

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, April 22, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4 P. M.

Present on roll call 7: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Cvitanich and Zatkovich. Mr. Zatkovich arriving at 4:15 and Mr. Cvitanich at 6:05 P. M.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 1969.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of March 11th be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen presented an Award of \$25.00 to Mr. William Koenigslieb of the Public Works Dept. for his suggestion to improve the oiling and cooling of a clutch of a grader by mounting a tank on the grader.

Mayor Rasmussen, the Council members and Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, congratulated Mr. Koenigslieb and thanked him for his suggestion.

PETITION:

Petition submitted by Don Groff requesting rezoning of the east side of Bell St., 75 feet south of So. 68th from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Zatkovich coming in at this time, 4:15 P. M.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication from the City Attorney notifying the City Council that B. H. and Agnes Petersen had not complied with the conditions imposed by the City Council at the hearing held on February 27, 1968 and they are recommending the file be closed.

Mr. B. H. Petersen, the petitioner, residing at 10901 Villa Lane, SW, explained that a tight money market had caused the delay in the development of his plans. He asked that the Council grant him an extension of time so that financing can be arranged.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, if it would be proper for the Council to extend additional time for Mr. Petersen to further explore the possibility for financing the project.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the hearings on the rezone and vacation petitions were held on Feb. 27, 1968, and since that time the legal office has been in contact

with Mr. Petersen advising him that the conditions would have to be met before an ordinance could be brought to the City Council for approval. However, the Council could extend the time limit if they so desire.

Mr. Finnigan thought, that proper arrangements could have been made by this time as it has been well over a year since the hearings.

Mr. Johnson felt, perhaps, Mr. Petersen should be granted an extension of time as the City would not be in jeopardy in any manner.

After some discussion, Dr. Herrmann moved to grant Mr. Petersen an extension of one year until May 1st, 1970 to complete the conditions prior to the introduction of the ordinances. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20156

Fixing Monday, May 12, 1969 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 4890 for paving in Grove Place from So. Verde to So. 66th and Warner from So. 62nd to So. 64th Streets.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 1; Cvitanich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20157

Fixing Tuesday, May 6th at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing relative to zoning and defining the terms of "building" and "vehicle".

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 1: Cvitanich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20158

Approving and adopting the "Model Cities Program" and budget.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Herman Walker, Director of the Model Cities Project, urged the City Council to approve and adopt the Model Cities Program and budget.

Mrs. Banfield felt the proposed staff of the Model Cities Program was much too large and too expensive.

Mr. Walker pointed out that all the positions listed were necessary as the work to be accomplished within a year's time is tremendous.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, to explain some figures in the budget.

Mr. Gaisford said this was the first time he had had the opportunity to see the budget.

Mayor Rasmussen thought Mr. Gaisford should have been consulted relative to the setting up of the Model Cities Program budget.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that the Executive Board of the Hilltop Model Neighborhood Citizen's Association, Mr. Walker and Mr. Mork of his staff had drawn up the budget along the lines of other programs.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the staff member's salaries were too high, also the Director will receive approximately \$14,000 and other members more than \$11,000 a month.

Mr. Walker explained the job descriptions of several of the staff members.

Mr. Zatkovich felt that according to the area involved the staff was too large, and that many of the positions overlapped. He asked Mr. Walker how these salaries compare to the Seattle budget for the Model Cities Program.

Mr. Walker stated the Seattle figures exceed these salaries in all categories.

Mayor Rasmussen questioned a number of the items listed, such as travel expenses, automobiles, furniture, telephone, etc.

Mr. Rowlands explained, this budget is composed of reasonably good estimates and it is logical. He assured the Council that the money would not be spent unless it is necessary.

Mr. Johnson explained he had attended many of the meetings that were held relative to preparing the budget. He noted the committee had to work with estimates and thought they had submitted a very conservative budget.

Mr. Floyd Davis, 2101 So. Ash, Chairman of the Model Cities Advisory Council, explained that the hopes and aspirations of approximately 14,000 persons are tied up in this program. The Advisory Council has also reviewed this budget and recommends that it be passed by the Council.

The Rev. Mr. Winckley, Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, explained he felt that Mr. Erling Mork, Assistant to the City Manager, had done a fine job as a representative of the City in this matter.

After some discussion, Mayor Rasmussen moved to postpone Resolution No. 20158 for one week, until April 29, 1969. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 4: Banfield, Bott, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland. Absent 1: Cvitanich. The motion was declared lost by the Chairman.

Mr. Bott explained he was also concerned that such a large staff is needed and asked if after the first year of operation would it be possible to cut down the complement.

