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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, July 9th, 1968

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Johnson.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the proposed zoning ordinance text changes relative to car washing facilities.

Mr. Russell Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the Planning Commission felt that due to the new innovations in the automatic car washing facilities, new definitions should be incorporated into the zoning ordinance clarifying the two distinct types of facilities. He explained the ordinance defines an Auto Laundry and an Automatic and Self Service Car Wash.

Mr. Buehler pointed out that all hydraulic driven or automatic type facility must remain in an "M-1" Industrial zone, while the wand type operation is permitted in a "C-1" district adjacent to a service station.

Mr. Murtland moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Zoning Ordinance text amendments relative to definitions of Automatic Car Washing Facilities and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of property located on the S. W. corner of So. 12th and Orchard Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-4-LPRD" District, submitted by Forrester Realty & Mtg. Co.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained the hearing on this rezone and the next hearing for a vacation are in the same area. The area to be rezoned is on the S. W. corner of So. 12th and Orchard. The applicants have requested the reclassification in order to construct a (98) unit apartment complex. The site fronts on two arterial streets and is located across So. 12th St. from an existing "R-4-LPRD" District. No objections have been made relative to the reclassification. The conditions set forth include the improvements of streets, storm drainage and sanitary sewers.

Mr. Finnigan asked Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, what the plans were for the improvement of Orchard St. and So. 12th, relative to the road connecting the Freeway.

Mr. Schuster explained the plans are to widen So. 12th St. when the interchange goes through that area. He did not know of any plans to widen Orchard St. in that particular project. He wondered if some of the citizens in the area would be involved in the widening of this street or if it would be paid out of the Urban Arterial Street Fund. Due to the concentration of traffic he felt something would have to be done also on North Orchard St.

Mr. Turlis, representing Forrester Realty & Mtg. Co., explained that the area is triangular in shape and the topographic characteristics point to the only feasible way to develop the land is by building a low density apartment.

Mr. Murtland felt that (94) units are too many to build in that area because of the proposed traffic increase when the freeway is developed.

Mr. Turlis said he had requested an "R-4-L" but had accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission for an "R-4-LPRD" District. He noted they have

practically (100) percent cooperation from the adjacent property owners for the improvement of this property.

Mr. Finnigan was concerned with the responsibility of the people in the area as far as improvements are concerned, and he felt this should be a condition of the rezone and the responsibility of the petitioners.

Dr. Herrmann felt this low density multiple-family planned residential development district allows for the best possible use of this particular area.

Mr. Zatkovich felt that since there are other apartment developments in this area, this request should be granted.

No protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezone and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken on the motion.

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1, Murtland; Absent 1, Johnson. Motion carried.

c. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of Villard St., the alley immediately to the east and the alley immediately to the west, between So. 12th and So. 14th Sts.; also So. 13th St. between Orchard and Baltimore Sts., submitted by Alvin Lindstrum, et al.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the area is platted property and the petitioner had filed this approximately (14) months ago. This will utilize the land to allow for the construction of the (98) unit apartment complex which has just been heard for a rezone.

No protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the above vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Murtland. Absent 1, Johnson. Motion carried.

d. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of the Northeast corner of No. 26th and Starr Streets, from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District, submitted by S. W. Anderson.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the location of the proposed ten unit apartment townhouse is located on the NE corner of No. 26th and Starr Streets.

Mr. Gordon Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Commission, explained that the development would enhance the appearance and upgrade the neighborhood. He felt this was reasonable zoning rather than spot zoning and hoped the Council would concur in the Commission's recommendation.

Mr. John G. McCutcheon, Attorney representing Mrs. Anderson the petitioner, explained that Mrs. Anderson had agreed to a covenant restricting the height of the planned town house units to no more than (22) feet. He noted that the older homes in the neighborhood are more obstructive to the Commencement Bay view than the proposed apartment would be. He added, the apartment would be on one level. He felt this was definitely good zoning and property values would not be affected by the development.

Mr. Ronald E. Thompson, attorney representing the Board of Trustees of the Old Tacoma Improvement Club, explained this club has unanimously voiced their disapproval of this rezone. He outlined the history of this request for rezoning as well as pointing out the zoning classifications surrounding the area. He mentioned that Tacoma has (73) such court-type apartment zones as those sought by Mrs. Anderson. These serve as buffers or are next to arterials. Mr. Thompson stated that approximately (300) property owners have filed protest petitions against this rezone because they felt this area should remain as a single-family residential classification.

Mr. Thompson said the approval of the development would be of special interest only to the applicant. Zoning must be in accordance with standards previously defined and in conformance with the City's comprehensive plan. He noted that this application for a rezone does not meet such requirements. At one time the City Council determined that future reclassification of zones within the Old Tacoma area, with the exception of properties located at No. 29th and Carr St., would not be approved until an overall plan has been accomplished.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if the Housing Improvement crews are checking the Old Tacoma area at this time.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated, this team was checking all over the City. He also noted that in the communication sent in by Mr. C. R. Darling, Assistant Vice President of the Puget Sound National Bank, had mentioned that the age of the typical properties in the area varies from approximately ten to forty years and a substantial number of residential homes are only ten to fifteen years of age.

Mayor Rasmussen wondered if the Old Tacoma area would be subject to Urban Renewal in the future.

Mr. Rowlands stated that Council determination is the only way that any urban renewal project is approved or disapproved, and to his knowledge no urban renewal request is contemplated.

Mr. Johnston mentioned that the demand for one-family dwellings is decreasing particularly in areas near the downtown commercial districts.

Mr. Finnigan felt, sometimes the best use of the property is not always the income that is derived from a piece of property, and he also felt it was the duty of the Council to ask for the Planning Commission's recommendation; however, it is the Council's prerogative to question any recommendation.

Mr. John Piper, 414 No. 11th, representing the organization known as the Seminary residents, also opposed the zone change. He said any town-house complex would be an example of spot zoning and would cause a radical increase in density in their area. He pointed out on photographs the blocks surrounding the proposed Anderson rezoning, and felt this could also be called zoning speculation.

Mayor Rasmussen remarked that everything within the City is under a Comprehensive Plan, and there is also a Community Renewal Plan.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Community Renewal Plan has nothing to do with Urban Renewal. He pointed out if blight is detected by the survey group, there are several plans to take care of the problem.

Mr. D. Carlyle, attorney, represented the Seminary residents who are not members of the Old Town Improvement Club, but who are also definitely opposed to this particular rezone, said his clients feel there are more than enough apartment complexes in the City of Tacoma that are available for renting without adding another complex in this area. He felt, perhaps, such an approval could be challenged in Court.

Several property owners in the area protested the rezone, including Mr. Justus, residing at 1132 No. 26th, who stated many of the property owners are not objecting for the reason of obstructing the view but rather they prefer to retain the area for private residences.

Mr. McCutcheon, attorney, reminded the Council that the Planning Commission had felt this was reasonable zoning. The are attractive units and there is a need for this type of complex in the City, he added.

Finnigan moved that the Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an ordinance be drafted providing the zoning. Seconded. Motion carried. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland felt that the apartments located on No. 29th and 30th cannot be compared to this situation as there is no commercial zoning and no arterial streets surrounding this area and it does not abut two different zones. He felt the area should not be reclassified.

Mr. Cvitanich stated, that previously the Planning staff and the Planning Commission had been directed by the City Council to present a study of this area, and as yet this has not been made.

Mr. Buehler explained he had again stated the position of the staff to the Planning Commission on this matter.

Mr. Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Commission, remarked that the Planning Dept. is overworked in terms of zoning requests. There just has not been the time or manpower for a real serious and architectural study. Headed, both bodies are trying desparately to find an answer to this problem.

