

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, October 24, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 2: Cvitanich and Steele. Mr. Steele coming in at 7:17 P. M.

Mr. Porter announced that Mr. Cvitanich was ill this evening, and he had asked to be excused. Mr. Porter then moved that Mr. Cvitanich be excused from the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the Budget Hearing meeting of October 4, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mrs. Olson asked that one correction be made in the minutes of October 10, 1961 where the date of October 1, 1961 appeared on the bottom of page 11, that it be changed to October 20, 1961. Mrs. Olson then moved that the correction be made changing the date of October 1, 1961 to October 20, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Motion carried.

Voice vote was then taken on the approval of the minutes of October 10, 1961 as corrected. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Petition from Leon J. Kleiner requesting the rezoning of property located adjacent to the N. E. Corner of 6th and Mildred Streets from an "R-2" District to a "C-2" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Hanson explained, as the Council will recall, sometime ago Mr. James Jumminville of Seattle presented to the Council for its consideration the matter involving Tacoma's participation in the official program of Century "21". He said, Mr. Jumminville is present tonight to refresh the Council's recollection with reference to the details surrounding Century "21", so that official action could be taken and notice given of the Council's intention.

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Mr. Jumminville remarked that the last time he spoke before the Council he had only a very rough plan to present. This evening, he added, he had samples how the official souvenir program of Century "21" will look

and distributed a sample for the Council's information. He explained that the program will be in color and will contain approximately 160 pages. He said this booklet can be published only by obtaining sponsors or by paid advertising. His proposal would be that the City of Tacoma be one of the sponsors in the section on Tacoma, selling Tacoma in full color to the people who will attend the Fair. The "ad" will cost \$5000 per page, an editorial will be given, one page for each "ad" in the City of Tacoma. With five sponsors they would get 10 pages on the City of Tacoma. He added, two sponsors have already been signed up in Tacoma and two others have indicated their willingness to do the same.

Mayor Hanson asked how many of these booklets are they planning on distributing throughout the Country.

Mr. Jumminville said the guarantee is, a quarter of a million books, but it looks as though it will be better than a half of a million. He said every travel agent in the 50 states and Canada will receive one of these books four months before the Fair opens with a planned tour to this area. Airlines, Railroads and Bus lines will have these books well in advance of the Fair.

Mayor Hanson said there is an amount set up in the Budget for Century "21" participation and said this would appear to him to be a very excellent opportunity to get people who are planning to come to the Fair, acquainted with the City of Tacoma and would be a continuing reminder of what the City of Tacoma has to offer.

Mr. Porter said it seems to him that the program would be one of the best opportunities Tacoma would have to encourage people to come to Tacoma during their visit to the Fair.

Mrs. Price said it was her understanding that the pictures will be taken by Mr. Jumminville and his associates and approved by the City of Tacoma and its sponsors.

Mr. Jumminville said that was correct.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Jumminville would take the responsibility of gathering the pictures and in drawing up the entire lay-out for the Council's approval prior to entry into the booklet.

Mayor Hanson asked if this was the official and only souvenir program of Century "21".

Mr. Jumminville said there would be two publications sold on the Fair grounds. One will be similar to the sample presented this evening, a souvenir program, and the other is a black and white guide book of the Fair. The firm that he represents, the Acme Publications, is the only authorized publisher for the Fair for this type of literature.

Mr. Steele coming in at this time.

Mrs. Price then moved that the City participate in this publication to the extent of \$5000. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16786:

Awarding contract to Morris Construction, Inc. for L I D 3521 on their

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bid of \$27,269.55 and supplemental bid of \$5,626.00 plus tax, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16787:

Awarding contract to Morris Construction, Inc. for L I D 3523 on their bid of \$30,332.56 and supplemental bid of \$6,067.50 plus sales tax, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16788:

Awarding contract to Abeel the Digger for L I D 4684 on his bid of \$4,126.99, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16789:

Directing the firm of Knight, Vale & Gregory, Certified Public Accountants in accordance with Section 7.14 of the City Charter to audit all of the accounts and books of the City of Tacoma, and further provide a comprehensive report of the financial conditions of the City for the year 1961.