Mr. Walker explained, due to the volume of work to be processed within the first six months this staff is needed, however, they may find in the ensuing year some of the positions may not be needed.

Mr. Davis explained that the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development has set a date of May 15th, 1969 for the City to submit to them the Model Cities Program and budget, as any time after that date they could not guarantee a contract being submitted to the City of Tacoma by June 30th, 1969.

Dr. Herrmann reminded the Council that the funding of \$141,000 is only for a one year Planning Grant. He felt it was obvious that the majority of the funds will go for paying of the salaries as it takes people to obtain information within the target area. He noted that this budget has been developed by the people, specifically, members of the Advisory Council, and the budget is now being submitted to the City Council as their recommendation. Dr. Herrmann felt it was a good estimated budget and it should be voted upon at this time.

Mr. Finnigan felt the Council should show unanimous approval of this budget so it can be submitted to HUD as soon as possible.

Mayor Rasmussen pointed out the staff positions are not covered by Civil Service therefore are in violation of the City Charter; he asked Mr. Hamilton what he had found on that subject.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained their office is studying the City Charter, past procedures and legal precedents and would have an opinion for the Council for next week. He explained the Civil Service System is composed of two classifications, the unclassified service and the classified service. When Civil Service is mentioned, it usually is the classified service; this has reference to a person who secures a position pursuant to examination.

Mr. Hamilton further stated, there are certain specified areas in the unclassified service which elected officials, directors and certain department heads are placed under.

A number of citizens spoke relative to the Model Cities Program.

Mr. Cvitanich arriving at 6:05 P. M.

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

Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland.

Nays 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20159

Establishing a policy whereby the City will pay a share of relocation costs of businesses being relocated within the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Rasmussen stated, this resolution establishes a Council policy.

Mr. Wright, Urban Renewal Director, explained this would be a base policy which establishes a type of reimbursement for relocation claims for other businesses which wish to make prepayments to the City in excess of relocation costs.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20160

Appropriating from the General Fund, Non-Departmental Budget, from revenues received in excess of anticipated revenues the sum of \$4,641.25 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of paying the City's share of relocation payments to Item House, a business located within Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-14.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Wright, Urban Renewal Director, explained that business relocation claims that do not exceed \$25,000 are paid by a Federal grant. He added, this is the first time in Tacoma that a business claim for relocation has been over that amount. The Item House operation exceeds the \$25,000 by approximately \$13,000. The Urban Renewal guide lines allow the Federal Government to pay 2/3rds of the costs over the amount of \$25,000. Therefore, in this instance there is \$4,641.25 owing that is the other 1/3rd which is the responsibility of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Wright further stated, that the Item House has agreed to pay \$4,641.25 to the City and has placed a certified check with the City Treasurer as they are anxious to move as soon as possible. The City will incur no increase in budget expenditures, he added.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Cvitanich (temporarily).

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20161

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to take all necessary steps to accomplish the designation of No. Cedar from 6th Ave. to No. 30th St. as a secondary arterial.

Mayor Rasmussen explained a petition has been submitted with approximately two hundred names opposing the establishment of Cedar Street as an arterial Street.

Mayor Rasmussen then moved to remove Resolution No. 20161 from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

The Resolution was removed from the agenda.

Resolution No. 20162

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to take all necessary steps to accomplish the designation of No. Alder from 6th Ave. to No. 30th St. as a secondary arterial.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Murtland moved to accept the substitute resolution. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that changes had been made in the original resolution due to the fact that about two years ago Alder Street was designated as a secondary arterial relative to the Urban Arterial Program.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to accept the substitute resolution. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had submitted the resolution favoring Cedar St. to protect owners of about twelve homes that will have to be removed.

Mr. Murtland explained, Alder St. had been an arterial street many years and Cedar St. seemed more of a residential street. It was unfortunate homes had to be removed, but to have a complete secondary arterial system to the north-end, he felt Alder St. was the proper route.

Mr. Tom Garlington, Chief Counsel of the State Dept. of Highways and a resident of Cedar St., explained the Public Works Dept. had recommended that the arterial be made on Alder Street.

Voice vote was taken on the substitute resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich.

Nays 1: Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20163

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a lease with Hot Drinks, Incorporated, for office space at 705 So. 9th St. and parking stalls for two automobiles.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained the office space on the 4th floor which is occupied by the Public Works Dept. is critically short of space. He noted that several alternatives have been checked by the Building Committee of the County-City Bldg. One alternative was the building next to Mt. View Hospital which might conceivably serve as the headquarters of the County-City Health Dept. He explained that further recommendations will in all probability be made by the Design for Progress Program within ten months relative to office space. This particular resolution refers to the relocation of the Sewer Utility employees. He felt it was

essential to make this move at this time.

Mayor Rasmussen explained, that the old County Hospital as well as the Mt. View Sanitorium and the land to the south will soon be placed for sale. He thought, perhaps, a proposition could be worked out with the County Commissioners whereby the City could buy the buildings which would alleviate the space problem within the County-City Bldg. He asked that a meeting with the County Commissioners be arranged relative to this matter.

Mr. Johnson wondered if the Armory could be brought into the County-City Bldg. complex.

Mr. Rowlands explained, the Armory has been discussed by the Building Committee, however, when the State put it up for sale, it is contemplated that Pierce County will purchase it.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20164

Awarding contract to Walker Chevrolet Co. for the furnishing of certain motor vehicles.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18804

Appropriating the additional sum of \$2,362.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purchase of 6-Harley Davidson motorcycles without trade-in.

Mr. Finnigan explained there was to be an explanation given for favoring the Tacoma bid over the Seattle bid for these motorcycles. He noted there was a memorandum from the Purchasing Dept. explaining the bid but he was not satisfied with the explanation.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained the only reason this particular bid was presented was that the Board of Contracts & Awards felt they were saving the City money.

After some discussion, the ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18810

Approving the annexation of both sides of So. 96th between Hosmer and FIA #5 Freeway. (petition of William D. Brown, etal.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18811

Amending Title 12 of the official code relative to charges and rates for sewage disposal outside the City limits.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18792 (pcstponed from the meeting of April 15, 1969)

Appropriating the sum of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund to the Nondepartmental Fund for the purpose of paying the City's share of sidewalk design, supervision and construction costs adjacent to the proposed parking garages in the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project, Wash. R-14 and for supervision of construction for the Public Open Spaces.

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

Ayes 6: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich.
Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18800.

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.045-10 to include property on the S. W. corner of No. 45th and Pearl St. in an "R-2-T" District. (petition of J. F. Crocker.)

Mr. Wiley, Assistant Director of Planning, explained that a copy of the performance bond signed by Mr. Crocker agreeing to meet eight conditions attached to the application for a rezone was submitted to the Council; also a copy of the warranty deed signed by Mr. and Mrs. Crocker for the three-foot widening of Pearl Street was submitted to the Council. Mr. Wiley added, all conditions have been met.

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

Ayes 4: Banfield, Finnigan, Herrmann and Johnson.
Nays 5: Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18801

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.120-57 to include property on the south side of 29th St. N. E. from approximately 225 feet east of 62nd Ave. N. E. to the King County line in a "C-1" District. (Petition of Puget Sound National Bank)

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

Ayes 6: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Zatkovich. Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18802

Vacating the area of So. 18th St. between So. I & J , also alley between So. I & J between So. 17th to 18th Sts. (petition of St. Joseph's Hospital)

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

Ayes 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 1: Banfield (abstaining). Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18803

Creating a new fund known as Fund No. 147 - Ruston Way Open Space Acquisition Revolving Fund and authorizing the transfer of \$14,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund to the newly created fund.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he was concerned where these funds will come from and how. He said he had talked with an attorney in the Attorney General's office relative to the option approach. He had been informed that some school districts have used the option approach as well as the State Park's Commission. He asked that the Legal Dept. check into this matter.

Mrs. Banfield moved to postpone Ordinance No. 18803 for one week, until April 29, 1969. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until April 29, 1969.

Ordinance No. 18805

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the official code relative to the Employees' Retirement System.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the amendment that was discussed at the first reading of the ordinance relative to retirement contributions for employees who were working after age (65) is to be discussed at a future meeting with the Retirement Board.

After further discussion, roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18806

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5478 for water mains in Hosmer from So. 92nd to So. 96th St.; in So. 96th from Hosmer St. 1,860 feet west; in So. 90th from west line of Interstate Highway #5 east 600 feet and in adjoining easements.

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

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Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18807

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3681 for sanitary sewers in Hosmer from So. 94th to So. 96th Sts.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18808

Providing for the improvement in L I D 3682 for sanitary sewers in Ainsworth Ave. from So. 80th St. south approximately 500 feet; So. 81st St. from Ainsworth to Cushman Ave.; and Cushman Ave. from So. 81st St. south 120 feet.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18809

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3669 for storm drainage in an easement 300 feet east of "A" Street from East 88th to East 92nd Street.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Utilities presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

1. L I D 5439 for water mains in 74th Ave. East from 130th St. to 134th St. Court East; in 134th St. from 74th Ave. to 76th Ave. East.
2. L I D 5451 for water mains in Ferry from So. 19th to So. 25th St.
3. L I D 5455 for water mains in Park Ave. from So. 38th to 37th St.

Mr. Finnigan moved that June 9th, 1969 be set as the date of hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that a new version of HB 108 relative to County real estate taxes will be heard in a Public Hearing at 8:30 A. M., Senate Hearing Room #1, on April 23rd. The suggestion has been made to impose a tax on the Utility Dept. of the City of Tacoma for additional revenue for Pierce County. He noted that Mr. Baarslag will be at the hearing representing the Dept. of Utilities. He asked as many attend the meeting as possible to give support to the Utilities Dept.

Mr. Murtland and Mr. Johnson were excused from the meeting at 8:00 P. M.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Cvitanich mentioned that SB 468 passed the House today which is formally the Fire and Police Chief's bill about pensions. The Fire Chiefs were eliminated from the bill but the Police Chief's requests were not.

Mr. Zatkovich said he did not feel this bill was at all appropriate.

Mr. Cvitanich explained, this would give the Police Chief of Tacoma a yearly pension of \$10,080.00, based upon length of service, etc.

A letter was read from Mrs. John Anderson, McKinley Ave., asking that the City Council obtain a legal opinion relative to the Council Rules.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Hamilton to give an opinion.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, stated their office function represents the City, its offices and departments. They are willing to render opinions to anyone that is authorized to ask for them, however, their office has judiciously refrained for years to render opinions to outsiders as the local bar association would strenuously object to that, he was sure.

Mrs. Banfield asked what vote was required to pass the Rules of the Council.

Mr. Hamilton explained it would only take a majority vote.

Mrs. Banfield stated, she had received a letter from the United Citizens for Sound City Government. The letter was signed by Gerrit Vander Ende, Chairman, and was read by the Clerk. The letter, in part, was seeking help in lining up candidates to replace the incumbent Council members and also soliciting campaign contributions.

Mrs. Banfield stated she resented the letter and she had always been in favor of good, sound, honest City Government.

Mr. Cvitanich pointed out this was all part of being in political life.

Mr. Zatkovich commented on Mr. Vander Ende's letter, that their committee might control money, but not people.

Mr. Zatkovich also mentioned the newspaper article relative to racial violence in Washington State. He felt that too much news space was given to a 'splinter group' of the Democratic party. He read the telegram which had been sent to Governor Evans from the concerned Democrats for Action, 27th District.

Mayor Rasmussen stated, at the last Council meeting Mr. Epps of NAACP appeared and stated he had sent a letter to the Mayor from NAACP, and the Mayor said he had been able to find a copy of the letter, therefore he had requested Mr. Epps forward a copy to him.

Mr. Epps who was present, explained that Mr. Mamlock of the Open Housing Review Board had stated he had inadvertently placed the Mayor's letter in his files. Mayor Rasmussen said he would check into the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that information on his new appointee for the Human Relations Commission would be forwarded to the Council for next week.

Mr. Cvitanich was excused from the meeting at 8:20 P. M.

Mrs. Banfield asked the status of the ordinance which she had requested relative to TV Cable.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained the draft which Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, had prepared has been sent to the Department of Utilities for their review as well as to the attorney representing Mr. Riconosciuto. To his knowledge no reports have been received as to whether or not they were in agreement with the draft of the ordinance.

Mrs. Banfield hoped the ordinance would be submitted to the Council at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Hamilton stated, the ordinance as drafted could be submitted to the Council, but whether it is agreeable to the other parties is another matter.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the Departments needed time to study the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen mentioned the published reports of Mr. Cowles of the State Board of Discrimination, relative to criticism of the Human Relations Commission. Mayor Rasmussen thought it was not proper for Mr. Cowles to condemn the commission.

Mayor Rasmussen mentioned the numerous survey that are being conducted within the City, and he felt these should be abandoned and the money given to the poor.

COMMENTS BY CITIZEN'S:

Mr. Zelenak, 5414 So. J, spoke on a number of different items including the conflicting laws between the City of Tacoma and Pierce County. He also stated he had not received any answers to his questions from Mr. Rowlands, City Manager.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that Mr. Zelenak had been getting answers from the departments in question.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. Rowlands submit a resume of his answers to Mr. Zelenak's questions.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would do so.

Mr. George W. Goe, Sr., 5645 So. Cedar St. requested that the Senior Citizens be granted thirty minutes time at the Council meetings to express their views on any

subject, each person to be limited to not more than three minutes. He also mentioned number of changes the Council should make to conform with the City Charter.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that an ordinance be submitted at the next Council meeting for the hiring of ten Policemen.

Dr. Herrmann was excused from the Council meeting at 8:50 P. M.

Mayor Rasmussen read from the Finance Report in regard to the deposits of the City in the various banks. He asked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, to check on the accounts that are earning interest in these banks.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would submit a report to the Council on this matter.

Mr. Dave Workman, a student at Tacoma Community College, spoke questioning matters relative to Sensitivity Training.

Mr. Finnigan was excused at 9:00 P. M.

Mr. James P. Fulgham, Rt. 5, Box 597, spoke relative to the Human Relations' problem.

Mr. Bott was excused at 9:05 P. M.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. City Planning Commission minutes of April 7, 1969.
- b. Civil Service Board minutes of March 18, 1969.
- c. City Clerk advising the 30-day period for filing protests on L I D 4883 and L I D 5477 has expired.
- d. Tacoma Police Dept. report for March 1969.
- e. Finance Director's report for March 1969.

Placed on file.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

A. L. Rasmussen
A. L. RASMUSSEN, MAYOR

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CITY OF TACOMA



WASHINGTON

Open Housing Review Board

April 24, 1969

Mrs. Dorothy G. Haley, Secretary
NAACP - Tacoma Branch
3018 North Puget Sound
Tacoma, Washington 98407

Dear Mrs. Haley:

This is written in answer to the verbal and written diatribe by the president of the local chapter of the NAACP where he held the Open Housing Ordinance, the Mayor, the Open Housing Review Board and its Chairman, up to public calumny. In reference to his attack on the ordinance, I must remind him that this was an ordinance the NAACP promoted, helped to write, vehemently supported for passage through the City Council, even with an emergency clause, and now, one year later, denounces. It should be remembered that when it was being considered the Chairman of the Review Board actively opposed the ordinance on the grounds that it was weak and fostered discrimination rather than prevented it. However, this criticism fell on deaf ears including the NAACP.

I refuse to dignify his false charges with an explanation. I believe other members of the board would also concur that there are many false accusations. I am truly puzzled why the NAACP would choose to manufacture such blatant falsehoods unless it feels it must have publicity. The present president of the local chapter who was a member of the board, knows full well the falsity and exaggeration of many of these charges. Unfortunately, there are some truths, some half-truths, and some lies in the statement of the NAACP. With a new ordinance, such as this, the board had to feel its way and to formulate certain procedures which were not spelled out in the ordinance by a trial and error method. It was most difficult to summon seven busy people for a meeting on the spur of the moment, to meet and determine the truth or falsity of an accusation. We interpreted our job as being one of adjudication. The name of "Housing Review Board" also implies adjudication.

*Mr. Earl Manlock, Chairman
Mr. John Epps, Vice Chairman
Mr. Joe Jordan
Mrs. John Starke
Mr. Robert Maguinez
Mrs. Lilly Piva
Mr. George Cuitanich*

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I will not say that we did not make mistakes and I will not say there were not prejudices, but discrimination, absolutely not. If prejudice is a crime, two of the three black members on the board could certainly be guilty of that. They started with a chip on their shoulder and it got heavier as the days passed. I believe they were disenchanted with the board because the rest of the board were not civil rights activists like themselves and they felt we should do more than just administer to the ordinance. If not being a civil rights zealot is a crime, then the rest of the board is guilty of that.

The ordinance, as weak as it is and with our administration of it, we have made giant strides in eliminating discrimination in housing in Tacoma. I believe the members of the board to be all sincere dedicated people from all walks of life endeavoring to do a good job.

We are not professionals, we are not social workers, we are not racists, we are not civil rights activists, we are not trying to favor either the whites or the blacks and we are not paid. We are only citizens of our community trying to administer to an ordinance with an honest attempt to do away with racial discrimination in housing.

If I, as chairman, have not done a good job and if this attack on myself and the board had come sooner, I would have gladly relinquished my chairmanship and membership on the board, however, my term will end in just seven days and I may as well see it through.

I am sorry to see the NAACP drop off the board. Their membership has contributed much toward formulating our procedures as well as have other members. I would hope that they would reconsider. Starting May 1, there will be some new members and a new chairman as well as the possibility of a changed City Council in the near future. Also enclosed is a report prepared by the City Attorney which was requested by a member of the City Council. The City Attorney sat in at most of our meetings and his report should be one that is factual and unprejudiced.

Yours truly,


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