the date fixed for the meeting with the initiating parties for the annexation to the City the area bounded by Primary State Highway No. 1 (freeway) on the west, So. 84th on the north, Hosmer St. on the east and the northbound off-ramp of the So. 84th St. freeway interchange on the south, by owners of more than 10% of the assessed valuation of the property. 128

Mr. Rowlands said, the question is now, whether or not the Council will accept the petition and consider the annexation of the area free of any excess millage levies or bonded indebtedness. The bonded indebtedness was not levied against the property on the last annexation petition.

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Mrs Price asked if the local improvements were completed.

Mr. Rowlands replied as yet, there were no improvements. One of the principal reasons for annexation is to obtain these services.

Mr. Murtland said that the proposed annexation would be receiving services and as long as some of the bonded indebtedness includes value in services, he thought they should assume the bonded indebtedness.

Mr. Steele stated, at the time this bonded indebtedness was levied, this property was outside the city limits and felt it certainly shouldn't be burdened with the bonded indebtedness.

Mr Cvitanich agreed with Mr. Steele.

Mrs. Price moved to accept the proposed annexation and that the property shall not assume the existing indebtedness of 6.76 mills. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No 17443: (postponed from the meeting of April 30, 1963)

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local #483, concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor of Light Division Electrical Workers

Deputy Mayor Herrmann requested that action on the Resolution be postponed until later in the meeting awaiting the arrival of Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 17453.

Authorizing the appointment of Fred R. Stewart to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Orville Johnson on the Dangerous Buildings Appeals Commission, which term will expire on July 29, 1964.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17454:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute on behalf of the City a local improvement deed to Robert H. & Agnes Ann Beeson for the sum of \$25.00 for unimproved property located on No. 37th & Bennett St.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 17455:

Authorizing the City Manager to file two applications with the United States Government for Federal grants for sewage treatment works.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated they would like to submit this application by May 20, 1963.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17456:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the successful bidder for road surfacing at Cushman No. 1, providing for the sale of approximately 8000 yards of rock at pit site at a charge of 10¢ per yard cross section measure.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17457:

Authorizing the release of an easement granted by the Dept. of the Army for an overhead electric transmission line on Cleveland Way & 21st Street Bridge.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17458:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement submitted by the Washington State Highway Commission designated No. GC 1371-B providing for the joint construction and participation of the relocation and separation of existing combination sewer system in the vicinity of the Pacific Avenue interchange of the Freeway.

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

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Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17459:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute on behalf of the City a local improvement assessment deed to the Metropolitan Mortgage and Securities Co., Inc. for the sum of \$35.00 for property located at So. 15th and Yakima Avenue.

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

Mr. Murtland asked how they arrived at the amount of \$35.00.

Mr. Rowlands stated, this matter was reviewed two years ago and it was felt that this amount would cover the cost of the two pieces of property, whereas, one would cost \$25.00.

Mr. Bott asked if it would be possible for the City to collect its money for these L I D's in the future by an agreement with the County. He thought that possibility might be worth exploring.

Mr. Rowlands said the City has the investment in the property through improvements. The Federal Government Income Tax lien is first, then the County, and the City who has spent the money is at the bottom of the list.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17460:

Accepting certain offers to sell Real property situated within the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project designated Project No. Wash. "R-3".

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17461:

Fixing Monday, June 10, 1963 as the date for hearing on L I D 3565 for sanitary sewers in the vicinity of No. 21st & Pearl Sts.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 17462:

Fixing Monday, June 10, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5374 for cast iron water mains in No. 21st from Stevens to Orchard Sts.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Tollefson arriving at this time, 5:10 P. M.

Mr. Rowlands asked if the Rules could be suspended to consider Resolution No. 17463 which does not appear on the agenda.

Mr. Steele moved to suspend the Rules to consider Resolution No. 17463. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17463:

Authorizing the sale of \$4,780,000 General Obligation Bonds of 1963 of the City of Tacoma to Halsey, Stuart & Co. Associates.

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

Mr. Rowlands said the bids for the General Obligation Bonds were opened at 10:00 A. M. this morning, and the sale of the bonds was awarded to Halsey, Stuart Co., Inc.

Mr. Val Fawcett, representative of McLean & Co. bond consultants, stated he thought the interest rate of 2.94002% for the bonds was very attractive in light of present market conditions.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17443: (postponed from the meeting of April 30, 1963)

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 Division Electrical Workers.

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

Mr. Haley stated if the City Council approves this increase for the Electrical Workers in the Light Division, it will mean that the Council is serving notice to grant raises in 1964 to other City employees.

Mr. Steele said the City Council is going to have to do certain things if there are to be any raises for next year. Last year funds were not available.

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for wage increases, primarily because of the inability of the Council to accept the responsibility to impose revenue raising items, such as increasing the telephone and gas tax. He said he did not think it was a matter of serving notice upon themselves but was a matter of discharging the responsibilities of a Councilman.

Mr. Steele further stated, when this first came before the Council he couldn't see increasing wages of one group and not the remainder of the City employees, no matter how deserving. The City is approximately \$200,000 in arrears at the present time and is now trying to devise measures so there will be revenue to balance the budget by July 1st.

Mr. Finnigan said the Utility Board Chairman has stated, "if the street lights, hydrant rental charges etc., were adjusted in favor of the General Government, the Utilities Dept. would have to raise the electrical rates." It is difficult to understand how these wage increases can be granted, as well as making adjustments in rates to the wholesale customers, that are of the same monetary value, without raising the electrical rates.

Mr. Murland said rates could be raised for sewer, garbage or any utility to give wage increases, however, the City Council has decided that would not be done. He was not in favor of increasing the electrical workers salaries as they are City employees and there should be an equality among employees.

Mrs. Price said she did not think the Electrical Workers should be penalized as long as the Utilities Dept. can afford the wage increase.

Dr. Herrmann and Mr. Bott agreed with Mrs. Price.

John Davis, one of the nine electrical workers employed by the General Government requested that they receive the increase along with the Utilities electrical workers as they belong to the same local.

Mr. Rowlands explained that wage adjustments were not made in the General Fund budget, therefore, they were not included in the Resolution.

Dr. Herrmann said, since they are doing the same work and belong to the same union, he thought they were being penalized.

The question was asked, if the (9) electrical workers employed by the General Government could be transferred to the Utilities Dept. and then loaned to the General Government to be able to receive this increase.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the State Law authorizes interruption of the budget for the Utility Electrical employees to grant them a wage increase, but this excludes the General Government employees. They may be represented by the same Union, but, the Union has no jurisdiction over the General Government employees to negotiate a contract which requires opening the budget during the year. He added, these (9) men are not Utility employees, they do not do Utility work, therefore, they cannot be employed by the Utilities Dept. They are in the same category as other General Government employees.

The Union Representatives spoke in favor of giving the (9) General Government electrical workers the increase along with the Utility Electrical workers.

Mayor Tollefson said he realized this is an unhappy situation where the General Fund does not have the money for these men, when they do similar work; however, the City Council is at a loss to know of any logical answer at this time.

He continued by saying, at the present time the General Government employees are in effect subsidizing some of the parks and recreation areas, and helping to subsidize the Transit System operation. It is not fair for these employees to have their salaries held down while these responsibilities are taken on by the General Government. He added, they would have to find other sources of income to take care of the situation for next year.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Tollefson leaving at this time and Dr. Herrmann again presiding.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17338:

Amending Chapter 12. 10 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 12. 10. 153 relating to Water service-Connection charges in Lieu of Assessments.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, explained this Ordinance will provide, where areas annex to the City they would receive equal treatment with those inside the City , and in turn would pay their proportionate share of the water main available to them.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17339:

Repealing Chapter 10. 20 of the Official Code of the City which authorizes the City to participate in the amount of 25% in the cost of repair of sidewalk replacement.

Mr. Rowlands said, in the past 10 to \$20,000 has been budgeted for sidewalk repair and replacement. In 1963 there wasn't any money budgeted, although there are still a number of sidewalks to be repaired. Since no funds have been budgeted for sidewalk participation, the property owners will have to bear the full cost.

Mr. Bott suggested that they amend the Ordinance to provide when monies are available the City will again participate in sidewalk repair and replacement.

Mr. Rowlands said, possibly something could be worked out along those lines between now and the next meeting that will achieve the same objective, if the Council wishes.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Mr. Haley and Mr. Steele leaving at this time.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17336:

Vacating the area near the intersection of No. 26th St. & Narrows Drive. 144
(petition of E. P. Miller)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Haley, Steele and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17337:

Amending Chapter 12. 08 of the Official Code of the City and adding a new section 12. 08. 095 relating to Sewage Disposal--Connection Charges in Lieu of Assessments.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Haley, Steele and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents assessment roll for L I D 6802 for modern street lights on existing wooden poles on No. 11th St. between Madison and Stevens Street.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, June 10th, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 6802. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Annual Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for 1962.
- b. Report from the Municipal Court for the month of April 1962.

COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Herrmann explained that Mayor Tollefson has asked that permission be granted to him for traveling expenses to attend the Fifth Annual Trade and Promotion tour covering the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and New Orleans, on May 20th through May 23rd, sponsored by the Washington State Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that permission be granted and the funds be allowed for personal traveling expenses for Mayor Tollefson for this tour. Seconded by

Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Stevenson , 2027 East 72nd, spoke before the Council calling attention to an easement for an alley, which should have been included in L I D 4677. He said he went to court and won a judgment for an easement that was on the plot plan that he believed was dedicated to the City. He requested the cooperation of the City in improving the alley, as it is necessary for ingress and egress to his back yard.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann requested that Mr. Rowlands check with the Public Works Department and the Legal Department on the matter and submit a report to the City Council.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann requested that Mr. Stevenson visit the Council in two weeks to report if this matter has been resolved.

Mr. Stevenson said that he would.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P. M.

WAM Jollyson
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Nelson
City Clerk