

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, March 12, 1968

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 27th, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of the west side of So. Oakes between So. 47th & 48th Street from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District, petitioned by Marvin E. Boys.

No protests being made, Mr. Johnson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of the west side of Mildred St. from So. 12th to So. 19th St. from an "R-2" to an "R-P" Research Park Zoning District and an "R-3-PRD" District, petitioned by Weyerhaeuser Properties, Inc.

Mr. Russ Buehler, Planning Director, explained that the applicants originally applied for a 20.3 acres for an "RP" Research Park zoning and a 53.7 acres for an "R-3-PRD", Two-Family Planned Residential Development District zoning. Upon due consideration the Planning Commission recommended the north 33.6 acres be rezoned an "R-3-PRD" and the south 20.3 acres be rezoned an "RP" District, as it was felt the size of the original request was not sufficient at this location to meet the intent of the "RP" District which would provide for research and experimental laboratories and office type employment centers.

Mr. Buehler, explained that the remaining 20.1 acres will be heard by the Planning Commission for an "RP" zoning in the near future.

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Attorney residing at 1649 So. Geiger, representing (50) property owners, spoke in opposition to the rezoning. He stated, this was prime residential property and the proposed rezoning would create traffic problems and they felt it would result in the lowering of residential property values.

Mr. John Ehrlichman, Attorney, representing Weyerhaeuser Inc. explained that the combined proposal would be a buffer to the "C-1" and would definitely be a healthy development. He noted that the "RP" ordinance is an extremely strict ordinance. He further stated that the firm had filed with FAA advising them of the potential height of the structures on this site. He also mentioned that each building that is built must have specific site approval from the City before the building is constructed. The firm will not have any access to the property on any residential street.

Mr. Dan Browne, representing the American Plywood Association, explained that his company was not a manufacturing concern, but was instrumental in research, promotion and development of wood products for the plywood industry. He felt the Research Park would buffer the existing Pierce County industrial area, the stand pipe

and the residential area. It would not abut any residential area except the proposed "R-3-PRD". The buildings being planned would not exceed 22 feet in height and approximately 50 people would be employed at the site.

Mr. Johnson felt a research zoning district is quite different in its connotation than an industrial zoning. He also felt it would be a definite asset to the community.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Roll call was taken on the motion resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 2, Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 0. Motion carried.

c. This is the date set for hearing for the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks in various parts of the City -- SCP-#68.

Mr. Gilbert Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that this is the date for hearing for the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks in six different locations. Under the No. 1 Project at 1537 Broadway, a written request was received for condemnation to include it in this group. Project No. 3 at 2910 No. 7th St., the property has been repaired to the satisfaction of the City. Project No. 4 at 1661 So. 38th St., the owners contacted the staff just before this meeting and have indicated they would have a contractor out immediately for a price and if the price was more favorable than the one the City had listed, they would have the construction done by a private contractor. Project No. 5 at 5201 So. Puget Sound, the owner has contacted the Department and has stated he would have the work done by a private contractor. The last piece of property at 3701 So. 12th St., the owner intends to do this under an L I D at the same time as the street paving.

Mr. Schuster added, Mr. McPhail from the Public Works staff, has just informed him that the owners of No. 2, 317 So. 17th St. would repair and construct a sidewalk at that location. He felt unless their information was incorrect, there would be no problem.

No one appearing and no protests being made Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Public Works Dept. and that an ordinance be drafted approving same with the exception of Project No. 3, 2910 No. 7th St. which has been completed. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

d. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by V.E. Kalhagen & Jim Fitzpatrick for the rezoning of the east side of Mason Ave. between So. 21st & 23rd Sts. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

The last day to file an appeal was March 4th and no appeal was filed.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above petition. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

e. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by Forrester Realty & Mortgage Co. for the rezoning of both sides of Mason Ave. between So. 74th and Burkhart Drive from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

The last day to file an appeal was March 4th and no appeal was filed.

Mr. Johnson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above petition. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19619

Accepting a sealed bid for the purchase of real property situated within the Center St. Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1 from Pacific Cascade Properties, Inc.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 2, Banfield and Cvitanich; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19620

Accepting a sealed bid for the purchase of real property situated within the Center St. Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1 from Bargreen-Ellingson, Inc.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 2, Banfield and Cvitanich; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19621

Awarding contract to Preservative Paint Co. on its bid of \$13,031.15 for the furnishing of 5200 gallons of white and 500 gallons of yellow traffic paint.

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

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

Resolution No. 19622

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company on its bid of \$222,737.81 for Improv. No. 4826-Unit A.

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

Mayor Rasmussen asked if Wilkeson St. would be closed.

Mr. Schuster stated, they will have a proposal to close off Wilkeson St. at 38th St. and put cul-de-sacs at both sides of 38th at a later date.

He added, this contract under Resolution No. 19622 is for the area from approximately Puget Sound to Pine St. and from Asotin St. to Thompson Ave. The reason that Wilkeson St. is not included in this resolution is the fact that in doing the work from the freeway easterly to Asotin St. the plans have to be approved by the State Highway Commission, as the City would be working within the limited access area which is under the control of the Commission on 38th St. The property owners at that time will be notified by letter and they will be well aware of the plans.

Mayor Rasmussen stated the property owners feel if Wilkeson St. is made into a dead-end street, the value of their property will be reduced. He wondered if the City pays the owners for their loss in value of their property.

Mr. Schuster explained, he would anticipate that there would be a hearing before the City Council before the closure of any street. The owners will be informed of this and a hearing will be held before the City Council for their determination.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked why there could not be an overpass installed at 38th and Pine St., and an underpass at 38th and Steele St. to relieve some of the traffic congestion.

Mr. Schuster explained this could be accomplished but there is so much movement in that area that it is a very complex situation, it would take up most of the area with interchanges. He added, the Department will be suggesting to the Council some way to take care of the viaduct area at So. Tacoma Way and Union Ave. in the near future.

Mr. Schuster informed the Council that the project under this resolution is the first project from the gas tax increase for urban areas that was passed by the last Legislature where 90% of the cost will be paid by the State gasoline tax.

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

Resolution No. 19623

Appropriating the sum of \$10,800.00 or so much as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay & M & O for the purchase of three pickup trucks for the Public Works Dept.

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

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

Resolution No. 19624

Authorizing the transfer of \$901.65 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund Capital Outlay and M & O to the Police Dept. for the purchase of fifteen (15) revolvers.

Mr. Finnigan 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. 19625

Authorizing the proper officers to enter into an agreement with the State of Washington acting by and through its Dept. of Public Assistance designating the City of Tacoma as a food stamp issuing agent on or about the 1st day of May 1968.

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

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

Resolution No. 19626

Authorizing the creation of an additional encumbrance or mortgage upon the interests of TideAir, Inc. under its lease at the Tacoma Industrial Airport as authorized by Resolution No. 19305 in an additional amount of \$150,000.

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

Mr. Frank Phillips, Airport Manager, explained this resolution authorizes an increase of the amount which the TideAir Corp. may borrow on its own buildings. He added, the Company has lived up to the obligations of the agreement and TideAir is promoting the operation very well.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if a financial statement had been filed by TideAir in support of a change in the agreement in October of 1967.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, stated he was not aware if a financial statement had been filed at that time.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Hamilton to explain the contract.

Mr. Hamilton, explained that the contract which was signed in October of 1967 was, in effect, a superseding agreement, superseding and consolidating amendments that had been made to an original fixed-based operator contract which was entered into several years ago. The purpose of the superseding agreement at that time was to permit TideAir to exercise its option with reference to an additional area and to erect certain additional hangars. The mortgage amount of the original hangar at that time amounted to \$50,000. The superseding agreement provided for the erection of buildings No. 2 and No. 3 on the leased premises which were additional hangars on the field to accommodate planes only. It was his understanding that there was not any provisions in those buildings for maintenance shops or things of that nature.

Mr. Hamilton further explained, the resolution before the Council tonight as Mr. Phillips has indicated, comes at the request of TideAir because the original agreement and the superseding agreement, paragraph 14 thereof, provides that before the lessee, TideAir, has any authority to create any liens or encumbrances it must receive the written consent of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Hamilton, continued, inasmuch as the lessee has expressed a desire to raise the mortgage on building No. 1 an additional \$150,000, this resolution is before the Council at this time.

Mayor Rasmussen asked, in the event TideAir did not pay for the building, would the City have to complete the payments.

Mr. Hamilton answered, insofar as the No. 1 building is concerned, the City would be required to pay under the existing agreement.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the City should not obligate itself for \$200,000 in the event TideAir failed to pay off the mortgage. He added, the City of Tacoma's contract with TideAir for lease of airport land was a poor one because it failed to provide for City recovery of the company's building on expiration of the agreement.

Mr. Hamilton explained that TideAir is obligated to pay \$2,311.42 fixed rent per year plus two cents per gallon on all aviation fuel sold. However, they do receive a credit as against these rental payments for work that they have done in site preparation.

Mayor Rasmussen questioned the low rental of \$200 a month being paid by TideAir and noted the Company is not paying the rent in cash.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained when the airport was first started, the City had two courses of action to follow. No. 1, the City could allow a fixed base operator to take over the Airport and fund it on their own. No. 2, Or the City had the right to build its own facilities, but the City at that time had no money for that purpose so the Council decided to consummate an agreement with TideAir.

Mr. Bott felt the mortgage was on the building itself and the TideAir business was not in itself an issue. He felt that requiring a financial statement from the owners would be improper.

Mr. Murtland felt that the City did not have to guarantee any TideAir Co. mortgage and the City would not be obligated to assume any company debts, only if it desired to take over the buildings.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Hamilton, if the City in absence is guaranteeing the mortgage.

Mr. Hamilton did not feel the City was guaranteeing a loan of the lessee as such. The City, assuming that the lessee were to default, wishes to take over the improvements that have been made, then takes over the improvements subject to an existing mortgage. He pointed out several alternatives the City could take. He added, the State Atty. General, the State Auditor and the City's legal staff have all perused this agreement and felt it was sound and proper.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he was forced to vote against this resolution for several reasons and the most apparent was they had not seen a financial statement of the fixed base operator.

Mr. Finnigan said he believed the arrangement with TideAir was a fine example of private enterprise and government working together to provide a needed public facility. He mentioned that the growth of air traffic and the near saturation of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport pointed to the need for the Tacoma Industrial Airport on the Peninsula.

Mayor Rasmussen, Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Zatkovich said they did not doubt the need for an airport, but were opposed to the methods of operation.

Mr. Johnson remarked, because TideAir does not own the ground under its buildings, the company has to have City approval before it can borrow capital from a lending institution.

After further discussion, Mayor Rasmussen reiterated his views for voting against the resolution and then called for a roll on the resolution.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 4, Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0. The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19627

Establishing a ten-minute parking zone on the Pine Street side of the Peerless Laundry at 2912 So. 12th Street.

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

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

Resolution No. 19628

Setting forth the policy of the City Council in respect to the treatment of sewage from the University Place area.

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

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, explained the two sections in the resolution, namely one that calls for Annexation to the City of Tacoma at which time sewers would then be furnished to this area, and the second portion which calls for the area to be annexed to University Place Sewer District. He informed the Council that the area in question is very small as compared to the size of the entire University Place District.

Mr. Murtland thought the resolution should not offer University Place two possible choices for obtaining City sewer service. He felt annexation to the City of Tacoma should be the proper procedure, as City services should go only to persons willing to unite with the City and who pay City taxes.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that on Page 2, that all of paragraph 3, entitled, Annexation to University Place Sewer District, and that on Page 3, paragraph 2, be deleted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Alex Stamatakis, a Commissioner of the University Place Sewer District, stated he felt it was the understanding that the City would give the District two or three alternatives concerning the disposition of sewers. He felt if the City gives them only the choice to annex, they would have lost the cause.

Mayor Rasmussen agreed that the suburb should have the opportunity of voting on either annexation or the contractual arrangement.

Voice vote was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Cvitanich to delete the second portion of the resolution relating to the Annexation to University Place Sewer District. Motion failed.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 4, Banfield, Cvitanich, Murtland and Zatkovich.  
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19629

Certifying that all available legal procedures have been exhausted before Government action to demolish buildings was undertaken therefore requesting a grant payment for the demolition which has been accomplished.

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

Mr. Schuster explained that the City has an agreement with the Federal Government for demolition of certain buildings in the downtown area, primarily as a result of the earthquake damage. It states in the agreement that some contributions will be forthcoming from the Federal Government. What this resolution does is to assure the Federal Government that the City gives the people an opportunity to appeal to the Board of Appeals before any action to demolish buildings is undertaken, consequently this will permit the City to obtain reimbursement from the Federal Government.

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

Resolution No. 19630

Reaffirming Resolution No. 19248 which was a resolution of the City Council approving the preparation of a Community Renewal Program for the City of Tacoma and the filing of an application for the Federal Grant to assist in financing its preparation.

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

Mr. Robert Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, explained that a substitute resolution No. 19630 was prepared to resolution No. 19248 deleting paragraph 3 thereof for the reason the paragraph is not applicable to the application in question as there is not at the present time any Federal contract for an Urban Renewal agreement.

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

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Mayor Rasmussen asked what position the City would be in by deleting this paragraph.

Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, explained it would only indicate to HUD that the Council at this time reaffirms all of Resolution No. 19248 with the exception of the one paragraph. He suggested that HUD be sent an explanation why the deletion has occurred because of not having the grant offer from HUD.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if it would be less confusing to repeal Resolution No. 19248 and draw up a new resolution which would contain the full context of the resolution.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated if this resolution is passed tonight, HUD will take cognizance of the fact that for the time being the City specifically does not have the grant offer before the Council. He noted that in approximately six weeks, when the grant offer comes before the Council, all of the various conditions will be spelled out, and at that time the Council will then determine whether to accept the grant offer or not.

Mrs. Banfield reiterated her reasons for being against the CRP program.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Buehler how long the Planning Dept. has been compiling Community data.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, explained that they began in 1948 and again in 1953 establishing data. At the present time the Department was authorized 17 persons but he has only 14 members in his Department at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich stated the Planning Department's budget has increased since 1960 to approximately \$106,000, and the staff has increased 4.5 people. He added, the population has not increased to that extent over that period of time and he wondered where this money is being spent.

Mr. Buehler explained that in the 1968 budget that was approved, there were two positions that would be used for the CRP, however, they have not been filled. The remainder of the funds have gone into increased salaries, City employee benefits, expansion of the land-use surveys and very little remains for M & O.

Mr. Thomas R. Garlington, Secretary of the Planning Commission, explained that the Tacoma City Planning Commission as of Feb. 20, 1967 recommended that the City prepare a Community Renewal Program. As of March 8th, 1968 the Planning Commission met in a special session to consider a resolution to be presented to the City Council this afternoon. It was the concensus of the Planning Commission that the Community Renewal Program is one of the most critical matters for the City of Tacoma that has come before the Council for a long time. The following facts were developed from this extended hearing on Friday. This CRP program is not dissimilar to the Six-Year program involving City streets and State Highway programs. He emphasized that the Community Renewal Program will be administered by the City of Tacoma and under the direction of City of Tacoma people.

Mr. Garlington continued, the data and information which will be obtained in preparing a CRP will be invaluable to the Tacoma City Council as a planning aid in assessing community needs and designing programs for the City of Tacoma which will eliminate slums and blight and the social and economic consequences of such conditions.

He further added, the Workable Program which has to be recertified from year to year, is intended to insure efficient use of federal funds spent within a City and contains several parts, including "Neighborhood Analyses." The City has been put on notice that in all probability the Workable Program will not be recertified after September of this year unless the Neighborhood Analyses, that is called for in a Workable Program is submitted.



Mr. Garlington continued, there are a number of existing federal aid housing programs being used in Tacoma at the present time which will not be available hereafter without a certified Workable Program. The Federal Housing for low rental housing including the rent supplement program, housing for the elderly and the Tacoma Housing Authority would all be affected. Also the low rental housing constructed by private industry and then transferred to Public Housing Agency. Loans to local housing authorities to help finance construction or rehabilitation of existing dwellings for low rent use would not be available. Another program which would be affected without a Workable Program would be low interest loans and, in hardship cases, direct grants to assist in the rehabilitation of properties in urban renewal areas.

Mr. Garlington further stated that the Model Cities planning grant probably would be lost if the other federal programs were not renewed. He therefore, noted that the Tacoma Planning Commission had gone on record urging a reaffirmation of the Community Renewal Program.

Mayor Rasmussen asked why Mr. Garlington felt this reaffirmation was critical.

Mr. Garlington stated, it would be because of the timing on compiling the information for the CRP.

He further noted that Mr. Harald Bergerson, Director of the Tacoma Housing Authority, testified before the Planning Commission that at the present time King County has lost its housing funds because it did not have an acceptable Workable Program.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had grave doubts about the Community Renewal Program being approved by these officials who threaten to cut off programs at a whim of one federal official.

Mr. Rowlands stated this resolution is just reaffirming a resolution of the City Council which approved the preparation of a CRP for the City and the filing of an application for the Federal Grant to assist in financing its preparation.

Mayor Rasmussen said the federal officials with whom he had talked had informed him that this grant would require new personnel and the officials also had advised him that the City's portion of the grant would have to be paid in cash. He was also informed that this would be a ten-year program.

Mr. Rowlands said the information should be updated, but obviously it will take more personnel at the offset than it would take at a later date.

After further discussion voice vote was taken on the motion to accept substitute Resolution No. 19630. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 6; Nays 3, Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen; Absent 0.  
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18522

Vacating the area between 25th St. N. E. from 64th Ave. N. E. to a point approximately 278.13 feet east thereof. (petition of G. C. Fields, et al)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18523

Appropriating the sum of \$9,010.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of holding a special municipal election in the City of Tacoma on February 6, 1968.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18524

Creating and establishing a new fund in the City of Tacoma known as Federal Food Program Fund.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18517

Vacating Puget Sound Ave. between South Tacoma Way & Montgomery St., lying immediately northwesterly of South Tacoma Way. (Petition of Wm. M. Busch)

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. 18518

Vacating the alley between Prospect & Fife Sts. 200' north of So. Tacoma Way north to the N. P. R. R. R/W. (Petition of the National Oil Co.)

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. 18519

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-81 to include property in the area bounded by Orchard, Huson, South 30th St. and South 32nd St. extended. (Petition of Gregory and Taylor)

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. 18520

Amending Title 13 of the official code and various sections relative to the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for off-street parking and screening standards.

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Mrs. Banfield moved that Ordinance No. 18520 be postponed for one week, until March 19, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 18521

Appropriating from the General Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purchase of equipment for the Police Department.

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

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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLITY CLERK:

- a. Traffic Violations and Court Cases for the month of Feb. 1967 & 1968.
- b. Report from the City Planning Dept. for the month of Feb. 1968.
- c. Report from the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System for the month of Feb. 1968.
- d. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of January 1968.
- e. Report from the Director of Finance for the month of January 1968.

Placed on filed.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, announced that next Tuesday night, March 19th from 6:30 to 7:00 P. M. a meeting is scheduled by the Tacoma Industrial Conference Board to be held at the Hyatt House. If any of the Councilmen would like to attend he would make reservations.

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Mayor Rasmussen informed the Council that a public hearing of the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Board will be held at 10:00 A. M. in the Seattle Public Library Auditorium on Wednesday, March 13, 1968.

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Mr. Cvitanich urged that the Council follow through with a 1963 proposal that a memorial be established in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy. He proposed that the City buy and develop as a President Kennedy Memorial Park the vacant site once occupied by the Bonneville Hotel between St. Helens Ave. and Tacoma Avenue South.

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Mayor Rasmussen agreed that a park should be developed on City owned land.

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A communication from Dorothy J. Epison, 8632 Eastside Drive, N. E., Tacoma, Washington, was read into the record relative to a petition requesting one morning bus trip into Tacoma and one return trip to Dash Point.

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Mr. Douglas Hendry, Transit Director, advised the Council against extending bus service outside Tacoma into Dash Point. He noted he had suggested the only way a bus route could operate in that area would be for the (53) residents who

signed the petition to guarantee a subsidy. The operation would otherwise be financially prohibitive.

Mr. Hendry continued, he could not contact Mrs. Erickson because he was unable to get her telephone number. He added, however, the residents could ride the buses which carry school children of the Tacoma School District during school days only.

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Mrs. Banfield said she would like to amend Mr. Murtland's motion of last week relative to communications submitted by the public to be put on the agenda. She said she would like to amend the motion that the ruling not apply to matters of City business. Seconded by George Cvitanich. No vote was taken on the motion.

Mr. Bott felt Mr. Murtland's motion did not require communications to be screened, it was just that irresponsible or libelous statements should not be broadcast as well as statements regarding personalities.

Mr. Murtland said he felt the Council itself could consider these communications.

Mayor Rasmussen said the charge made against the Elks Club last week was not refuted.

Mr. Finnigan explained if he had been present last week he would have strongly opposed the airing of the charges in public.

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Mr. Finnigan mentioned that the Association of Washington Cities convention will be held on the first part of May in Spokane and two main committees at this convention are the Resolutions and Nominations Committees. He thought that members to the committees should be appointed.

Mr. Finnigan then moved that Deputy Mayor Bott be appointed to serve on the Nominations Committee as Tacoma's representative at the AWC Convention. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Mr. Zatkovich be appointed on the Nominations Committee.

Mr. Zatkovich stated he would have to decline as he would be unable to serve on this committee.

Mr. Finnigan moved that C. Morrison Johnson be appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee as Tacoma's representative at the AWC Convention. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that a quarterly meeting of the AWC should be held in Tacoma in March or April.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would check on the matter.

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Mrs. Banfield read for the Council's information an item relative to regional government.

Mr. Finnigan thought it would be more informative to the Council if this material is submitted in their agenda instead of being read at Council meetings.

Mr. Cvitanich felt that all Council members should address the Chair before speaking as well as respecting each individual Councilmen as they speak.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated he had received a call stating that Ralph Clair of the Public Works Dept. appeared at a meeting and indicated that a ten block area in the Roosevelt Heights section of Tacoma had been surveyed, and that pictures had been taken, and if the CRP were accepted they would have their streets paved and sidewalks at no cost to the property owner, and he asked Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, if this were true.

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Mr. Schuster stated he was not aware of any such comment being made, but he would investigate the matter.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated he had asked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, to contact the Telephone Company on the matter of establishing a 911 Alarm System in the City of Tacoma. He asked Mr. Rowlands if he had checked into the matter.

Mr. Rowlands reported that he had taken the matter up with the Manager of the Telephone Company who had informed him that it was quite a complicated situation and there would have to be a central clearing house for that type of switchboard operation. The Telephone Company will accept the City's offer to work with them, however.

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Mr. Bott stated at 7 to 8:15 A. M., Canal St. was cut off due to the traffic on the viaduct which was backed up onto Puyallup Ave., which was caused by a train that blocked the road. He said the Police asked to have the Engineer disconnect the cars but they were told that he was unable to disconnect any cars without the power from the engine. Mr. Bott requested that Mr. Schuster look into the matter and find out what the City can do to take care of such a situation.

Mr. Hamilton, Assistant City Attorney, stated the City has an ordinance relative to switching operations of trains and a police officer can issue a citation to whoever is in charge of the train crew.

Mr. Cvitanich said the City should enforce the ordinance and requested the City Manager to look into the matter.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 11:05 P. M.

Attest:

*Josephine Melton*

*A. L. Rasmussen*  
Mayor