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

Mr. Porter explained that Mr. Cvitanich had asked that this Resolution be postponed for one week; Mr. Porter then moved that the Resolution be postponed until October 31, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16790:

Establishing (7) standing Committees of the City Council to aid the Council in its responsibility of determining and fixing policy on a multitude of important and complex subjects.

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

Mr. Porter said Mr. Cvitanich also requested that this Resolution be postponed for one week. Mr. Porter then moved that Resolution No. 16790 be postponed to October 31, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16791:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute, deliver and consummate a lease agreement between the City of Tacoma, Charles O. & Mary R. Duevel; Margaret Duevel and Kate H. Richter, as Lessors, and the Wested Tire Company, as Lessee, for the premises located at South 21st and Pacific Avenue.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this property is owned by several individuals and the City. The first lease arrangement was entered into in 1951 at which time the monthly rental was \$350--\$175 of which was payable to the City. Pursuant to the provisions of the original lease, the rental cost was increased to \$450 in January of 1956, and the City received as its share \$225. The original lease expired on December 31, 1960 and this Resolution is the new lease agreement which has been under negotiation for a period of one year. This new agreement provides for a rental of \$500 per month and the City is to receive \$275 of this amount as a result of the determination made that the City owns 9/16ths of the total premises, rather than 1/2.

Mr. Rowlands further explained that the rental is divided into two five-year periods. The second period will be on a basis which is mutually agreeable to the parties. The new lease also provides that the lessee proposes to make certain improvements to the premises and if the City requires a portion of the structure for a public use, the lessee must be reimbursed for a portion of its rent. It also provides that the improvements proposed must be accomplished within the first year prior to December 31, 1961 to qualify for this credit.

Mr. Rowlands further added that the lessee has submitted a check in the amount of \$550 payable to the City Treasurer to cover the last ten months and an additional deposit of \$50 to cover the last month's rental. He said it would be his recommendation that this lease be approved by the Council as he feels the Legal Department has done a very fine job in preparing the Agreement.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16792:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Port of Tacoma in connection with the acquisition, maintenance and operation and financing of the Peninsula Airport and rescinding Resolution No. 16784. (Explanation of Changes submitted)

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

Mr. Easterday said he would like to have a comprehensive study made of the number of personnel needed and also the amount of money needed to operate the Peninsula Airport if and when it is completed. He said he will never understand why the City of Tacoma should tighten its belt any tighter to furnish, from an inside levy, an Airport for the people of Lakewood and of the Peninsula area. He thought that an analysis should be made of the cost to operate the Airport and also a breakdown of the prospective revenue. He said it would be wrong, if the City has to curtail other services such as the Police and Fire in order to assume the full operation cost of this Airport. He urged the Council to delay this matter until a real picture could be had of what the cost will be. Mr. Easterday then moved for a delay of two weeks in order that this could be discussed further. Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Roll call was taken on the motion.

Ayes 4; Nays 5; Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Cvitanich. Motion lost.

Mr. Rowlands said two years ago the Council was supplied with information on the proposed revenues and the proposed expenditures of the Airport. In his own experience he could say categorically and unequivocally that the operation of an Airport is in the black from the standpoint of maintenance and operation, not from the standpoint of getting enough money to retire the bonds. The outcome of this particular operation is unknown until the City determines how many flights, what kind of rental income, and how much activity there will be.

Mr. Rowlands said an Airport is a vital factor in an industry's decision to settle in a City. How much an Airport would cost from the standpoint of maintenance is a matter for conjecture; how much more Industry the City might gain is also a matter for conjecture. The same thing would be applicable to the baseball operation. Certainly it may be necessary to spend nine or ten thousand dollars next year out of the General Fund to meet the baseball bond obligation, but it is pretty difficult to put a dollar sign on how much more business was generated by the some 240,000 people that went to the Ball park.

Mayor Hanson said as to the continuance of this Resolution, he was certain that there has never been an issue in the City of Tacoma that has been given more thorough, absolute and complete study than this Airport subject. It has been studied for over 3 years. If there was a need, and there was for an Airport in the City of Tacoma 3 years ago, that need is becoming increasingly evident as we see the terrific expansion mushrooming of air transportation and the need for adequate air transportation facilities. This is a utility that Tacoma must have if it is to compete with other areas in the

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attraction of industry. Over and above that, is the new aspect of air transportation which is air freight. Approval of this site was obtained after a complete and thorough analysis. It is the only site that could conceivably get the approval of the F. A. A. If the City fails to proceed now, they have not only lost this Airport, they have forever lost the opportunity of having a convenient Airport and have in effect said to everyone in the Country that Tacoma is not concerned with the new air age which is not even new anymore.

Mayor Hanson said he could see no reason to postpone this any further. It has been analyzed, re-analyzed and everyone is familiar with every aspect of the Airport question. The Council acted on this very rapidly last week and it was sent to the Port. The Port Commission had some modifications which did not substantially change the proposition. Now it is before the Council again to endorse those minor modifications and he could see no reason why it could not be passed tonight.

Mr. Bott said he would like to explain his vote on the motion. He said he is a firm advocate of the Airport and intends to vote for it. However, when a councilman requests time to deliberate the matter further, he thought this should be granted.

Mrs. Olson said she is under the impression that this Resolution names the Airport and she feels that the Council has not discussed this matter sufficiently to her satisfaction. As the Council will recall a letter was received from Mr. Oswald sometime ago requesting the Council to consider the name very carefully as if it is named the Tacoma Industrial Airport, the name would be confused with his Airfield which is also called the Tacoma Airport. In deference to Mr. Oswald, to proceed to name the Airport "Tacoma Industrial Airport" is not proper and she objected to that portion of the agreement and requested that it be deleted.

Mayor Hanson said if the Council chooses to change the name, that can be changed anytime. The important matter now is to approve the agreement and further action can be taken on the name at a later date.

Mrs. Olson said she took exception to that. She felt that the important thing now was to have the Resolution in proper form so that the Council will know what they are voting upon. She said she was not aware last week, when voting on the previous agreement that it did name the Airport. The Council is frequently and constantly told to go ahead and act on matters and they can be changed later. She said she does not approve of that method of procedure.

Mrs. Olson then moved for the deletion of the words "Tacoma Industrial Airport" from the second "Whereas" of the Agreement and also from the title of the Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Steele said this has been the Tacoma Industrial Airport since 1958. No question was ever raised until Mr. Oswald wrote a letter to the Council some months ago complaining about his Airport being infringed upon because undoubtedly he knew immediately the word Industrial would be dropped and it would be known as the "Tacoma Airport." The FAA knows this as the Tacoma Industrial Airport; all the plans and specifications are entitled Tacoma Industrial Airport. If some of the Council is going to be stampeded by this concern for Mr. Oswald, that is too bad, but please, he added, let us not tie down or obstruct what progress we are trying to make within the

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City of Tacoma in developing something constructive, some commerce and enterprise within the City.

Mr. Murtland said whether it was through inadvertence or that he just didn't notice how this was worded last week, he will have to agree with Mrs. Olson in reference to the name. He said he was the one who raised the question sometime ago when Mr. Oswald made his objection. He did not know of any Council action that has actually passed on a name. He still feels that the Council is not at the point of determining a name, and as far as he knows, to date it has not been decided by the Council.

Mr. Porter said he did not recall that the Council has ever officially named the Airport. He has no strong objections to any name, but he has to concur in what Mrs. Olson and Mr. Murtland have said.

Mr. Rowlands said this question on the name did come up several months ago and was carefully reviewed with Mr. Puckey and the F. A. A. officials. There was a meeting with the Port Commissioners some 4 or 5 months ago and as far as the Port was concerned they had no particular preference one way or the other. The F. A. A. is cognizant of the fact that the Oswald Field is nearby. He said he did not know what effect it would have by changing the name at this juncture. The F. A. A. has had a tentative review of this matter and he was sure at some later date if something else developed, an amendment could be made to change the name. He said this name has very definitely been approved by the F. A. A. officials, and if the Council wished the name changed later that is the prerogative of the Council.

Mayor Hanson said many of the applications, correspondence, etc. have made reference to the Tacoma Industrial Airport. The Council can change the name of the Tacoma Industrial Airport if they wish, but he could see at this point nothing to be gained aside from possible controversy about amending the agreement.

Mr. Murtland asked if it would be possible to amend Mrs. Olson's motion by inserting the words "now designated" or temporarily designated as "Tacoma Industrial Airport". He said he was certainly in favor of the Airport but he is not in favor of saying that the Council has decided on this name, when they haven't.

Mayor Hanson said he thought it would be acceptable, to insert the word "presently" in the third line of the second "Whereas" after the words "Municipal Airport".

Mr. Murtland then moved to amend the agreement so that the third line of the second "Whereas" would read "of a Municipal Airport presently designated the Tacoma Industrial Airport" Seconded by Mr. Easterday.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson said the Council has acted favorably upon the substitute motion to amend; therefore, the substitute motion is now before them for a vote. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland asked what was the basic difference between this agreement before them tonight and the one approved by the Council last week.

Mr. Rowlands said the previous draft stated "by 50% of the difference between the actual construction costs and the engineer's estimate,"

which was to establish the formula where the amount of \$350,000 to be contributed by the Port was to be reduced. This was re-drafted to "... provided that in the event the low bid for the 'Total of Basic Contract Proposal' including State Sales Tax, is less than the Engineer's estimate, which estimate is in the amount of \$1,081,500.00; then the amount to be contributed by the Port shall be reduced by 50% of the difference between the low bid for the 'Total of Basic Contract Proposal' and the estimate of \$1,081,500." The only difference will be that under the new contract as proposed, the savings to the Port, if any, will be determined on the basis of 50% of the difference between the low bid received on the Basic Contract Proposal and the Engineer's estimate of \$1,081,500. Under the former contract, the savings, if any, to the Port would have been based on 50% of the difference between the actual contract cost and the total of the Engineer's estimate of all construction.

Mayor Hanson said this will permit the Port Commissioners to determine exactly how much they are required to finance as soon as the bids are received.

Mr. Murtland said in the event the cost is actually more than the contract, the Port will still not have to pay any additional because they have already determined that their limit is the difference between those two items.

Mr. Rowlands said that is correct. However, it can also work out the other way. He has had contracts come across his desk where the extras or the deletions conceivably save the City money. It is a calculated risk, he added.

Mr. Murtland said as far as the Airport is concerned, however, there are not many deletions. There are certain things that have to be done.

Mr. Wing, architect from Worthen and Wing Co., said the principle fluctuation would be due to changes in the quantity of the various items. This Airport will be built under a contract providing for unit price payment to the contractor which is so much a yard for earth removal against an estimate of the total yardage to be moved; and the final total payment to the contractor will be computed on the basis of his bid unit price and the actual measured quantity of earth moved. A similar situation applies to other elements of the construction. This agreement presently before the Council between the City and Port merely establishes a means of computing a possible difference between the engineer's estimate and the initial bid times the estimated quantity.

Mr. Murtland said the proposition the Council had before them last week was different and he thought this could very easily amount to several thousands of dollars to the City. He asked if the Port happened to propose this difference? Didn't they have the prior proposition before them at one time?

Mr. Rowlands said they did see the other draft but when they discussed this further, he understands, they determined they were desirous of knowing exactly how much money they must contribute in order to sell their revenue bonds.

Mayor Hanson said there are a great number of provisions that all of us, perhaps, would have liked to have included, but they are dealing with another public body and if they saw fit to come forward on this basis, he thought it was worthy of serious consideration and of passage at this point

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because it will permit the City to proceed.

Mrs. Olson said the way she interprets this Agreement is that it appears the Port is only actually loaning the City this \$350,000. They are selling the Revenue Bonds but the City is guaranteeing that they will be paid back the amount even if the revenues of the Airport are not sufficient to pay off their obligations.

Mr. Rowlands said over a period of years that is correct. Whether it takes 20 or 50 years, the Port will have this \$350,000 repayed.

Mrs. Olson asked when would it be determined what length of time the City will have in order to pay back this amount.

Mayor Hanson said the Port sells the Bonds, they are responsible for the repayment of the bonds. They are also entitled to certain revenues of the Airport until the amount is repayed. In other words, they are repayed first and then assuming that there are no improvements, the City would be receiving some revenues toward their financing.

Mrs. Olson said in the event the Airport does not produce sufficient revenue, then will the City have to make up this money out of its General Fund.

Mr. Rowlands said they would not, that is the Port's responsibility. The Port issues the bonds and retire the bonds.

Mrs. Olson asked what would happen if there were insufficient earnings.

Mr. Murtland said the Port would then have to take that out of their own income.

Mr. Murtland said he was not too sure, due to the change, that he would want to approve the Resolution tonight; therefore, Mr. Murtland moved that the Resolution be continued one week. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele left at this time.

Mr. Bott said his personal opinion of the proposed salary increase has been previously stated, but ~~in the event that~~ ^{no} misinterpretation is made, he would like to make a motion. It is his feeling that as a Councilman, ^{he is} charged with the responsibility of representing the will of the majority of Tacoma citizens and not that of imposing his will upon them. Therefore, taking cognizance of the great public interest as evidenced by the recently conducted newspaper poll in the matter of the Councilman and Mayor's salary Ordinance and having voted on the prevailing side, Mr. Bott moved that the Council reconsider Ordinance No. 16907 at this time. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Bott said his reason for requesting reconsideration of the Ordinance was to propose that the question of salaries be put on the Spring ballot, thereby, giving the people an opportunity to express themselves either for or against the increase. Since this salary change would not be effective until after the election, it in itself should be no enticement to any office seeker.

Roll call was then taken on the motion resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 1, Olson; Absent 2; Cvitanich and Steele. Motion carried.

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Ordinance No. 16907:

Amending Sec. 1.18.040 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 1.19.010 in reference to the Mayor and Councilmen's salaries. Read by title. 64-235

Mr. Bott moved that the necessary Ordinance be drafted in order for the proposition to be placed on the Spring ballot. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Porter said, perhaps, it would be well to postpone this Ordinance until such time as the Ordinance placing the matter on the Spring ballot is before the Council.

Mayor Hanson said he thought that would be in order.

Mr. Porter moved that Ordinance No. 16907 be continued for two weeks until November 7th, at which time the Ordinance requested by Mr. Bott will receive second reading. Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Mr. Hamilton, Assistant City Attorney, said it is his recollection that a Resolution rather than an Ordinance would be necessary to place this item on the ballot.

Mayor Hanson said the motion before the Council is to postpone Ordinance No. 16907 for two weeks to November 7, 1961.

Mr. Bott said he thought this has possibly assumed proportions far greater than it normally would, but inasmuch as there has been such a great public interest and also repercussions, he does not feel that he is yielding to pressure. Mr. Bott said he hopes he is cognizant of the position he represents. He is desirous of representing the opinion of the great number of people. Many people have indicated an interest in the matter, therefore, he felt they should be the ones to decide.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to continue for two weeks. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16913:

Amending the Official Code of the City of Tacoma relating to the Uniform Building Code by amending Sec. 2.02.040 and adding (4) new sections to be known as Sec. 2.02.281, 2.02.282, 2.02.283 and 2.02.284 pertaining to exterior walls, inner court walls and openings in walls and the space requirements pertaining to openings in exterior walls. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said the basic change in the Ordinance is that the present Building Code requires the building set back to be 50 feet from the opposite property line. This results in having a 10 foot set back from the property line for buildings that abut a 40 foot alley. With this change, the new Code requires the walls to be just 20 feet from the center line of an alley or court.

Mr. Easterday said in other words they will not have to tear down the Emerson Apartment. He asked that an opinion be prepared for next week as

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to whether it is within the province of the City Council to change the boundaries of an Urban Renewal District to exclude an area on the periphery of the area.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16911:

Amending Subsection 1. 30. 290-2 and Sections 1. 30-380 and 550 repealing Subsection 1. 30. 290-7 of the Official Code of the City relating to retirement and pensions.

Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following Assessment Rolls for hearing:

LID 2278 for grading, oil mat, drainage in the vicinity of 49th St. NE from Browns Point Blvd. to Harbor View Drive.

LID 2315 for grading and oil mat on East 62nd from "I" to "K" Street.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that Monday, November 27, 1961 be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 2278 and L I D 2315. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

State Audit Report, Water Division, Period Ending December 31 -1960.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said he wanted to apprise the Council of the fact that the Building Division of the Public Works Dept. has been besieged with a number of requests regarding "Fall Out Shelters". He said, they were not sure of the strength of some of these shelters even though they may be promoted by Civil Defense officials on the Federal level. They are desirous to protect everyone concerned so it is the recommendation of the Building Division to make it mandatory that they conform to the Building Code from the standpoint of safety, etc.

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Mayor Hanson said he thought that they should at least impose the requirements on buildings generally. He asked if any other cities have provided additional regulations.

Mr. Rowlands said it has been a chaotic condition all over the Country. The City is not in a position to determine whether or not these shelters will provide shielding or radiation protection, they are not qualified to determine that. All they are qualified to do is to determine the basic safety of the structure.

Mayor Hanson said there is the matter of the procedures involved in the land disposition policy in the Center Street area to which the Council should give additional attention. He asked if the Council would like to meet after the Council meeting for a general discussion on this matter or would they like to set up another time.

It was the concensus of the Council that they would meet after the regular meeting in the Conference Room. The Press was invited to attend the session.

Mr. Howard Cononica said he is present this evening in regard to the transfer of work from the South Tacoma Shops to Livingston, Montana. The Council helped them before on this matter and he thought a word from the Council and the Chamber of Commerce would help a great deal.

Mayor Hanson asked if the N. P. officials are continuing to transfer work to Livingston, Montana.

Mr. Cononica said they were.

Mayor Hanson said the Council has taken previous action urging them to reconsider their action, although the Northern Pacific never indicated that they would change their basic plan. Mayor Hanson added, they are alarmed that this transfer continues and would like to do everything possible to retain the employment in this community. However, he said he was at a loss to know what can be done in addition to what has already been done.

Mr. Cononica said he thought that a letter might be helpful.

Mayor Hanson said he knew the Council had not changed its previous position. Perhaps a discussion could be arranged with the management of the South Tacoma Shops to again let them know that the Council is extremely anxious to keep the work load as high as possible.

Mayor Hanson said he had received a letter from the Secretary of the Local Federation of Shop Crafts which he would read to the Council at this time. The letter stated that the management of the Shops had posted on the bulletin board a proposal to abolish certain jobs, and that the Local Federation of Shop Crafts was protesting this action and would appreciate if the Council would support them by a vigorous protest.

Mr. Bott moved that the Council send a letter to the N. P. Shops stating the Council's stand on this and requesting their reconsideration of the matter.

Seconded by Mr. Porter.

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Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

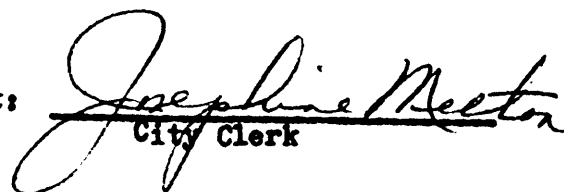
Mr. King said as a member of the Chamber of Commerce he would be happy to bring this up at one of their Chamber of Commerce meetings and ask for their support on their request.

Mr. Cononcia thanked the Council for their consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk