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City Council Chambers, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, December 13, 1960

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price Steele and Mayor Hanson.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of November 29, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Bott said he would like to correct a statement he made in the minutes of the meeting of November 29th. In speaking on Ordinance No. 16675, which designates a disorderly person as one who sells cars on Sunday, he said, when this was discussed he mentioned that anyone could go outside the City limits and sell cars. In the meantime he finds that a similar Ordinance is in effect in the County, so his statement made at that time was erroneous, he added.

Mayor Hanson said the minutes of this meeting will correct Mr. Bott's statement made at last week's meeting.

Voice vote was then taken on the approval of the minutes of November 29, 1960 as submitted, resulting as follows: Ayes; 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date to which the hearing has been postponed for the vacation of Roosevelt Ave; between East 68th Street extended and 71st Street.

Mayor Hanson said a Communication from the Planning Commission has been submitted requesting that the City Council table the vacation proceedings to await the resolving of the dedication of the realignment of Roosevelt Avenue.

Mr. Steele then moved that the vacation proceedings be tabled. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication from Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, Certified Public Accountants requesting an opportunity to meet with the City Council in order to supply background information and amplification of various facets of their report.

Mr. Rowlands said there were representatives here from the Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery office, and introduced Mr. Hunt from the San Francisco office.

Mr. Hunt said he would like to introduce Mr. Aiken of the Seattle office to give a brief presentation on the report submitted to the Council a few months ago.

Mr. Aiken said the Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery firm is one of the oldest Public Accounting firms and has over one hundred offices throughout the world, with twenty-three in the United States. This firm is now recognized as an authority on this subject, cited by Courts and recognized throughout the United States.

Mr. Aiken said the report that was submitted for the City of Tacoma was compiled under the requirements of the Charter for running audits. He said there has been considerable discussion initially as to what the term "running audit" was intended to cover. After considerable discussion of the problems of the City, it was finally decided that a sensible approach for the City of Tacoma would be to approach this from the standpoint of selecting specific phases of the City's activities that would be appropriate to be reviewed each year. Initially there were

certain phases selected that obviously needed consideration. As a part of those various projects in the report of 1958, they pointed to the fact that as a result of the suggestions that have been made in some of the earlier reports which began in 1954, they have been instrumental in suggesting to the City revisions of procedures, economies in accounting techniques, etc., which have resulted beneficially in savings to the City of about a quarter of a million dollars annually.

As mentioned before, he said, the running audit is not designed to cover all phases of the operations but only for selected phases which would be reviewed over a period of years. In 1959 and 1960 the problem of considering some of the mechanized operations was investigated, and two men were selected from the Management Service Employee Services Division to do the work. Mr. Aiken asked Mr. Hunt, one of the Management Service employees to explain to the Council more specifically the work being done on that particular project.

Mr. Hunt explained he was a C.P.A. and holds certificates with the State of Illinois, Minnesota, and California; he is a member of the State Society of C.P.A. in Minnesota, California, and Hawaii; and also is a member of the American Institute of Accountants. He said he has been engaged and associated with punch card machinery for 20 years. He said the two men that compiled this report have worked under his guidance, and felt they are well qualified to have done that type of work.

Last week, he said, he was told that certain questions have been raised concerning the specific comments made in their report. He would like to take this opportunity of answering these questions, specifically the charge made that there was no basis for which they arrived at their final determination. In compiling this report, he said, the information was obtained from executive and personnel in the various departments of the City.

Mr. Hunt further explained, it was also charged that we used a piecemeal approach to the problem of mechanization. Our report indicated from the basis of the findings and evaluation that the procedure which was recommended for conversion to punch card machine processing can profitably be accomplished more automatically than existing procedures. In some instances it was found that existing procedures were more efficient and economical than the more mechanized procedures would be. Means were provided to extend the mechanization for the future as the volume of work increases. The question was raised why we did not provide an estimate of costs. He said on a continuing basis, forms and supplies cost no more for mechanized procedures than they do for manual procedures; therefore, we did not make a specific provision for these forms. However, he said, there are one-time costs that will be incurred such as wiring panels and electro-plates, which we estimate to cost approximately \$5,000. The point was raised as to whether or not a staff supervisor could program the work.

Mr. Hunt further added, based upon experience, they have found that the tabulating machine supervisor very frequently programs new punch card applications very successfully, in cooperation with the punch card machine representatives, who are especially trained for this purpose. To insure good planning, they have recommended that they review newly designed procedures before their final implementation. Again he added, based upon experience, a qualified tabulating machine supervisor with our assistance will be able to supervise the installation and operation of punch card machines.

The point was also raised that the report was prepared in less than two months and this indicated an inadequate study of needs. Also reference was made to Mr. Montgomery's audit, stating in one point that a two-year study was required. However, he said, this referred not to the equipment being mentioned here, but to electronic data processing equipment known as computers. The equipment which was recommended was punch card equipment, which in a technical term is "Electro mechanical equipment." Therefore, it would very seldom require a two-year study to plan for this type of equipment. Usually a period similar to what we used is all that is necessary.

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The point was raised that we recommended equipment that was obsolete, Mr. Hunt continued. Mr. Hunt pointed out that they recommended a specific type of tabulator referred to as a "402", and the comment was they should have designated a tabulator referred to as a "407". The difference between a "402" and a "407" is primarily in the applicability to special applications such as the preparation of invoices. A "402" does practically the same as a "407". The difference primarily is in the cost. A "402" machine rents for \$400 and up a month, whereas a "407" rents for \$800 a month. Studies have shown that the City's operations do not require this highly specialized equipment, and therefore they would not recommend the machine which rents for \$800 a month. Also, if at any time in the future it becomes necessary to convert to a different type of equipment, it can be assured that the amount of work and expense involved in the change-over would not be great.

It was also pointed out it could be possible to use the Utility Department's equipment. He said, it was felt even though it were possible to make such a consolidation, he did not believe there would be much of a savings due to the fact that more personnel would be required to operate the equipment on a second-shift basis, and also extra rental costs would be involved. On the other hand, the accessibility of having these records available in the City offices, should be considered.

Mayor Hanson asked upon what basis were these machines rented.

Mr. Hunt said the rental is paid on a monthly basis. When a machine is no longer being used, they would require several months notice before terminating the rental.

Mr. Bott asked if there is a regular stereotyped form contract to sign.

Mr. Hunt said there was a stipulation in the contract which designates how much advance notice is required, depending upon the company with whom you are dealing.

Mayor Hanson asked if this was usually for more than a six-month period.

Mr. Hunt said most of the contracts run for that length of time.

Mr. Steele asked Mr. Hunt if it were true that he was only representing Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, and was not advocating any particular brand of machine? Mr. Hunt said that was true.

Mayor Hanson asked what their principal reason was for recommending the I B M machine.

Mr. Hunt said he felt if an I B M machine were used that the cards would be transferred between the General Government and the Utility Division, inasmuch as the Utility Department is already using the I B M equipment.

Mrs. Olson said she realizes that studies have been made of the Utility Department's equipment, but if this equipment could be used by the City without necessitating a great deal of extra expense or perhaps an extra shift, would the problem of transporting the cards be the only problem, or would the person processing the data need other information at the same time.

Mr. Hunt said there could be a centralized installation. However, this does raise problems; for instance, in the Public Works Department it is important to have the documents when needed.

Mr. Rowlands said, in other words, this centralized installation would be ideal if the Utilities Department and the General Government were located in the same building.

Mrs. Olson asked if investigations have been made with the County whereby they could use the equipment and share the costs.

Mr. Rowlands said meetings have been held with the County with reference to the possible mutual use of these machines. However, he believed the County was not ready to decide on the matter at the present time. Mr. Rowlands added, from the standpoint of the City, if this installation could be made, after the personnel is organized it is conceivable that something could be worked out with the County.

Mrs. Olson said, as it is pointed out, the City would not require the full use of the machines so that there would be ample time under one shift rental arrangement for the County to use them also.

Mr. Hunt said there might be some additional expense involved in this procedure, as a second shift operation may be required and more equipment may have to be added, but there would be an aggregate saving over the cost of the City having one installation and the County having another.

Mr. Rowlands said if the Finance Department and Staff are given the green light they are prepared to proceed on this program, which he feels will effect considerable savings for the City.

Mr. Steele asked if it would be proper at this time to request that a resolution be brought in embodying these improvements?

Mayor Hanson said he felt it would be proper to request such a Resolution.

Mr. Steele then moved that a Resolution be prepared accepting the report of Lybrand, Hoss Bros. & Montgomery, and to proceed to take steps necessary to carry out the recommendations. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Collins, a C.P.A., said the equipment he has referencé to has been on the market since World War II and is in the electronic field and not in the mechanical field. He said these machines are relatively new and the smaller firms and cities all over the country are busy changing over to this type of equipment. He said his suggestion the other night was that the City use the Public Utilities machinery, which was met with objection, inasmuch as they are using a more expensive type of machine. However, he said, they have neglected to mention that this more expensive type of machinery is faster so that savings would be realized on the rental of the equipment. He suggested that the City start with the machines that the Utility Department now have and build up the work load, and in the meantime consider converting the entire plan into some type of electronic operation.

Mr. Collins said there is a question as to whether this type of audit meets the requirements of the City Charter. He said the City Charter states that there shall be prepared a "comprehensive annual report on the financial condition of the City", and this automation report certainly does not fulfill that requirement, he added.

Mayor Hanson said the Council has spent considerable time on this matter this evening, and thought further comments could be made when the Resolution is brought before the Council next week.

Mr. Bott asked if there has been any expression from the local C.P.A. Association on this matter.

Mr. Rowlands said no communication had been received from them.

Mr. Bott added that he thought it might be wise to invite the Association to make any comment on the matter prior to the next Council meeting.

Mr. Steele, said he understands this action was generated on the part of some of the local C.P.A.'s to acquire this business from the City. He said Mr. Dodd, Vice President of the Tacoma Chapter of C.P.A.'s is in the audience, and asked if he had any comments to make on this matter.

Mr. Dodd said at this time he had no formal statement to make, However, he added, the firm that has been engaged in preparing this report is one of the finest in the country, and he is sure that the City has been served in the best possible manner as to competence and integrity. He said if there is any way in which the Association could serve the City they would be happy to do so, but they did not want to be put in a position of criticizing the work which has been done by such a competent firm, unless they are specifically asked to do so.

Mayor Hanson said the Council should bear in mind that this discussion is on the report which is before the Council at this time. The future retention of a firm is another matter and any decision that is made now will not reflect on

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the very competent firm that has compiled this report, which has resulted in considerable savings for the City. Mayor Hanson further stated that the question of whether or not this type of analysis conforms to the Charter is another matter but he feels that the Independent Audit aspect of the Charter is approved by the State Audit.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what constituted a communication. "Is it a direct verbal request as well as a written request?"

Mayor Hanson said when he refers to a communication, he usually refers to either a verbal or telephone conversation.

Mr. Rowlands explained he would assume it to be a letter or a verbal report. The term is usually used to cover all media, whether it happens to be word of mouth or written, he added.

Mr. Cvitanich said what he had in mind was a communication such as was received from Mr. Garth in regard to the Public Works Project, and one from Mr. Milo Moore from the Department of Fisheries. He said it is just a matter of policy whether or not these go under communications.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that sometimes communications are received by the City departments and are not addressed to the Council, as such, but any communication addressed to the City Council is placed on the Agenda, he added. Often-times letters are addressed to the City Manager which he feels are of importance to the City Council and are reproduced and sent to the Council on their 2nd Agenda.

Mr. Rowlands said Mr. Wing of Worthen, Wing, Seifert & Forbes was present tonight to speak in reference to Ordinance No. 16691, and since he has another engagement it would be appreciated if the Council would suspend the rules to consider the Ordinance at this time.

Mr. Steele then moved that the rules be suspended to consider Ordinance No. 16691. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16691

Condemning property in the Peninsula area for the Airport Site. Read by title.

Mr. Wing said since he last spoke with the Council on the Airport project, he has been busy working on the design which is developing very rapidly. He said they have passed two specific progress points in the design schedule. One point was the determination of the alignment and position of this runway; and the other to narrow down the magnitude and placement of land that would be necessary to purchase or condemn in order to provide for this initial construction. This latter information was relayed to the City Attorney's office and was used in preparing the Ordinance before the Council tonight for first reading.

Mr. Wing explained that the land encompassed by this Ordinance is substantially more than will ultimately be acquired. The difference, largely, is the fact where the acquisition line is crossing a corner of a 40-acre tract, the entire 40 acres has to be included for appraisal purposes.

Mayor Hanson asked if this project could be completed within the City's estimated budget.

Mr. Wing said that it would. The two factors, he said, that are of the most major importance in the overall budget for the Airport, are earth removal to form the runway, and "plan acquisition." He said that the amount of earth to be removed will be less than was contemplated under the last study prepared by the City, and the reason for this stems from the fact that more accurate maps are now

available. The amount of land required will be very close to the total amount that was in the original Public Works report. Mr. Wing said he felt there is no reason to think but what this could be built within the estimate allowed.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how much has the Federal Government contributed out of each dollar towards this project?

Mr. Bob Anderson, City Engineer, said there is a 52.7% contribution by the Federal Government.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if this was the original agreement?

Mr. Anderson stated that is correct.

Mayor Hanson asked if these funds had been allocated?

Mr. Anderson said the funds had been allocated in the amount of approximately \$800,000.

Mr. Easterday said he presumed that this budget is based upon the \$550,000 from the inside levy together with the \$350,000 of Revenue Bonds that the Port of Tacoma is issuing. He asked if the \$350,000 is not forthcoming, where does the City stand?

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said he presumed that the Port of Tacoma will either have to find \$350,000 or the cost of the construction will have to be curtailed.

Mr. Easterday asked what effect would that have on the allocation made by the F. A.A.?

Mr. McCormick said as he recalls, the allocation is based on the total amount of the City's contribution plus the Port's contribution.

Mr. Rowlands said it would mean that if the money were not available, the F.A.A. would have to reduce their contribution to correspond.

Mayor Hanson said he has been assured by the Port, as have many others, that their commitment of \$350,000 is a firm commitment.

Mr. Easterday said a year ago a meeting was held with the Port Commissioners and at that time he asked the Port Commissioners if they were going to guarantee the interest on the service of the bonds from General Funds, or were they depending solely upon the revenues. None of the Commissioners at that time committed themselves other than the fact that their commitment was based upon Revenues and Revenues along.

Mr. Easterday said before the bonds are sold he would like to have in writing an instrument committing and guaranteeing that they will issue bonds to guarantee their services. He said he thought that should be done before any of the City's money is spent.

Mr. Steele said the present Port Commission made a commitment in January, 1958, and it was his understanding, and he has been assured, that the commitment of \$350,000 is as good today as it was in 1958.

Mr. Easterday said the question was directed to the Port Commission at the meeting a year ago. They said at that time they will go through with their commitment only and guarantee it to the extent of the specifically stated revenues, and not for General Obligation Bonds.

Mayor Hanson said this was discussed at one of the meetings as to whether or not Revenue Bonds are salable. He said it is very clear to the Port Commission that their participation is essential to the City's proceeding with this project. He was assured that they were of the opinion that they were salable and also that they would do whatever necessary to back up their commitment.

Mr. Easterday said he has received no such assurance and would like to have this in writing.

Mr. Steele asked Mr. Wing if there would be any interference with Stone Road as it is now constituted as far as the people using that road.

Mr. Wing said the position and elevation of the northern end of the runway is very carefully set so that Stone Road will remain in service.

Mr. Steele said if ultimate development should project a runway further north, would it not be feasible from an engineering standpoint to handle this projection so that Stone Road will still be maintained in its present position?

Mr. Wing said that was quite feasible from an engineering standpoint. An underpass could be possible such as is now being used at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

Mr. Steele said he mentioned this because the residents in the area have been concerned as they had spent considerable time and effort in obtaining Stone Road as a short cut to their premises.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Wing if they would be able to utilize other airfields here, or will they have to install their own equipment as far as glide patterns, etc?

Mr. Wing said when the Federal Aviation Agency determines that the air traffic justifies the need for that equipment, it will be installed at the expense of the F. A. A.

Mr. Cvitanich said Tacoma has a predominately southwest wind, and the final approach will be over the Narrows Bridge. He asked if that was correct, as he was thinking of the power line danger.

Mr. Wing said that the final approach would not be over the Narrows Bridge. Mr. Wing pointed out on the map the location of State Highway No. 14, the main Bremerton Highway, and said the power line is on the far side of the highway, which would not present any problem.

Mr. Cvitanich said he noticed that on the information sheet distributed by Mr. Wing, the "true" bearing was given. He asked Mr. Wing if he could give the "compass" bearing as there is a tremendous difference between the two.

Mr. Wing said there would be about 22 degrees difference.

Mayor Hanson said this information would be important to pilots but it would not change the alignment of the runway.

Mr. Wing said the F.A.A. limitations were stated both magnetic and true, and No. 7 degrees E. (True) is at the most easterly extreme of the range found permissible in the F.A.A. simulation tests.

Mr. Steele said the relative elevation of the suggested air strip, and the Narrows Bridge tower height and the transmission lines, would not present any problem then.

Mr. Wing said the probable flight pattern on the landing approach will be to the west of the runway and there are a series of elevation limitation areas that are platted on the map of a new airport such as this within different circles.

Mr. Wing said the designs are progressing very rapidly, and the next progress point is the completion of the work and drawings of the specifications which are scheduled to be finished in February.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like to mention that in the policy statement of the American Municipal Association, adopted by the delegates of the A.M.A. Conference about ten days ago, the Committee on Airports definitely believes there will be additional Federal Aid available and that "the Federal government should also recognize its exclusive financial responsibility for the provision, operation, maintenance, and relocation, when necessary, of safety devices and facilities related to the approach landing and rollout of aircraft, including the provision of aircraft fire and rescue protection." Also, there are certain facilities now for which matching funds could not be given, they were cut back during the past two years, and it is hoped that those facilities will be included in future allocations. The picture looks more promising from the standpoint of the Cities getting the aid they deserve on that Federal level again, he added.

Mayor Hanson said he is aware there are some people who oppose this project. However, he had found none who are actually aware of the importance of this type of facility to the City of Tacoma who oppose air facilities. They are

aware of the fact that a City without adequate air facilities is like the City, in the past, who lost the railroad. It has been well established that this Airport is needed. He said it has come to his attention that there are petitions being circulated requesting the voters to sign the petition to put the matter on the ballot. Although the extent of the financing was not presented on the previous occasion, the voters fairly well indicated that they realized the need for an Airport. He said he hoped that those who are confronted by these requests for signatures realize that there is more to this than just putting the matter up for a vote. He said it involves a great deal of expense and also delay which would endanger the City's Federal appropriation. He said he was confident that the City would be able to retain it, but at least the City would have to ask that they continue the matter since we are under a deadline with reference to this allocation. Therefore, he added, a signature on these petitions is more than just putting this up to the voters. He said it actually is a step against the accomplishment of the facility that the City needs. This is the City's last chance to obtain an adequate airport which would give adequate service to our industrial needs as well as our connections with our local areas, such as Portland, Bellingham, Spokane, Yakima.

Mr. Steele said he thought the Federal aspect of airport construction should be stressed. An airport is not built in a location selected by the City. It is built where the F.A.A. decides, as they will contribute matching funds for the construction. If an airport is to be had, we must comply with the F.A.A. Once the decision is made on the Federal level, then there is no decision for the City or its citizens to make but to implement the decision made by the F.A.A. After numerous studies and hearings, the F.A.A. has determined that the Peninsula site is the approved site for which they will allocate funds, he added.

Mr. Easterday said air travel is here to stay, but he felt that the City should not finance an Airport by an inside levy. It seemed to him that when this was put up to the voters in 1958, that it should have been set up so that all the people benefitting by the Airport should have had a vote on the matter - those in Gig Harbor, as well as in Tacoma.

Mr. Easterday said the inside levy will not increase taxes but it means that it will be paid out of other revenues that would be available for wage increases for City employees.

Mayor Hanson said he agrees that this will be of benefit to a far greater area than just the city limits of Tacoma, but he also is interested in what the City of Tacoma would sacrifice if it does not have an airport. He said he is convinced that the advantage, an airport will be, to this great area will be sufficient so that it will carry itself and will not be a great risk.

Mr. Bott said he was under the impression that the instigators of these petitions are not Tacoma residents, but people who have had a special interest and have been active right from the start.

Mayor Hanson said a number of the most vigorous advocates live outside of the City of Tacoma.

Mrs. Price said when she attended the American Municipal Association convention recently, she spoke with many people from all over the United States, and it was surprising the number of small cities that had their own municipal airport. She said she thought we had to recognize that more and more of the railroads are no longer serving people, air travel is the coming thing; it is here and Tacoma had better be prepared for it. We have to project into the future, and it would be a very serious thing if we do not proceed with the Airport now, she added.

Mr. Porter said, speaking of the matter of passenger trains, if the time should come that passenger trains no longer come to Tacoma, he was quite certain that Tacoma would not be financially able to run their own railroads (as we are planning to do with a Transit System) to provide communications to other cities; therefore, it leaves automobiles, buses, planes, or "walk."

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16364

Fixing January 10, 1961 at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of East "I" Street from East 25th to Puyallup Avenue. (Petition of Lexington Co. et al)

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

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16365

Awarding contract to Fitzpatrick-McIntyre for a Fire Training Center in the amount of \$64,295 plus sales tax, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this comes within the estimate that was set aside in the millage levy. The improvement will cost slightly over \$70,000 plus sales tax and architect's fees.

Mrs. Olson asked if Fitzpatrick-McIntyre were a local firm?

It was pointed out that the firm was located in the Lakewood area.

Mrs. Olson asked, if possible, hereafter, that the addresses be listed on the firms that bid.

Mr. Rowlands said he would see that this request is carried out.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Cvitanich said he had the opportunity to attend a union function involving 182 Firemen, and he would like to take this opportunity to commend Chief Fisk and his men who did a tremendous job. It was one of the finest parties he had attended, he added.

Resolution No. 16366

Establishing a limited access on a portion of Primary State Highway No. 1 in the vicinity of So. 32nd St. and on the east line of McKinley Ave., between East 30th and East 31st Sts.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution will enable the State to proceed with the property acquisition. However, the Planning Commission and the Traffic Engineering Division of the City work very carefully with the State, as far as determining the final alignment of streets. He said they will follow the same procedure on the balance of the Freeway coming through the City.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16367

Rescinding Resolution No. 16356 pertaining to vacation proceedings of a certain portion of South 19th Street. 532

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

Mr. Rowlands said, pursuant to the request of Pierce County, the City Council had adopted Resolution No. 16356 initiating vacation proceedings of a certain portion of South 19th Street and setting a date for the hearing. It now appears, he added, that the description furnished by the County was in error, and all that is necessary is for the City to quitclaim certain portions to the County.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if there was a public hearing held on these proceedings.

Mr. Rowlands said the Planning Commission will investigate the situation and unless there is a vacation there is no need for a public hearing.

Mr. Buehler said the Planning Department is checking on the petition, and the matter will go before the Planning Commission. The recommendation will then be forwarded to the City Council before the Resolution is presented for action.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16368

Authorizing the Equitable Savings & Loan Association to install and to play the "Americana" Carillon Bells in the location of 1305 South 11th Street. 543

Mr. Porter moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16369

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated in the Center Street Urban Renewal Project - designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Mr. Cvitanich thanked the staff for including the addresses as per his request.

Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0;

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman

Mayor Hanson said there is a Resolution which does not appear on the Agenda that should be considered, and asked for a motion to suspend the rules.

Mr. Steele moved that the rules be suspended in order that Resolution No. 16370 be considered at this time. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 16370

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make a temporary loan in the sum of \$300,000 from the Local Improvement District Guaranty Fund to the Tacoma Transit System Bond Fund of 1961.

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution authorizes the City to make a loan of \$300,000 from the Guaranty Fund to the Tacoma Transit System Bond Fund of 1961, which will be repaid on the basis of 2-1/4 per cent interest.

Mr. Rowlands said this money is necessary for certain advances as the Bonds will not actually be ready for letting of the contract until January 10, 1961, and it may take a month or so to get the money.

Mr. Bott asked if the City has any assurance that this money is sufficient to guarantee that there will be no action against the City.

Mr. Rowlands said the meetings held have indicated that this will be sufficient.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the type of examination that the Transit employees will take in order to qualify would be discussed at a later date.

Mayor Hanson said this will be one of the problems that will be taken up in more detail before the System is actually taken into the City.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OR ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16690

Repealing Ordinance No. 16662 passed by the City Council November 17, 1960 in reference to the acquisition, construction and installation by the City of Off-Street Parking facilities and the financing thereof. Read by title.

Mrs. Price said she would like to comment on a recent editorial in the News Tribune in reference to the Off-Street Parking garages. She said she feels that the City Council was unjustly criticized as the Council acted in good faith on the matter, and the majority of the Council did note for the Garages. She felt if any criticism was due, it should be against the people who circulated the petitions and the signers of the petitions.

Mayor Hanson said he agreed that the Council did everything possible to accomplish the project. The Council did recognize that if this is to be accomplished at all in the near future, they would have to proceed on a different basis, apparently not involving municipal revenues.

Mr. Steele said the gist of the editorial was that the Legislature had given the City a medium with which to work to solve their urban problems and that the Council had failed in their obligation to do this. He said he thought Mrs. Price's remark in reference to the editorial was quite applicable, and that it should have been directed to the circulators of the petitions and the signers.

Mr. Cvitanich said he feels that those who circulated the petitions went

at in good faith. As far as the editorial in the News Tribune was concerned, he said, he thought it depends upon how a person interprets the article.

Mrs. Price said she was not criticizing the people who circulated the petitions; she was criticizing the News Tribune for criticizing the Council for something they did not do. If there is any blame to be made, it is not on the Council but on the people circulating the petition.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16692

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as 13.06.120 (19) to include property located on the southeasterly and northeasterly corners of McMurray Road at Marine View Drive, in an "R-4" Multiple Family Dwelling District. 500
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Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16693

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section 13.06.273 composed of two sub-divisions, "C-F-V" and "C-F-P" Districts. Read by title

Mr. Murtland asked that Mr. Benson, Senior Planner, point out the minor revision made in Ordinance No. 16693.

Mr. Benson said the problem was brought up in connection with the interpretation of the term "development" as applying to sign regulations and for negotiating the contractual agreement, so the terms "developer" and "development" were changed to "owner or leasee" which was the only change, he added. 531
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Mr. Cvitanich asked if it would be possible in the future to underline any changes that are made.

Mr. McCormick said when an Ordinance in effect is being amended, the amended portions are underlined. However, he added, when the entire material is being revised then a memorandum of explanation is attached. This particular Ordinance is creating something that is not already in effect, and it is his suggestion that a letter of explanation would be better in that event.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16694

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section 13.06.273 composed of a "C-F" District. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson pointed out that this was the alternative proposal for the "C-F" zoning submitted by the Planning Commission. He said a joint meeting has been held with the Planning Commission and the City Council this afternoon at which time this proposal and the former one were discussed. 531
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Mr. Howlands said the only specific change in this Ordinance is that truck service stations were eliminated.

Mr. Buehler said the two classifications of "C-F-V" and "C-F-P" were also combined into one.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16695

An Ordinance creating a special fund known as "Tacoma Municipal Transit

System Bond Fund of 1961² providing for the deposit of the proceeds of the sale of the \$850,000 of unlimited tax levy General Obligation Bonds of the City for the payment and cost of the acquisition and betterment of a system for the transporting and carrying of passengers as specified by Ordinance No. 16682 and Ordinance No. 16633. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said this Ordinance is to create a Transit System Bond Fund of 1961.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Mr. Rowlands said Ordinance No. 16696 which does not appear on the Agenda should also be considered this evening.

Mr. Easterday moved that the rules be suspended in order to consider Ordinance No. 16696 which does not appear on the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16696

An Ordinance relating to finance and creating and establishing in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma a special fund known as "Tacoma Municipal Transit System Fund" for the purpose of paying any and all costs of operating and maintaining a Municipal Transit System. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this Ordinance designates out of which fund the money may be spent, which will be called the "Tacoma Municipal Transit System Fund".

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OR ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16670

Amending certain sections of the Official Code of the City relating to the Pay and Compensation Plan for the year of 1961. (Salary Ordinance) Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said there was a question on this as to the creation of two new appointive positions. He said Mr. Ketler has requested the opportunity to again discuss this with the Council.

Mr. Ketler, who was present, said he still felt that there should be a policy established as to which positions should be appointive and which should be in the classified service. He said, in looking at these two newly appointive positions, Code Number 0006 Customer Accounting and Collection Supervisor, on page 12, and Code Number 0046 Principal Accountant, on page 15, at the present time the Customer Accounting and Collection Supervisor position is filled by Mr. H. Berg who is due for retirement soon, but the Principal Accountant position is vacant. He said at the present time, as he understands it, in the Controller's Division there is no appointive position below the Controller and this will make two positions appointive below the Controller. He added that this is not in line with what he has proposed to the Council, but inasmuch as the one position is vacant at the present time, the Civil Service League would be willing to concede that the one position of Principal Accountant be made appointive. However, they are asking, since the Customer Accounting and Collection Supervisor position filled by Mr. Berg will not be vacant for another two years when Mr. Berg retires, that it be retained in the classified service and in the interim, further discussion be held on this one matter in order to analyze this problem of appointive positions.

Mayor Hanson said he thought it was agreed that the appointive positions should be examined so as to establish a policy.

Mr. Steele said he would move that the position referred to as Customer Accounting and Collection Supervisor position remain in the classified service, and the Principal Accountant position be made appointive. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Dean Barline, Utilities Director, said he would be willing to go along with this suggestion, but he still maintained that the Customer Accounting and Collection Supervisor position should be appointive. However, as Mr. Ketler pointed out, there will not be an opening in this position for another two years; therefore, it will give ample opportunity to discuss this further.

Voice vote was then taken on Mr. Steele's motion that the Customer Accounting and Collection Supervisor position remain in the classified service, and the Principal Accountant be an appointive position, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Stelmec, representative of the Technical Engineers, spoke again on the request that the Engineers be given a full step raise in place of the half step.

Mr. Easterday asked Mr. McCormick if there was any way that this raise could be granted?

Mr. McCormick said, inasmuch as the final budget has already been adopted he know of no way now that the Council could go back and reconsider the budget.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that the Engineers along with other City employees will receive an additional 5 per cent raise retroactive to January 1, 1961, should the additional money be obtained from the State.

Mr. Harry Nelson of the Technical Engineers was introduced and spoke in regard to their union supporting the City in their fight to obtain more money from the State. He said they would do their best to help in this fight.

Mr. Ketler asked, if more funds are received from the State and exceed the anticipated amount, could an extra increase be granted to the City employees?

Mr. McCormick said, as he recalls, the State Statute points out it would be possible should more money be received. However, he said, he would have to look into this in more detail before committing himself.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16689

Amending Chapter 1.30.585 of the Official Code of the City relating to additional pensions for members not receiving Social Security. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Mr. Steele said he would like to refer to a matter that was discussed at last week's meeting which was the hearing on the appeal submitted by the petitioners for the rezoning of property located at the southwest corner of South 38th and J Streets to a "C-L" District for the building of a Service Station. The Council on a 5 to 4 vote concurred in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition. He said since that time, additional information has been presented to him by residents of that area who have long fought for some improvement to that particular corner. As he has voted on the prevailing side to deny the petition, he moved to reconsider the matter. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

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Mr. Murtland said, inasmuch as there is no one here tonight interested in the subject, he thought it should be continued for one week as he felt those interested should be given an opportunity to be heard.

Mr. McCormick advised the Council, if they vote to reconsider the appeal, a new date of hearing should be set so that those interested parties can be notified.

Roll call was then taken on Mr. Steele's motion to reconsider, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 3, Cvitanich, Murtland and Porter; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, said a minimum of two weeks will be necessary in order that proper notice could be given.

Mrs. Price then moved that January 10, 1960 be set as the hearing on the reconsideration. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9, Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MC-327 American Municipal Association Conference, New York City, November 26-30 1960.

Mayor Hanson said this is a very detailed report, and suggested that the Council members review it, if possible. He said in comparing Tacoma's programs generally with other cities throughout the country, we can be justifiably proud of the programs we have accomplished and the ones that are in process.

He said he was quite surprised when Tacoma was given national recognition in its efforts in the Sister City program in connection with the State Department's "People to People" program. Tacoma was one of three cities in the United States to receive that recognition. After comparing programs with cities that have been involved in this program for a number of years, he came to realize why Tacoma did receive this recognition. We have made great progress but the important thing is that there are other programs we have done much better in terms of relative progress, and it is very encouraging to compare what we are doing here in Tacoma with what is being done in other cities. He said he did not think there was a City in the United States that would exceed the relative progress the City of Tacoma is making, whether it is in the area of sewer pollution, Urban Renewal, or Sister City program.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Rowlands should be commended for his part in the very important analysis of the present fire insurance grading methods. Other cities have complained for years, and when Tacoma became involved in some of the inequities of the present methods, Mr. Rowlands took it upon himself to encourage action on the part of the National Association, and he was appointed to the Committee where he worked diligently on the report which was accepted and adopted. Best of all, the Insurance Grading and Rating personnel seemed to be very concerned with some of the inequities, and even without further action those inequities would be resolved to the end that not only the City of Tacoma, but cities throughout the country, will save a great deal of fire insurance premiums, which will eliminate unreasonable requirements.

Mrs. Price said she brought many reports back from various areas, which she would leave in the event some of the Council members would be interested in reading them. She said there will also be copies of all of the speeches mailed, and they will also be available.

Mr. Bott said he would like to compliment Mr. Rowlands on MC-327, as it is a very comprehensive report.

MC-328 Transportation Administration Study. Placed on file.

Communication from Allied Arts of Tacoma in re the remodeling of the Public Safety building.

Mr. Rowlands said this report indicates that Allied Arts will be coming with a detailed procedure which will be presented to the Council in the immediate future. He said this information is not too specific. The matter has been held in abeyance for a couple of years and he asked the Council how specific they would like the information. 50:407
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Mayor Hanson said he thought perhaps Allied Arts should be contacted and asked to submit a more specific report within a reasonable time, so that the Council can determine how concrete their plans are.

Mr. Bott said he noticed that the News Tribune had quoted Mr. Rowlands saying that there were other organizations interested in this matter. He asked if there had been any further developments in this regard.

Mr. Rowlands said it has been brought to his attention that there are other organizations interested in using the building, but until this matter is resolved it makes it difficult to give anyone else who might be interested, a firm answer.

Mayor Hanson said perhaps in the letter written to the Allied Arts, it might be well to mention that there are other organizations interested in the building and we would appreciate knowing very soon what their plans are.

AGENDAS:

Mr. Rowlands said the dedication of a portion of the Freeway will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 1960, at 11:00 A.M. with a luncheon following. He said an invitation was sent to all of the Council members.

Mr. Steele left at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich said he has been greatly concerned about the tremendous unemployment situation in Tacoma, as many of us have, and at this time he would like to request a Resolution creating a permanent standing committee consisting of the Council, the County Commissioners, the Port of Tacoma, and other governmental bodies, and coordinate with the State Department of Commerce and Economic Development, or someone else, so that resources could be pooled, and work together, due to the tight unemployment situation that exists, and to protect the jobs we have, and try to attract new industries into the City of Tacoma. 584

Mayor Hanson said he thought there were areas for cooperation, unification of policies and effort.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would also like labor, Chamber of Commerce, etc. included as well so that we have a good unified group of people, and to coordinate this on a State level.

Mc Mladinov, an attorney, asked if he might have an expression from the City Council as to its intentions with reference to the letter from the State regarding Leach Creek.

He said he understands that the State Department of Fisheries has sent a letter to the Council requesting that bids be called for with reference to the Leach Creek Holding Basin. 538

Mayor Hanson said he realizes the Council has had pressure from that area in reference to the holding basin, but as far as he was concerned, he could not give the Council's present intention until the matter is analyzed more fully. At the present time, he said, it would appear rather ridiculous to proceed with the bids on this particular project when the estimates are so high. He said he did not think any individual Council member could give the precise intention of the City at the present time. 591

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Mr. Easterday said as he has pointed out previously, to start construction at this time during the rainy season of the year would be a folly and most expensive. A condition would be created on the lower reaches of the Creek far more damaging than to let the condition stand. He said he abhors the fact that this work was not started before this, but suggested that bids be called for in April and a completion date set for late in September. The bids will be considerably less than the estimates if the work is done during the coming dry weather.

Mr. Mladinov said the people of Tacoma voted \$492,000 in March, 1958 to complete that drainage project west of Pearl Street, south of North 26th. \$352,209.36 was the cost of the project so that there was the balance of \$139,790.64 to be spent for just one item, and that was the Leach Creek Holding Basin. On June 20, 1960 and again on August 3, 1960 and again this week, the State has expressed a distinct interest in this project. Letters sent by the Department of Fisheries made it very plain that the State wanted the Leach Creek Holding Basin vault before the high water came in the fall of 1960.

Mr. Mladinov said, as long as there is a natural resource which is already in existence, which costs very little to maintain, we should keep it rather than destroy the spawning areas of Leach, Flett, and Chambers Creeks. This creek is in no respect within the boundaries of the City of Tacoma, and the waters of the creek both as to nature and content and direction and flow are all the special province of the State of Washington, and he would like to find out what the intentions of the Council are when the State of Washington requests the Council to move, he added.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Mladinov will be informed as soon as the reply is transmitted to the Director of Fisheries.

Mr. Porter said he endorses Mr. Easterday's suggestion that he would like to suggest that the Council make the call for bids and the bid opening early enough so that in the event the bids are too high they can be rejected and new bids called for.

Mr. Cvitanich asked when there was going to be some action on this Leach Creek problem?

Mayor Hanson said there is still more analyzing to be done before action can be taken.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Ben Hanson
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk