

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
January 2, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Egan, Hudson, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 2 - Herrmann and Moss. Dr. Herrmann arrived at 5:23 p.m. Mr. Moss arrived at 5:58 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Nalley.

Mayor Johnston made a motion to recess the meeting into an Executive Session for the purpose of receiving a briefing on City labor negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting was recessed at 5:10 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:23 p.m. Dr. Herrmann arrived at 5:23 p.m.

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C O N S E N T A G E N D A

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23158

Fixing Tuesday, January 7, 1975 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing on proposals for community development and housing assistance plan for the City of Tacoma under the Housing Community Development Act of 1974.

APPEALS:

L. G. Ortengren Construction appealing the Board of Adjustment's decision to deny their request for a variance on the property located on the Northeast corner of North 8th and Oakes Streets.

Suggested hearing date is January 28, 1975.

ASSESSMENT ROLL:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for the following:

LID 3753 - laying sanitary sewers in North Frace Street from approximately 200 feet north of North 38th Street to North 42nd Street.

Fixing Monday, January 27, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Monthly Report, Fire Department, November, 1974.
- b. Emergency Services Dept. filing Personnel & Administrative Claim for November, 1974.

c. Monthly Report, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society & SPCA, November, 1974.

Mrs. Egan moved to adopt Substitute Resolution 23158. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items on the Consent Agenda, including the amendment, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication from Rodney E. Mewhirter requesting the suspension of the present Mayor and Tacoma City Council by request of the "Political Citizens of City of Tacoma's Precincts".

Rodney E. Mewhirter spoke in support of his letter of December 18, 1974 regarding the checking out of various City Departments.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20278 Vacating that portion of Homestead Avenue and a portion of the alley lying immediately to the east, south of East 60th Street to the Pipe Line Road. (Golden Ridge, Inc.)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20279 Vacating a portion of Street easterly of Gove Street. (Department of Public works)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20280 Amending Chapter 6.64 of the Official Code relative to Occupation Tax on telephone business and natural gas business.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 1 - Nalley

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20281 Amending Section II.24.180 of the Official Code relative to parking meter regulations.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Nelson, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 2 - Nalley and Sonntag

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20282 Appropriating \$65,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Stadium Trust Fund #640; authorizing the transfer of said funds to the 1976 Bicentennial Pavilion Construction Fund and declaring an emergency making necessary the adoption of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Moss

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20270 (Continued from the meeting of December 17th)
Amending Chapter 6.68 of the Official Code relative to Business & Occupational tax rates.

City Manager, Bill Donaldson, reviewed the three alternate proposals Council could choose from in order to balance the 1975 budget. The first one was a reduction of 10 percent in each departmental budget. The second was a page by page perusal and cuts of the budget. The third, a combination of new revenues.

He said Council had indicated a preference for new revenues rather than placing personnel on the unemployment rolls.

Richard Newman, Tax & License Director, reviewed the changes in six classifications and the percentage and dollar amount of increase in each. The classifications were: 1) Manufacturing; 2) Retailing; 3) Banks and Financial Institutions; 4) Wholesale; 5) Printing and Publishing; and 6) Public Road Construction.

Mr. Moss arrived at 5:58 p.m.

After discussion regarding the bank tax rate, Mr. Nelson made a motion to retain the bank interest rate at .0025. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Sonntag moved to amend the bank rate to one half of the proposal to .00375. Seconded by Mr. Warnick.

Mayor Johnston ruled that prior to vote on Mr. Sonntag's motion, all of the citizens present wishing to speak on the ordinance would be allowed to do so.

Mr. Hudson then moved to continue Mr. Sonntag's motion. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Speaking against the ordinance were: Charles I. McClure, Washington Savings League; Tom Swayze, Vice President of the Tacoma Area Chamber of Commerce; Nat Pinrose, Tacoma Clearing House Association; George Martin, Vice President and General Manager of Parker Paint; Dugel Stewart, President of Bunge-Mathews Heating Oils; Tom Anderson, President of Concrete Technology Association; Glen Everett, Assistant Treasurer of West Coast Grocery; Marshall Adams, representing ten finance and small loan companies; Mike Parker, State Representative 29th District; Joseph Carman representing as Vice President, the Industrial Conference Board and the Carman Manufacturing Company. Robert White, owner of the small business, Scientific Security System; Walter Gordon, Professional and Consulting Engineer; Al Woods, representing Hygrade Food Products; Ernest Johnson, Executive Vice President of Brown & Haley; Gordon Dowling, President of the West Coast Fruit Company.

At the request of Mr. Sonntag, Mr. Newman read the list of categories and dates of the last time increases in the B & O taxes were made.

The ordinance was set over for final reading on January 14, 1975.

Ordinance No. 20283 (Continued from the meeting of December 26th)
Amending Chapter 6.62 of the Official Code relative to admission tax on golf.

Mr. Sonntag commented that this ordinance is similar to the Bowling Tax ordinance of a year and a half ago, which would eliminate the double tax situation.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading January 14, 1975.

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to reconsider Ordinance 20209 relative to the Police Reserve which failed on a tie vote last week. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Rules were suspended.

Mayor Johnston asked for the roll call on the corrected ordinance. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 3 - Nalley, Sonntag and Warnick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Mr. Moss made a motion that a review of the uniform and identification markings on the reserve vehicle be subject to Council approval prior to being instituted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Sonntag made a motion that firearms not be issued to Tacoma Police Reserve until completion of the two year review period after graduation of the first class. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 3 - Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick

Nays: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Mayor Johnston

The motion was declared failed.

Ordinance No. 20284 Amending Title 13 of the Official Code relating to establishment of fees for processing and preparing environmental assessments and environmental impact statements.

Russell Buchler, Planning Department Director, advised that Council held a hearing on this on November 26, 1974. Everything is in order now for the passage of the ordinance, with the exception of a section on page five which was inadvertently omitted. He asked that this section be placed in the Ordinance.

Mrs. Egan moved that on page 5, starting with line 15, the Ordinance be amended to add section 13.06.325. Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Ordinance, as amended, was set over for final reading January 14, 1975.

Mrs. Egan left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Ordinance No. 20285 Accepting additional funds under Grant No. 53-05-048 from the Manpower Administration of the Department of Labor to provide Comprehensive manpower services under the authority of CETA.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading January 14, 1975.

Ordinance No. 20286 Appropriating \$202,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Model Cities Action Year Revolving Fund for the purpose of carrying on Model Cities Fourth Action Year activities.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading January 14, 1975.

Ordinance No. 20287 Amending Ordinance 20241 to transfer the sum of \$657,474 originally appropriated in the ordinance from the Title I Comprehensive Manpower Services Fund No. 597 to Title II Public Service Employment Program Fund No. 536.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading January 14, 1975.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23131 (Continued from the meeting of December 26th)
Establishing a policy regarding retroactivity of collective bargaining agreements settled after December 31, 1974.

Bill Donaldson, City Manager, asked that the Resolution be continued to January 14, 1975.

Mr. Moss moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to January 14, 1975.

Purchase Resolution No. 23157 Awarding contract to Irwin-Jones Motor Company on its bid of \$16,418.40 for three (3) flatbed trucks.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23159 Designating Stadium High School and Northern Pacific Headquarters Building as historic landmarks of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Nalley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23160 Approving Board of Health Resolution Nos. 70 & 71 establishing the compensation plan for Health Department Employees.

Mr. Nalley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23161 Authorizing proper officers of the City to submit an application/proposal to the United States Maritime Administration for requisite funds to complete Phase II of the Harbor Service Craft Study.

Mr. Nalley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23162 Authorizing an amendment to the agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Municipal Authority extending the contract termination date to December 31, 1975 and making available an additional \$30,000 in federal monies to carry on the program.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23163 Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Red Baron, Inc. for certain property along Ruston Way.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23164 Authorizing an agreement between the City of Tacoma and the United States Coast Guard for the installation and maintenance of fog signal devices for City and Milwaukee Waterways.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23165 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Boeing Computer Services, Inc. to provide for technical support for the Fire Service Demand Charge Study.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23166 Authorizing execution of a grant agreement amendment with HUD for an additional \$202,000 for the Model Cities Program.

Mr. Hudson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23167 Authorizing the execution of agreements with Tacoma Community College, Hilltop Multi-Service Center, Inc., Tacoma Ambulatory Care Center, Inc. and the Pierce County Drug Alliance for the carrying on of certain Fourth Action Year projects in the Model Cities Department.

Mr. Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning the northwest corner of South 23rd Street and Union Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (11-18-74 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0, 1 absent) (Crest Builders, Inc.)

Mr. Buehler reviewed the request for Council.

Paul Reeder, representing Crest Builders, described the ponds to be located on the grounds of the 100 unit project.

Mr. Sonntag moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.


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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Hudson suggested a review be made of the tax structure of the City within the next year and that staff submit an outline of recommendations.

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Upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:



H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK