

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, July 25, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 6: Cvitanich, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 3, Bott, Easterday and Steele. Mr. Bott and Mr. Easterday coming in at 7:07 P. M. Mr. Steele coming in at 7:30 P. M.

The Council adjourned at 7:05 P. M. to hear the speech of President Kennedy. They reconvened at 7:40 P. M. at which time all members of the Council were present.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 1961 be approved as submitted.

Mr. Murtland mentioned a typographical error in the minutes on page 11 on the 12th line down where the word should be "it" instead of "if".

Mayor Hanson said the correction would be noted.

Voice vote was taken on the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson asked if the Council had examined the portion of the minutes of July 5, 1961 which has been submitted for approval.

Mrs. Olson said she spoke with the City Clerk today about this portion and requested that it be inserted in its proper place, and it will be submitted to the Council for approval next week. Therefore, she moved to delay the approval of this amended portion until next week. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition submitted by the Tacoma School District #10 for the vacation of So. Wilkeson from So. 49th St. to So. 52nd; also 50th, 51st and Thurston St. from the east line of Tacoma Freeway to Alaska Street. 22

Mayor Hanson said the Planning Commission has recommended approval of this vacation.

Mr. Rowlands said originally the Planning Commission recommended that the vacation be approved, subject to a condition requested by the Public Works Dept. that a 10' strip of land be deeded along the north side of South 52nd St. to provide a 60' right of way. However, this right of way on the N. W. corner of South 52nd and Alaska has not been possible to obtain and the Planning Dept. feels that the vacation should be granted eliminating this piece of property from the condition.

Mr. Gray, owner of the property, was present. He asked that the City wait pending actual construction to see exactly how much of his property would be needed for a right of way.

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Mr. Easterday moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the remaining portion of the 10' dedication west from the Gray's property to the Freeway service road could be made a condition to the dedication and the owner of the property has indicated his willingness to make such a dedication; and that the proper Ordinance be drawn vacating Wilkeson Street between So. 49th and South 50th Streets ; South 50th Street between the Freeway and Alaska Street; So. 51st between the Freeway and Alaska Street and Thurston Street between Freeway and Alaska Street. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16669:

Fixing Tuesday, August 22, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property on So. Junett from So. 36th to So. 37th and from Cedar to Pine. (Bert Hogeberg, et al) 141

It was moved by Mr. Bott that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16670:

Fixing Monday, August 28, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6785 for modern street lights at intersections between Pacific Ave. and Park Avenue, from So. 64th to So. 72nd Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16671:

Awarding contract to Miller Equipment Inc. , for the furnishing of one truck mounted tank and pump for the sum of \$3,747.70 plus sales tax.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Bott asked if this meant just the tank to be mounted on a City truck or does this mean a truck with the tank. He thought this was worded rather ambiguously.

Mr. Rowlands said he was certain this was only the tank to be mounted on a truck.

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Mr. Easterday moved that action on this Resolution be postponed for one week so that a Resolution can be drawn to more clearly define this piece of equipment. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Roll call was taken on the motion resulting as follows:

Ayes 3, Nays 6, Bott, Murtland, Olson, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson.

Motion failed.

After further discussion, Mr. Steele moved to amend the Resolution so that it would state "a tank and pump to be mounted on a truck" in place of "a truck mounted tank and pump." Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution as amended.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16672:

Authorizing the appropriation from the Equipment Rental Fund in the sum of \$1,597.56 or so much as may be necessary for the purpose of purchasing one aggregate spreader for the use of the Public Works Dept.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16673:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a supplement to Permit No. 25765 with the N. P. Railway Company for the location of a sewer line adjacent to So. Tacoma Wh y from Cushman to Wilkeson.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Cvitanich leaving at this time temporarily.

Mr. Rowlands said on October 19, 1912 the City and the N. P. R. R. Co. entered into an agreement regarding the construction of a sewer line and the location of the same. It has been discovered that the construction of the sewer line was not in the location described by this agreement, and it is desirable that the original agreement be supplemented so that the location of the line and the description correspond.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16674:

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated within an Urban Renewal project designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steels.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16675:

Mr. Cvitanich returning at this time.

Designating the office of the Urban Renewal as the relocation agent of the City of Tacoma to provide relocation assistance to displaced families, individuals and business concerns.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this particular Resolution authorizes the Urban Renewal Staff to do the relocation.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16676:

The City Council of the City does hereby go on record supporting the proposed merger of the Great Northern -Northern Pacific--S P and S and Burlington Railways.

Mr. Easterday said this Resolution was requested by Mr. Porter and himself, but now it appears that there is some controversy on the matter. He said he was urged by the South Tacoma Shops to introduce this Resolution, but since there has been some objection raised by the Brotherhood of Railroads, he would like some clarification on why they are opposing this. ¹⁵ Therefore, Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be postponed for two weeks until August 8, 1961. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16677:

Commending J. Elmer Alskog for his many years of service that he has devoted to the welfare of the City as a member of the City Planning Commission.

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It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Mayor Hanson said he certainly concurred in this Resolution and regretted deeply that Mr. Alskog felt he could not serve another term. He has served extremely well and has been one of the outstanding members of the Planning Commission. His loss to this group is regrettable, he added.

Mr. Porter said he very much enjoyed serving with Mr. Alskog on the Planning Commission and found him an excellent and cooperative person to work with. He said he expressed the same regrets as Mayor Hanson, that Mr. Alskog was unable to continue on the Commission.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16678:

Appointing Lewis C. Hatfield as a member of the City Planning Commission for the term expiring June 30, 1967.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Steele said it seemed to him that this Resolution was somewhat untimely. There is no question about Mr. Hatfield's ability to serve in any capacity, but it occurs to him that Mr. Alskog's term expired June 30, 1961 and he would think that Mr. Alskog being a member of Industry and representing a different point of view, that possibly the Council should take a closer look at the filling of this particular vacancy. He suggested that this Resolution be laid over for one week for further consideration. 105

Mayor Hanson said before taking up that matter he would like to ask-- with reference to the manner of the nomination, it is his understanding that the Planning Commission and the methods of appointment are established by State law and are not superseded by the Charter, therefore, this method of nomination is not legal. He said, perhaps, Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, could give an explanation on this subject.

Mr. McCormick said there is a provision in the Charter which provides that all appointments, where not in conflict with State law shall be made by a majority vote of the Council members from nominees whose names are presented in writing to the Council by the Mayor or by any three members of the Council. In other words (5) members with or without the consent of the Mayor can make an appointment in this manner. However, he added, there are certain appointments which by State Law are required to be made in a certain way- one of them is the Planning Commission. The State Law in this instance provides that the Planning Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. Regardless of the provisions of that particular act, he did not think there was anything illegal if any member of the Council, or 2, 3 or 4 members, presented or suggested a name for

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appointment to the Mayor. However, it is not binding upon the Mayor, he added. The Mayor has to make the appointment whether it is from the suggested names or not. He said the Resolution was written so as to state that this name has been presented to the Mayor and to the City Council for their consideration and further that the appointment by the Mayor is hereby confirmed; whereas, if it were of the other type, it would be by nomination of the Council and election by them.

Mayor Hanson said, this can be taken as a suggestion or presentation to the Mayor, then it would be proper, but not as an appointment or nomination. Although, he would have much preferred to have the name presented to the Council for discussion of the entire group, it is now before the Council as an entire group and he would be more than happy to accept this recommendation, and would appoint Mr. Hatfield to the position with the approval of the Council.

Mr. Steele said since it was the Mayor's desire to appoint Mr. Hatfield he would withdraw his suggestion to postpone the Resolution one week, and join the Mayor in confirming this appointment.

Mayor Hanson said he could present this name as his appointment and if it is the desire of the Council to delay the confirmation until next week, it would be acceptable to him. If any member of the Council desires to make further inquiry into the matter such delay should be granted. However, if the Council is prepared to act at this time in terms of taking action on this appointment, that would also be possible.

Mr. Steele moved that Resolution No. 16678 be amended to reflect that Louis C. Hatfield has been appointed by the Mayor.

Mayor Hanson said he thought it would be well to accept this Resolution as a suggestion, and as a result he has indicated that he will be nominating Mr. Hatfield. The subject is now open for discussion. He believed a better method to keep the records clear would be to have a Resolution of nomination from the Mayor presented at the next week's Council meeting.

Mrs. Price asked if any other names had been submitted to the Mayor.

Mayor Hanson said he hasn't received any other names from members of the Council.

Mr. Steele said he understood that another individual representing the Associates of General Contractors was being contemplated, who would reflect more or less the construction industry.

Mayor Hanson said there have been other names under consideration. He said, Mr. Steele has pointed out one of the reasons why Mr. Hatfield or any other member of labor has not been presented initially by the Mayor, because there was a feeling that perhaps there should be someone appointed who was acquainted in the business end of the construction. However, since Mr. Hatfield's name has been presented, he certainly could do nothing but wholeheartedly accept with approval the recommendation because he is a man who would serve very well on the Planning Commission.

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Mr. Murtland said he thought the Planning Commission is a very important body and that the membership should represent various types of industry and labor. Therefore, if one man who is in a particular field, such as Mr. Alskog, finishes a term, then an attempt should be made to select someone from that same field to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Hanson said he believed that was a general rule that might give general direction. However, the matter of balance does not always determine precisely from what area a person comes and in effect, future Councils cannot be bound by the fact that a past Council has decided that there should be one member from a certain area and another from a different area. However, he agreed that it should be given consideration as it was.

Mr. Porter said Mr. Murtland is talking about proportionate representation. If that is the case, we should find out how many contractors there are in the City and how many members of labor unions and then be sure that each is represented according to its proportion, which he was certain would result in having 3 members of labor on the Commission and perhaps 2 contractors.

Mr. Bott asked if this would be a proper time to ask for a revision of policy in regard to this matter. He said he would like to request that at the time any Board member's term expires, that the Mayor give notice to the Council at least two weeks before that date. Also that he give the name of the position and the names of all persons he is considering for appointment. At the receipt of such information the Council shall as a whole consider these names plus any other names any Councilman may wish to suggest and that will save this sort of embarrassment. 102

Mayor Hanson said that could be taken care of after the Resolution is disposed of.

Mr. Porter said approximately a week ago this recommendation was mailed to all of the members of the Council so that they have had an opportunity to examine this for a week. The position has been vacant since the first of July and it is very difficult to obtain a quorum for their meetings. He thought it very important that there should be a quorum and that the new man should have an opportunity to be indoctrinated as soon as possible. He said there would not be too much lost by waiting another week before adopting the Resolution as there isn't a Planning Commission meeting in the meantime, however, a new member would have little time to become acquainted with Planning theory before making some very important decisions.

Mayor Hanson said it was his understanding that a position on the Planning Commission was not terminated until a successor had been appointed, therefore, there is not a vacancy on the Planning Commission. However, as mentioned, before, it would be appropriate to set this matter over for a week.

Mrs. Price said as far as she is concerned, she has no objections to Mr. Hatfield's appointment, but felt that one week's delay certainly would not be harmful.

Mr. Steele moved that this be postponed for one week. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 4; Easterday, Murtland; Olson; Porter. Motion carried.

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Mayor Hanson said as a word of explanation, it was his hope that Mr. Alskog would accept another term on the Planning Commission, but when it became apparent he would not serve, he attempted to contact a party he had in mind, but found he was on vacation and was not able to contact him until the day after this Resolution was sent to the Council. This explains the reason for the delay, he added.

Mayor Hanson said he thought it would be of great assistance to all of the Council members if they could sit down as a body and discuss these matters prior to any submission of names. He said the manner in which this name was presented certainly did not lead to a cooperative approach and effort of a legislative body.

Mrs. Price said since she has been on the Council, generally when there have been appointments on Board or Commissions, the Council has met in Executive Sessions and the names that were presented have been discussed after which an appointment is made. She said she certainly hoped that the Council would continue to follow this pattern.

Mr. Steele said he thought if it were understood by management and by the Mayor's office that when these various terms of appointment were approaching expiration, the Council be provided with some kind of a run down on their agenda with reference to what particular body is anticipating vacancies. Then the Council would know a few week's in advance and have an opportunity to consider filling the vacancy.

Mayor Hanson said this request will be honored and the Council will be furnished with such a list and schedule.

Mrs. Olson said in January she did request that such a list be drawn up and the Attorney's office did a very nice job of drawing up a 10-page list of the various boards, commissions and committees of which there are some 61. She said she has hoped ever since and has raised the question on numerous occasions that there would be a time the Council would actually sit down and discuss each of these as individual Boards, Commissions and Committees because there are some for whom she could find no authority, she does not know who appoints them, there are some who do not apparently meet regularly. There are some for which there is no provision for a term of office; at least this is not reflected upon the information sheet given to her. She thought the time was long over due for getting together and reviewing these so that each Council member would know who serves on what committee, when their term expires and what the duties of the committees are and when they meet. However, a great deal of time has been spent tonight in discussing a procedure which is authorized by the Charter, wherein it is perfectly legal and proper for three members of the Council to nominate an individual to serve on a board, commission or committee. There is nothing wrong with this process; this is a very elementary and democratic process because there is no one pressuring anyone to vote in any direction other than that which their own conscience dictates. She thought it was fine for the Council to get together and discuss these matters; she had no objection to this, but there are times when these discussions have been held when all members of the Council have not been present. There have been times when those discussions have resulted in actions which were neither condoned or understood by those of us who were

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not present. Merely for the record, she would state that while the confirmation of this appointment has been delayed one week, she did not believe it would interfere unduly with the work of this particular committee, but since the citizens of the City of Tacoma saw fit to amend their Charter to permit (3) members of the City Council to make such nominations, then to take advantage or to act according to the Charter is certainly not wrong.

Mrs. Price said she thought it could be very embarrassing for the person who is being nominated, if it should happen that the majority of the Council or the Mayor saw fit not to make this appointment. She thought the Council should save the citizens who are serving in this capacity any embarrassment. True many things are legal, but there are certainly some things that can be legal but are not very ethical, and this is one method she would consider not very ethical.

Mrs. Olson said there are certain people who do not object to having their names mentioned and who feel if they are not accorded the honor of getting the majority of the Council members' vote, they still feel that they have been honored by being nominated; in this particular instance that happens to be true. Each individual has to be evaluated on their own merit and each individual has to be judged as to whether or not this happens to apply in his particular case, but to fail to name somebody merely because in advance a vote has not been prearranged seemed to her not to be a fair method of procedure.

Mayor Hanson said it has been identified that there is a substantial difference of opinion. Perhaps this matter of method of appointment could be discussed at a study session. He thought it would be well to consider for the future where appointments are to be made that the advance notice be given to the Council by mail or in closed session for discussion and consideration, and perhaps, in addition thereto the appointee should come forward to be interviewed by the Council so that certain discussions can be had prior to the action on the part of the Council.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16862:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as Section 13.06.120-24 to include property on the west side of Warner St. adjacent to the N. W. corner of So. 56th & Warner in a "C-1" Commercial District. (Petition of the Post Office Dept.) Read by title.

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Mr. Rowlands said this action was initiated by the Council in order to expedite the location of a post office.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 16863:

Amending (7) section of the Official Code of the City relating to zoning regulations, in reference to Boarding & lodging, Boarding homes, Group care and Foster homes. Read by title. 113

Mr. Rowlands said the reason for these various amendments, and there are a number of them, is to provide category and use regulations for the various types of foster homes, boarding homes and nursing homes providing facilities for individual or group care within the city. There has been some confusion and ambiguity prior to this amendment and this serves to clarify those areas. Also the idea is to clarify the provisions for Boarding and lodging houses and renting of rooms and to provide additional categories for student housing.

Dr. Fargher said he is familiar with the present regulation of the Planning Commission and it is not adequate. This is a definite method of making it possible to provide housing particularly for our citizens who are mentally handicapped or who receive out-patient supervision from a mental institution during a period of social adjustment. He said it will probably take a few years of experience to solve these problems, but this will be a very helpful tool.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16864:

Amending the Housing Code establishing minimum standards governing all buildings. Read by title. 113

Mr. Rowlands said this matter was discussed quite thoroughly at a recent study session.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Police Dept. for the month of June, 1961.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said the committee on Air Pollution would be holding a meeting on Wednesday afternoon, July 26, 1961 at 2:00 P. M. in Room 354.

Mr. Rowlands said he has received an invitation to continue serving as Chairman of the American Municipal Association Committee on Fire Insurance

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Grading and Rating. There will be a meeting in connection with this at the A. M. A. Conference Saturday and possibly Sunday. At the present time, he said, he was also a member of the Board of the Municipal Fire Defense Institute. These might require a little time, probably 2 or 3 meetings a year, but, of course, will be at the expense of the A. M. A.

Mayor Hanson said the importance of this program is realized and he thought a motion to direct the Manager to accept this appointment would be in order.

Mrs. Price moved that the Manager be requested to accept this appointment as Chairman of the A. M. A. Committee on Fire Insurance Grading and Rating. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands said he thought he should mention to the Council that the Staff has been having conversation with the Welfare Dept. as to the possibility of using some of the participants of welfare able to perform manual labor. It would be work for which budgeting has not taken place ; these men would in no manner replace any men on the payroll or would be taking jobs from anyone who might be placed on payroll. The City just does not have the money to take care of the tremendous amount of clearing of weeds along right of ways and going into some of these vacant lots and clearing them up-the housekeeping sort of work that might not otherwise be accomplished. He believed the support of labor would be had on this sort of thing. 109

Mayor Hanson said he believed the Staff could proceed with putting together such a program and prior to embarking upon the project, make it known to the Council what project is contemplated. Perhaps it would be well to explain the program to labor representatives also, as they may have some suggestions.

Mr. Rowlands said this has to be done by Resolution and he therefore wanted to alert the Council to the fact that the Resolution would be coming in next week at which time it can be explored further.

Mr. Steele said a notice was sent out by the Mayor last week that the Council would be holding a meeting on Monday at 12:00 noon with reference to a Planning matter. Mr. Allison and other gentlemen representing the Allied Stores was present at this meeting along with Mr. Easterday, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Olson, Mr. Porter, Mr. Bott, Mr. Cvitanich and himself. It developed that the object of the meeting was to apprise the Council of some tentative plans, and it was indicated that this was to be purely an exploratory meeting to listen to what Allied Stores had in mind. It was emphasized that it was purely informative and there was no one from the Press present. It was observed that there would be no particular news connected with it, and understood that there had been previous consultations with the Planning Commission and other parts of government with reference to Allied Stores' plans. As he recalled

at the meeting he observed that he trusted there would be no leaks, having in mind the usual concern about closed meetings etc. ; and he was appalled to read in the newspapers an account of the Council's secret session with Bon officials. The paper reported that the Bon Marche was contemplating a new store and that the downtown operation was to be discontinued. The lead paragraph stated that , "One of Tacoma's pioneer department stores plans to discontinue its 11th and Broadway operation and build a new site, etc." The second paragraph stated that the "Bon Marche's plans were revealed at a closed meeting of City Council members yesterday by Rex Allison, Vice President of Allied Stores Corp. , owner of the Bon." Mr. Steele thought it should be made a matter of record that Mr. Allison did not at that time make any definite commitment with reference to what the Bon Marche proposed, with regard to their downtown operations or any other plans they have in the City; and he utterly deplored the source of that information to whatever news gathering agency, that reflects such discredit upon the integrity of this Council, that the members cannot sit down and talk with business people who are concerned and interested in developing some phase of the City of Tacoma's operation without leaks, without untoward information being disclosed without the authorization of the people responsible for spending the money, responsible for making the decisions, responsible for doing whatever is necessary. He for one regrets this very sincerely. He did not know how it came about. The paper constantly refers to remarks made by Mr. Allison. He thought the Council owed to these people some certification that they can come to the Council and discuss their problems without having their plans banteyed about freely among the press, radio and otherwise, to their detriment. Several persons have questioned him since this article appeared in the paper, asking if it is true that the Bon Marche is moving out of downtown Tacoma. Mr. Steele said he did not understand that such was the case; he did not understand that there was anything before the Council yesterday; he did not understand that any decision was made yesterday. The only thing he did understand was, that it was an exploratory conversation. He simply wanted to make a matter of record his objections to this reprehensible move on some person's part.

Mr. Cvitanich said whoever did release the information also committed the Council as being almost unanimous in favor of this project and he certainly did not think that was fair at all.

Mr. Porter said he thought whoever was the leak in this case should be discovered so that the Council will know who talks out of turn. He asked if any member of the Council talked to the press after the meeting and revealed anything whatsoever to anyone. If someone did, he thought they should have the opportunity of revealing this now.

Mr. Bott said he did happen to talk to the press after the meeting yesterday, but he most certainly did not even mention this affair, because he respected the man's confidence as he thought everyone should.

Mr. Steele said that is the basic thing here. If someone is coming into the City to do something, the Council should respect their confidences. They should make the announcement; they should make the release.

Mr. Porter said it certainly is a sad thing because from what Mr. Steele said the information that got out was not factual.

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Mayor Hanson said he agreed with a great deal said. It is a sad state of affairs when the Council cannot have an executive meeting on a matter of preliminary inquiry without being concerned whether there is a leak of information or of accusations of secret meetings with dire motives and sad consequences. With reference to Mr. Porter's statements as to whether or not anyone has talked to reporters, he did speak with a representative of the press who came into his office; and by the questions asked, the party knew a great deal about this proposition. Mayor Hanson said he did mention that this was a preliminary discussion with reference to this proposition and that the full details would be released by the representatives of Allied Stores on Wednesday morning. He said he did not apologize for making that representation, but, to that extent, he may be responsible for identifying the actual subject matter of the meeting.

Mayor Hanson also pointed out that this was a subject discussed before another body prior to this; and questions were brought to him even before he gained first hand knowledge on the subject by people in the news gathering media. If the Council would like to embark on a policy that would mean absolutely no comment when walking out of one of those meetings, he would wholeheartedly endorse that policy and conform to it. He said he does not accept responsibility for this article. However, he did admit to having talked to a gentlemen of the press and indicated the subject under discussion and made reference to the matter of the details being released in the future. In addition to that, he too, was concerned about the article. After receiving notice that the meeting with the news people was called off by Mr. Allison, he went to see Mr. Allison who expressed concern over the erroneous representation about the plans to discontinue downtown operations as this is absolutely false. This is one of the situations they hoped to avoid by having all of the facts presented on one occasion. Mr. Allison is satisfied that the Council is comprised of people of good faith, but he too would like to know the source of the information. The Mayor said he told him the extent to which he had divulged the information; apparently there may be another source or several other sources.

Mrs. Olson said she certainly agreed with what has been said, but it seems to her that there has practically never been a gathering of the Council when some information that was discussed has not been made public; so this is not anything that is brand new. It is regrettable it has happened, but there are some who have come to expect it as a matter of course, which is one of the reasons she personally feels that a closed session, other than such as this was, an exploratory session, has served very little purpose in the past.

Mayor Hanson said anyone coming forward with any additional information will be appreciated; and each individual council member can proceed with any type of investigation he or she may deem advisable. This has been unfortunate and perhaps the Council can be thinking of the matter and discover a means of eliminating such an occurrence.

Mrs. Olson said at a recent Council session, mention was made to a meeting being held with the Port Commissioners on the Airport situation. She

asked if such a meeting has been held.

Mayor Hanson said the meeting was held although no conclusion was reached, as a complete representation of the Port was not available. As soon as all members can be present, the matter will be placed high on the Agenda along with that of the Century "21".

Mr. Bott said he would like to move at this time that the Mayor at least 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of any holder of an appointive position send to the Council the name of such position and also present the names of all persons he is considering for that position. At the receipt of that information the Council shall as a whole consider these names plus other names any councilman may wish to suggest. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

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Mr. Porter said that is such a lengthy motion, he would move that the Council table action on it until they have been presented a copy in writing so they can study it. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Bott said he had a statement to make at this time: (Verbatim as requested)

It seems to me that we're drifting farther and farther apart when we should be uniting our efforts for the betterment of Tacoma. I take particular issue with my fellow councilmen who are taking the legal but uncooperative method of announcing their nominees for appointive offices. Now this - some of this will reflect what's been said tonight, but I assure you (words lost) since last night. I grant you that our Charter says any three councilmen shall have the right to make a nomination but I ask you, is it the fair way to approach the matter? I can understand the provision being in the Charter to enable a minority to be heard where otherwise they might not be; but it is my understanding that this procedure would be used only after the conventional manner had failed. I feel that this provision is being misused at this time. I think of the words of Lincoln, who in one of his letters said, "The use of this procedure may be entirely legal but in practice it is most unfair." When we analyze this nomination procedure in question, it seems that unthinkingly the people who engage in this procedure do a disservice to themselves, the City and above all subject their nominees to unnecessary embarrassment. The present nominee, Mr. Hatfield, is a worthy gentlemen, well-suited for the position. Would it not have been much better if the entire Council had been consulted and had the opportunity to show its approval of Mr. Hatfield by having the opportunity to make unanimous - to unanimously have put his name in nomination. I am certain that he would have felt justly proud if this had been the case. And this practice is being inaugurated by the very people who so vehemently condemned private meetings of but a portion of the Council and who in turn of necessity must have had meetings of their own without the courtesy of discussing these matters with the Council as a whole. This can lead to

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nothing but distrust and dissention in our ranks to the ultimate detriment of our City's welfare. My advice for what it is worth is that we forget the forthcoming elections at this time. Forget our personal likes and dislikes and work together as a team with one goal in mind, to perform our designated responsibility to the Citizens of our City. I thank you for your consideration and believe me this is offered only in the spirit of cooperation and with sincere respects for the devotion that each councilman has for his responsibility.

Mr. Porter: Mr. Mayor, I would like to answer Mr. Bott. I think that is very fine and it's exactly my spirit and I think that it would be wonderful if the Council would operate on that. It would even be better if the Council had operated on that theory in the past months and I am sure that Chief Kerr would okay that sentiment." (End of verbatim)

Mr. Bott said he agreed with him 100%.

Mrs. Price said two wrongs do not make a right.

Mr. Porter said they certainly don't.

Mrs. Olson asked that the Council excuse her from the next two Council meetings as she and her family were going on a vacation.

Mr. Easterday moved that Mrs. Olson be excused from the next two Council meetings. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Rowlands if there were enough burglaries or break-ins in Laundry mats that the Council should establish a definite closing hour, rather than keeping them open all night.

Mr. Rowlands said he has not had any requests from the Chief but he would certainly talk with him about this.

Mr. Cvitanich said he has had complaints on the matter.

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Mayor Hanson said each City is entitled to a voting delegate and an alternative voting delegate to the A. M. A.

Mrs. Price moved that Mayor Hanson be Tacoma's voting delegate. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Easterday moved that Mr. Porter be the City's alternative delegate. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P. M.