Mayor Rasmussen stated there will be approximately \$586,000 forthcoming to the City of Tacoma within the near future and the City should obviously have a plan to implement these monies.

Dr. Herrmann moved to overrule the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny this rezone request. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Zatkovich. Absent 1, Johnson. Motion carried.

e. This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by Luzon J. Mondau on the denial of the request for rezoning of the S. W. corner of So. 15th & Sprague Ave. from an "R-2" and "R-4-L" to a "C-1" District. (postponed from June 11th, 1968)

Mr. Buehler explained the recommendation of the Planning Commission was to deny this request.

Mr. Murtland moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above rezone. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. Bill Foster from Tacoma Realty, representing Mr. Mondau, explained that the site would be ideal for a service station. He noted that the area is not suited for development as an apartment area because of the freeway access which will generate excessive traffic. He outlined all the businesses that are in this area on Sprague Ave. , and stated there has been no objection to such a proposal from residents in the area.

Mr. Finnigan felt that in placing a service station in this area would definitely be to the best interest of the City, inasmuch as there are no gas stations on 19th St. from Stevens St. to K St.

Mr. Cvitanich felt this would open up a commercial strip in this area.

Mr. Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Commission, felt Mr. Mondau should wait until traffic patterns from the new freeway access were planned. He noted that So. 19th St. is one of the finest arterials within the City because the Commission and the Council have carefully guarded its zoning. He did not feel there would be any purpose served in establishing a station on Sprague Ave. at this time.

Roll call was taken on the motion by Mr. Murtland to deny the above rezone. Ayes 1: Cvitanich; Nays 6: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absetn 2: Johnson and Murtland (temporarily). Motion Lost.

Mr. Finnigan moved to overrule the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

f. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by W. Towne Collins for rezoning of the North side of North 14th Street between Villard and Baltimore Sts. from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

Last day to file an appeal was July 1st, 1968 and no appeal was filed.

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

g. This is the date set for hearing the appeal filed by James A. Amos on denial of a Taxi License.

Mr. Bott moved that the date for hearing on the above appeal be postponed until July 16th, 1968. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19766 (postponed from the meeting of June 25th, 1968)

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Awarding bid to Randolph & Hardy on its bid of \$4,031.25 for W. O. 54927.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, explained that after the meeting of two weeks ago a discussion was held and Mr. Randolph agreed to execute this contract to perform the work specified even though the thirty day period had elapsed for awarding the contract.

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

Resolution No. 19784

Rejecting all bids on L I D No. 3669 as they exceed the Engineer's estimate.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

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

Resolution No. 19785

Rejecting all bids on L I D No. 4826 Unit "B" UAB 1128-3 as they exceed the Engineer's estimate.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

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

Resolution No. 19786

Affirming the City's position in regard to the acquisition of property along Ruston Way.

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

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained this resolution is an expression of intent relative to the policy of the City Council. In the future, in the event the Council wishes to change its mind then it can be changed.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 6: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Zatkovich. Absent 1: Johnson.

Resolution No. 19787

Amending Rule 3 of the Rules for the Government of the City Council.

Mayor Rasmussen stated this resolution will be postponed for one week according to the City Council Rules.

Resolution No. 19788

Commending Norman R. Smith for his years of service as a member of the City Planning Commission.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Johnson.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18628

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment regulating Gasoline Service Stations.

Mr. Cvitanich said he has proposed changes in the ordinance and moved that on Page 4, Section 13.06.376, subsection B, be amended to add on the 5th line, after "C-1", the words "or "C-2". Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Linskog, attorney representing the oil companies again expressed opposition to the ordinance. He noted this amendment would also require a special permit in the "C-2" district. This was also not approved by the oil industry.

Mr. Finnigan felt, if the City Council places these unnecessary restrictions in a revised ordinance, it would be unfair.

Mr. Murtland explained that "C-1" areas in the City are limited, therefore, since "C-2" Districts are more prevalent in the City, it should be included in the ordinance.

Roll call was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Cvitanich to add the words "or "C-2" District in Section 13.06.375, subsection B, Page 4. Ayes 6: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 2: Finnigan and Herrmann. Absent 1, Johnson. Motion carried.

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Mr. Cvitanich then moved that on Page 7, subsection E of Section 13.06.375, sixth paragraph, 3rd line, to change the words "Superior Court" to City Council. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, suggested that the motion include a time limit on which a review can be asked. He also suggested the word "review" on the second line of the paragraph be changed to the word "appeal".

After further discussion, Mr. Murtland moved to amend Mr. Cvitanich's motion on Page 7, subsection E, sixth paragraph, to read as follows: "Following the hearing, the Planning Commission shall grant or deny the permit. Within fourteen days after the City Planning Commission has disapproved an application for a permit, the applicants may appeal to the City Council by written notice of appeal, filed in duplicate with the City Clerk, stating where the City Planning Commission's findings were in error and why, because of public necessity and general welfare, such permit should have been granted. Upon receipt of such appeal, the City Council shall set a date for public hearing thereon and give notice to the applicants at least ten days before such hearing. Following the hearing, the Council may affirm the decision of the Planning Commission or may grant the permit. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken on the amendment to the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to amend Page 7, subsection F 4th line down, starting with the word "In" to the following wording. "In the event any service station is not operated for a period of twelve consecutive months or is abandoned, or all development standards are not complied with, the City shall require, at the sole expense of the owner, the removal of the buildings, cleanup of the site, and the underground fuel tanks removed or filled with inert material." Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

A number of amendments were suggested, however, Mayor Rasmussen stated that Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, can prepare them for next week's Council meeting.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18625

Vacating the north side of So. 56th St. between Lawrence and Montgomery Street extended. (petition of Conifer Co.)

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1, Johnson.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18626

Creating a "C.R.P. Study Revolving Fund" pursuant to Grant Contract No. Wash. R-19 (CR) (G) appropriating \$187,851.00 therefrom and authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$40,000.00 from the General Fund of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that this fund is being requested to serve as working capital for the CRP. It would permit operation of the program for a two month period and reimbursement from the Federal government will be forthcoming.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if this plan would include a Comprehensive plan for the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Rowlands stated that information received under the CRP will make it much easier for the Comprehensive Plan to be accomplished. He outlined the purpose of the CRP program.

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

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

Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1, Johnson.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Rasmussen reminded the Council of the meeting with the Human Relations Commission on July 18th, 1968 in the Conference Room that was requested by the Rev. E. S. Brazill last week. He requested the Council members to attend if at all possible.

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Mayor Rasmussen announced there was a meeting of the State Credit Union in the Hilltop area Monday, July 8th, 1968. It was an organizational meeting and he has met with the group for a number of months. He asked that the \$97.00 which the News Tribune had charged the State Credit Union for placing a picture in the paper be paid through donations.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated he had received a bill from the Executive Director of the Defodil Festival stating he was his secretary for \$100 in

Mayor Rasmussen remarked that Tacoma is due to receive all (400) housing units under the federal program as Seattle had not submitted their application to HUD by the closing date.

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Mr. Finnigan moved to pay the \$100 of the Executive Director of Defodil Festival Board for travelling expenses for *****

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Mayor Rasmussen read a letter from C. E. Williams of Spokane who had attended a Tacoma City Council meeting and it complimented the Mayor in the way he conducted the meeting.

Mayor Rasmussen read an article from a Memphis, Tenn. paper stating that the Council-Manager form of Government was voted down.

Mayor Rasmussen read part of a communication from Mr. Dan Hewitt, President of the Tacoma Art Museum, stating that they were interested in the old Fire Station for their organization. Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if he has had an opportunity to discuss this matter with them.

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Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained discussions had been held but not in recent months, however, it is the questions whether they wish to rehabilitate the structure or use the monies to construct a new building.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, asked how many Council members would like to attend the Planning Institute at the University of Washington on Wednesday, July 10, 1968.

Mayor Rasmussen stated Mr. Hewitt had informed him they could use the building until the determination is made where the "A" Street cut-off is to be constructed.

Mr. Rowlands said the building inspectors have indicated the building was not safe for occupancy without renovation.

Mr. Cvitanich hoped the building would be torn down and a new facility constructed in that location so it could be tied in with the Allied Arts Bldg.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if he has received a report on the sale of the old City Hall Annex.

Mr. Rowlands explained that discussions have been held with Mr. Wallerich and he was having the building checked.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated Mr. Wallerich had proposed major changes in the agreement and had not informed his office until Monday, July 8th. It is now being checked by his staff.

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Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. McCormick prepare a resolution thanking Mr. Grenley for his five years of service on the Utility Board.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he has received a call from the Executive Director of the Daffodil Festival stating it was his understanding there was \$1500 in the Tacoma city budget for travelling expenses for the Daffodil float.

Mr. Rowlands stated, this was correct and it was under the Legislative Public Relations portion of the budget.

Mr. Finnigan moved to pay the \$1500 to the Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival Board for travelling expenses for the Daffodil Float. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands stated in the 1969 budget, all items will be spelled out in detail according to the Council's instructions.

Mr. Fred VanCamp, Civil Service League business representative, invited the City Council to the Annual City Picnic, Saturday, July 13th, 1968 at Spanaway Pk.

Mr. Cvitanich extended an invitation to the members of the City Council, the staff and the public to the first Salmon Bake at Owens Beach on Wednesday, July 17th, 1968. The dinner is only \$1.75 for adults and 75¢ for children.

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REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, asked how many Council members would like to attend the Planning Institute at the University of Washington on Wednesday, July 10th, 1968.

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Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the Council members' salaries be raised as he hesitated to ask them to attend meetings outside the City. He was thinking seriously of appointing a committee of businessmen to review the salary schedule to propose an increase.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he would be attending the Pollution Control Board meeting in Seattle tomorrow and would also be happy to attend the Planning Institute.

Mr. Rowlands said this institute is held only once a year.

Mr. Rowlands remarked, it is hoped that the housing units that the Mayor mentioned earlier will be allocated to Tacoma and that financing will be available.

Mr. Rowlands brought up that Mayor Rasmussen had mentioned the Memphis, Tenn. situation, however, in the American City's magazine it was noted that there is a tremendous increase in the Council-Manager form of government in cities in the United States.

Mr. Rowlands stated that General McGhee who is in the FAA addressed a group last week and he mentioned that within the next ten years there will be a need for (900) additional airports, and that approximately 2,000 publicly owner airports will have to be improved. He felt that the City of Tacoma was on the right track in improving their Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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Mr. Rowlands said the Recreational and Open Space Plan for the City of Tacoma for the years 1967-1975, will not be an Urban Renewal Project in any form.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Murtland, Dr. Herrmann and Mr. Finnigan asked to be excused.

Mr. Zatkovich referred to the U. S. Municipal News magazine which had quoted the Attorney General of the U. S. who urged higher pay and standards for policemen. He felt that the News Tribune's report on July 3rd regarding the July 2nd City Council meeting, which stated that the Police Chief and the Negro leaders denied charges that Police had been restricted in an effort to avoid racial incidents was incorrect as the opposition was not mentioned in the article.

Mr. Zatkovich said on July 7th several articles had been published and he felt they were published just to ridicule the Mayor and certain members of the City Council. He asked that facts from both sides be quoted in the newspaper.

Mr. Zatkovich also mentioned that a meeting was held on Wednesday evening July 3rd with members of the Hilltop area, and the News Tribune's report of the hearing failed to mention that the Manager held a 'dress rehearsal' that same morning with Hilltop residents and police. He felt there were a lot of people afraid to attend the hearing for fear of reprisal. He had talked to two young men who are members of the Harambee group and they also stated that this group

known as the "Black Panthers" are integrated with the Harambee group. He could not understand responsible people in this community subjecting themselves to the wishes of this type of group who do not advocate law enforcement.

He said he would not attend another meeting of this type unless there is coverage of both opinions.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if Mr. Rowlands wished to answer Mr. Zatkovich.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated that the meeting Wednesday night, July 3rd, was the result of a statement made by the Mayor that he had restrained the police in an effort to avoid racial incidents. He noted that everyone present at the meeting had brought out that this had not been the case. He added, at the July 3rd hearing that the Harambee group had been in existence only three months and the members of the program are seeking to find work for the disadvantaged. The Rev. E. S. Brazill and other Negro leaders have urged cooperation with the organization. The Police Dept. has its community relations squad in action at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich asked about the traffic signals in the Hilltop area.

Mr. Rowlands stated a red and green traffic signal will be installed at So. 17th and K near the Hilltop Youth center by next week.

Mr. Cvitanich felt this would not solve the whole problem and felt the City has over-extended itself in one area, that of Hilltop, but that the law must be applied equally for all residents, regardless of color.

Mayor Rasmussen stated Negro residents of the area had been coming to the Mayor with complaints that the law was not being enforced in the Hilltop area. Those same people still have the same complaints, and the problem is far greater than traffic. He criticized Mr. Rowlands for calling a special meeting of the City staff and the Harambee group the morning of July 3rd without notifying the City Council. He said the City Manager's job was to administrate after the Council has set a policy.

Mayor Rasmussen continued, the Council had informed Mr. Rowlands two weeks ago about the complaints from Hilltop residents and no steps had been taken.

Mr. Rowlands said that he was striving to achieve understanding, dialogue and communication between the City and the Negro community, and noted that complaints about police protection are not unusual and come from all sections of the City. He felt law enforcement was equal within the City. He asked that Mayor Rasmussen name the persons who are complaining of inadequate law enforcement in the Hilltop area.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that Mr. Rowlands had said the law is to be enforced equally, so the Council will now expect him to take the action necessary in the Hilltop area without delay.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that Mr. McCormick prepare an ordinance regarding empty beer bottles in Parks, etc., and perhaps the parks can then be kept clean.

MAYOR

Mrs. Banfield requested a meeting with the School Board and the Council. Mayor Rasmussen stated he would see if he could arrange a meeting.

City Clerk

Mr. Bott reported that he had been unable to locate the publisher of the New Deal, but he had heard over KAYE that a self-addressed envelope to that station would produce a paper for anyone that wanted one.

Mr. Nichols of KAYE stated that Mrs. Helen Anderson has a supply of them at her home.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Bond, Public Relations officer, what was the total amount that was estimated for replacing the microphones in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Bond stated that the microphones themselves amounted to approximately \$350 but this does not include any new equipment for the City Clerk.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that a recommendation be submitted to the Council in two weeks.

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Mrs. Banfield asked that the City Council have a joint luncheon meeting with the Civic Arts Commission, July 18th, 1968.

Mayor Rasmussen said, perhaps, he could arrange another date as July 18th was the Council meeting with the Human Relations Commission.

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Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, have Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works and Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, prepare a plan for additional parking around the County-City Bldg. He understood the City can issue Revenue Bonds to provide additional parking facilities.

Mr. Rowlands stated many discussions had been held and he would try to put together a study as soon as possible.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. John C. Frai of 1423 So. 43rd St., spoke in regard to Air Pollution.

Mr. Bott moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 A. M.

A. L. Rasmussen
MAYOR

Attest: *Josephine Melton*
City Clerk

Mayor Rasmussen called attention to the Planning Commission's recommendation which states that a "valid L. I. B. be submitted and approved, or a performance bond be posted with the Public Works Dept. etc." He wondered about such a statement.