

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, March 25, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4 P. M.

Present on roll call 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zarkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Bott moved that the minutes of the special meeting held at the Public Utilities Bldg. at 11:53 A. M. on Feb. 18, 1969 be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that a correction be made on Page 4, Paragraph 4, 3rd line down of the minutes of Feb. 18th to change the word 'Council' to 'Counsel'.

Mr. Johnson asked that on Page 5, 4th paragraph, 2nd line down, the word 'I' be changed to 'In'.

Mr. Murtland asked that on Page 28, 6th paragraph from the bottom of the page that his statement where he asked 'Who is the private secretary' be changed to 'prior secretary'.

Mr. Johnson pointed out several typographical errors that should be corrected. On Page 8, middle of the page in Mayor Rasmussen's statement, change the word 'the' to 'then'; on Page 9, middle of page in Dr. Herrmann's statement, change the word 'of' to 'or'; Page 10, 4th paragraph from the bottom of the page, 4th line down, change the word 'with' to 'without'; on Page 17, 1st paragraph, 10th line down, change the date of '1969' to '1959'.

Mr. Johnson then moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 18th be corrected as indicated. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 7: Banfield, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zarkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Bott (abstaining). Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann felt verbatim minutes such as these serve absolutely no useful purpose and felt the Council in the future should be a little more circumspect when requesting verbatim in the minutes.

Mr. Johnson asked the cost of producing these (98) pages of minutes.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained the cost was approximately \$657.00.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what the cost was for the fourteen pages which were submitted by the Legal staff.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had requested the verbatim on the hearings and appeals on the B & O tax assessments because it was the first time the City Council had ever been required to sit in as a quasi, judicial body.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

- a. This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the south side of 29th Ave. N. E. from approximately 225 feet east of 62nd Ave. N. E. adjacent to the King County

line from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District, submitted by the Puget Sound National Bank.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained the site is adjacent to an existing commercial zone area in King County and the petitioner has requested this rezone to construct a bank.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if there had been a study for location of banks in the community.

Mr. Buehler said there has not been any study made.

Mr. Cvitanich felt that proper planning is not being instituted in Tacoma and a criteria must be set and followed. He said he would vote against this rezone.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone the above property and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 6: Banfield, Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 2: Cvitanich and Zatkovich. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set over for hearing on the appeal filed by Mr. Valen Honeywell, attorney, on the denial of the request for a rezoning of the petition submitted by W. H. & W. T. Ostruske for rezoning of the easterly side of No. 11th St. and on the north and south side of D St. vacated, from an "R-2" to an "R-4" District.

Mr. Buehler pointed out on the map the location of the proposed rezone near Annie Wright Seminary. He said that the Planning Commission had recommended denial of the request for the apartment building because of the traffic problems that would exist and the fact that the area is firmly established as a single-family residential area.

Mr. Valen Honeywell, attorney, spoke in behalf of the petitioners. He explained this high-rise building would be a condominium and the units would be owned by an individual or families. He added, such an apartment building would be of high quality as the units would be selling at approximately \$45,000. It is predicted that it would be one of the most beautiful apartment houses in the entire area. He felt that the property tax yield would be increased approximately \$50,000 per year.

Mr. Honeywell mentioned that the principal objection to this condominium has been to the traffic situation. The petitioners have offered to pay the expense of widening the two streets abutting the property, which in all probability would eliminate any problems concerning traffic. He noted the sole access to the facility would be from No. 11th St. The proposed plan will have (116) underground parking units for the condominium, which is approximately 1.9 spaces per living unit.

Mr. Honeywell continued, that the Planning Commission's chief aim is to stop low-grade construction, particularly in the apartment buildings and this proposal would certainly meet that criteria. Mr. Honeywell urged the City Council to reverse the Planning Commission's decision on this request for a rezone.

Mr. W. T. Ostruske, 7516 82nd Ave. S. W., the petitioner, pointed out the type of a building which would be built. He noted that the structure would be designed for two and three bedroom units of considerable size.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the apartment building would obstruct the view of other residents in the area.

Mr. Ostruske explained that the ground level of the site would be level with Tacoma Ave. and would not obstruct any view.

Mr. Johnson stated his concern was the problem of traffic.

Mr. Ostruske stated, the traffic would enter from 11th St. or directly into the site from 26th St. All parking is to be underground.

Mr. Hervey Petrich of 2821 Garfield Rd. and Mrs. Roy L. McGinn of 404 No. 10th St. spoke in favor of the rezone. They felt this outstanding development would set the pattern of upgrading this area. They also felt if the rezoning is denied the

Struskes would construct small single dwellings that would not be an asset to the area.

Mr. John Piper, 414 No. 11th, explained that the opponents of the proposed condominium feel the issue is a radical change in density that would be created if this request is approved. The neighborhood is substantially fully developed as a residential area. Mr. Piper objected to the fact that sixty-two families would be in an area that is less than two acres, which would mean a six-fold increase in density. He also mentioned the Planning Commission's reasons for recommending denial of this rezone and particularly that the traffic generated would burden the existing residential streets, creating adverse effects. Therefore, he urged the City Council to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny this rezone request.

Mr. Ron Thompson, attorney, representing the Old Tacoma Improvement Club, felt if the Council were to allow this type of development in this section of Tacoma, what is to stop further development of this type in the future. The association he represents is in favor of improvements for the area, but opposes any spot zoning such as this, he added. Mr. Thompson also mentioned the traffic hazards that would be created since tenants who would occupy a (2) or (3) bedroom unit would probably own two cars.

Mr. Thompson felt before any rezoning is accomplished in this particular area a plan should be adopted. He urged the Council to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the rezone.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the Planning Commission does not have a definite criteria for determining rezones.

Mr. Zatkovich said property in the Old Town area had been zealously guarded for years and there could be improvements made but first a plan should be submitted to the Council by the Planning Commission.

A great number of residents in the area spoke against the rezone, primarily because of the traffic hazard it would create. They also felt any high-rise in a modernistic design is definitely out of place in a low-density residential neighborhood. They felt it would be to the best interest of the City of Tacoma and citizens of the neighborhood to deny this rezone.

After some discussion, Mr. Johnson moved that the Council overrule the recommendation of the Planning Commission and request that an ordinance be brought in approving the rezoning to an "R-4" district. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 2: Cvitanich and Johnson. Nays 6: Banfield, Bott, Herrmann, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion Lost.

Mr. Zatkovich moved that the hearing be postponed for six months until a plan is established. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Zatkovich. Nays 5: Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion Lost.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what progress is being made on the study of the Old Town area.

Mr. Buehler explained that a discussion was held relative to comprehensive planning of the entire area at the Commission meeting just last evening. He said there had also been discussions with persons from the University of Washington who were going to report back to the Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Murtland moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above rezone request. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Johnson. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion carried.

c. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by Parker C. Gadd for rezoning of the west side of Alder between No. 10th & 11th Sts. extended from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

The last day to file an appeal was March 17, 1969 and no appeal was filed.

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

PETITIONS:

- a. Mutual Securities, Inc. requesting rezoning of the N. E. corner of So. 12th and Mullen St. from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.
- b. Woash Realty Inc. requesting rezoning of the east side of So. C approximately 320 feet south of So. 88th St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.
- c. Hoops, Inc. requesting rezoning of the N. E. corner of So. 90th & Hosmer St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A communication was read which stated in part, that the Model Cities Advisory Council is asking for the City Council's wholehearted endorsement relative to the policy statement adopted by the Advisory Council to gain further understanding and cooperation between the Citizens of the Model Neighborhood, the Governing body of the City and the Executive Board of the Model Cities Advisory Council.

Mayor Rasmussen said he opposed such a policy statement and felt such a statement was not representative of all of the people in the area. He also noted that the federal rules and regulations places the Model Cities Program directly under an elective City Council.

Mr. Johnson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Model Cities Advisory Council relative to gaining further understanding and cooperation between the citizens of the Model Neighborhood and the City Council. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Floyd Davis, Vice Chairman of the Model Cities Advisory Council, explained the original intention, as it was discussed at the study session, was that two of the three bodies involved must have the final say as to the status of the position of the Model Cities Director. However, the Advisory Council has concluded, if they concurred with such a policy that it would be possible for the Advisory Council to be left completely out. He felt there is a larger issue involved here, as to how much confidence the City Council is willing to place in the citizens of the Model Cities neighborhood, and their participation in the Model Cities program. He felt that the Advisory Council at this stage does not have a clear-cut definition as to what their role will be in this matter. Mr. Davis informed the Council that the Advisory Council's policy statement was unanimously adopted and hoped that the City Council would accept it.

Mr. Bott moved to amend Mr. Johnson's motion so the policy of the Council would be that two out of the three bodies mentioned in the letter be charged with the hiring or firing of the Model Cities Director. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Rasmussen mentioned that the first motion was to concur with the letter of intent from the Model Cities Advisory Council. He did not believe he could vote to give any group of citizens in the City any special rights over any other group of citizens. He felt the Council, under their oath of office, could not endorse the letter. He noted that the Director of the Model Cities Program is only responsible to the Council.

Dr. Herrmann felt this was a reasonable request and the Advisory Council should have a definite line of authority as spelled out in their policy statement.

Mr. Bott suggested that the Council accept the letter and that it be placed on

file. Then the Council can submit a policy statement at a future date.

Mr. O. R. Pigford, 1738 So. Fife, stated this was a new approach and it was an opportunity for the community and the City government to unite their forces in a common goal.

Mr. Murtland moved that a substitute motion be accepted as follows, that the Council accept the letter of the Model Cities Advisory Council and that it be filed and that further action on the Council's policy regarding this matter be deferred for two weeks, until April 14, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that a communication had been received from Marshall Riconosciuto requesting permission to appear before the Council for the purpose of inquiry into the requirements for presentation of a franchise application for cable TV services to the community. However, Mr. Riconosciuto was unable to attend this meeting and asked that the communication be continued for one week.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the communication from Marshall Riconosciuto be continued for one week, until April 1, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20125 (postponed from the meeting of March 11, 1969)

Authorizing the execution of a written contract with Lea & Jacobson for the designing and preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of sidewalks adjacent to the proposed parking garages located in the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project area R-14.

Mayor Rasmussen said that a substitute resolution has been submitted.

Mr. Wright, Urban Renewal Director, explained that the original requests for the resolution and the ordinance had not included terminology concerning open space, therefore, a substitute resolution and ordinance, which is further on in the agenda, has been submitted.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the substitute resolution be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken. Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann moved that resolution No. 20125 as amended be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Anderson, City Engineer, explained since last week he has studied this proposal. In reviewing Civil Engineering fees for this type of work, the rate of 12% of \$214,000 or approximately \$25,000 was fair and reasonable. The work involves considerable coordination for the design and preparation of plans, construction specifications and construction engineering of the sidewalks surrounding the proposed downtown garages. This also includes the development of open spaces in the area as well as working with various utility companies.

He noted the Public Works Dept. could perform such work, but it would create numerous problems, particularly between engineers from the Public Works and Urban Renewal Departments. He also stated the department is involved in carrying out the L I D participation and urban arterial work that the citizens voted for at the last election.

Mrs. Banfield asked why the Parking Garage Corporation could not pay for these sidewalks.

Mr. Wright explained this original work of sidewalk repair on Commerce St. is in the Urban Renewal Project expenditure budget. It was not anticipated that it would be the responsibility of the New Tacoma Parking Corporation. He pointed out on a map the sidewalks that will be constructed at 100% urban renewal expense be-

cause of the condition of the sidewalk. The walks that are to be repaired on 13th, 9th and two pieces on Pacific Ave. are all on boundary streets, therefore, 50% is paid by the Urban Renewal Dept. and 50% by the City.

After some discussion, roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

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

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

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20127

Appropriating the sum of \$1,018.88 from the Equipment Rental Fund Account "B" for the purchase of one 2-cubic yard bucket to be mounted on a rubber-tired loader.

Mr. Johnson moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20128

Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$375,000 or so much thereof as may be needed from the Sewer Utility Fund to the Tacoma Municipal Sewer System Construction Fund.

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

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20129

Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$250,000 from the Sewer Utility Fund to the Federal Aid Sewer Construction Fund.

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

Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, asked that the resolution be corrected to add 'Sewer' after the words 'Federal Aid' wherever it appears in the Resolution.

Mr. Murtland moved that the word 'Sewer' be added after the words 'Federal Aid' wherever it appears in the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution as amended.

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

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Mayor Rasmussen moved that the rules be suspended to take up Resolution No. 20130. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 20130

Petitioning the President of the U. S. of America and the Congress of the U. S. of America to make appropriate provisions for financial assistance for research in connection with the development of the extensive coal reserves in the South Puget Sound Region.

Mr. Johnson moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18780

Amending 1.24.980 & 986 of the Civil Service & Personnel Rules to add Model Cities Projects.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18781

Appropriating the sum of \$163,363.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying costs incurred during the removal of snow and sanding of streets during inclement weather.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained that two items were inadvertently omitted from the original ordinance and a corrected ordinance has been presented to the Council.

Mr. Johnson moved that the corrected ordinance be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained this ordinance had been discussed at a recent study session which relates to the appropriation of monies which effects certain transfers in connection with the financing of the snow and ice removal costs and provides funds for the repair of many of the City's streets.

Mr. Van Camp, a City employee, asked if this ordinance authorizes the hiring of contractors to do the work that the maintenance crews of the City are hired to do.

Mr. Rowlands explained the equipment has been rented from various contractors because of the urgency to repair the streets which have been so badly damaged.

Mr. VanCamp said he did not understand why outside help is being considered for this particular job.

Mr. Anderson, City Engineer, assured Mr. VanCamp that the maintenance department will not be running out of work. He felt that the condition of the streets at this time demand action and the problem must be taken care of as soon as possible. He also explained that it is quite possible that pending legislation will enable the City to secure an outright grant from the State to reimburse the City for the expenditures, then again the Legislature might make it possible for the City to use

a portion of the one-half cent arterial street fund for the repair of arterial streets.

Mr. Anderson suggested that an oil sealing be placed on the most deteriorated streets within a period of the next two years.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the Public Works Dept. use their own employees on an overtime basis.

Mr. Anderson felt the crews should not have to work over their regular shifts as they were required to do during the snow.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what was the difference in the salaries of the grader operators in private industry compared to the City.

Mr. VanCamp stated, he would tentatively state that grader operators outside the City service receive \$5.82 an hour and the City employes \$4.42 an hour.

Mayor Rasmussen felt a report should be submitted to the Council relative to this matter and perhaps hire extra graders only and use City personnel to operate them.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, said this was discussed at the study session and it was his understanding it was agreeable that the Public Works Dept. be given permission to start the program because of the emergent road situation before the ordinance is officially passed.

Mr. Murtland felt the work should be started at this time and outside help should be hired as the City does not have the personnel to complete this by Sept. He felt this was just another problem that has been brought about by the abundance of snow which occurred this winter.

Mr. Zatkovich thought this was an emergency and as far as the salary question, that can be looked into at the next budget hearing.

After some discussion, Mr. Johnson moved that the Council instruct the City Manager to hire contractors and equipment and proceed with the cleaning up of the City streets to make them usable. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

Mayor Rasmussen moved to amend the motion to include the price of oiling the streets that have been damaged by the snow and ice. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mrs. Banfield felt it was wrong to give instructions at a study session and then vote on the matter at a later date.

Mr. Anderson explained there are (691) blocks that will have to be repaired. This compares to past programs where only (300) blocks have been repaired during the winter. He said that will be approximately a total of (249) miles of graveled streets with no oil mat if this is accomplished.

Mr. Anderson further stated that after a street is returned to gravel, estimates will have to be made on the cost of oiling the streets or placing an oil mat surface on them. He added, he will submit the figures on the cost per mile between oiling or placing an oil mat surface at the next Council meeting.

Roll call was taken on the motion by Mayor Rasmussen to amend Mr. Johnson's motion to include the oiling of the damaged streets. Ayes 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 5: Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion Lost.

Roll call was taken on the motion by Mr. Johnson that the City Manager be directed to hire extra equipment and contractors and proceed with the cleaning up of the City streets to make them usable. Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion unanimously carried.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.



FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18769 (postponed from the meeting of March 18, 1969)

Appropriating the sum of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund to the Non-departmental Fund for the purpose of paying the City's participation in needed public improvements within the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project.

Mr. Johnson moved that Substitute Ordinance No. 18769 be substituted for Ordinance No. 18769. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Wright, Urban Renewal Director, explained that reference to open space is now included in this ordinance whereas in the original ordinance it had been inadvertently omitted. He pointed out the new amendment in the ordinance.

Mr. Murtland requested that in a substitute ordinance or resolution that the Legal staff underline what is new in the ordinance.

Mayor Rasmussen explained, this is an emergency ordinance and will require six votes.

Mayor Rasmussen asked how much money has been appropriated out of the General Fund and how much was left.

Mr. Gaisford explained that approximately \$223,000 has been appropriated and \$125,207 is left in the fund. He said he would submit a report relative to the requests for such appropriations.

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

Ayes 4: Bott, Herrmann, Johnson and Zatkovich.

Ayes 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Finnigan. Murtland (temporarily).

The Ordinance was declared Lost by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18771 (postponed from the meeting of March 18, 1969)

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4882 for paying of alley between Tacoma Avenue So. and Fawcett from So. 23rd to 25th and other southend alleys.

Mr. Anderson, City Engineer, explained this ordinance has now been checked and the areas have been deleted by the Council's action at last week's meeting.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18773

Amending Sec. 1. 12. 155 of the official code relative to the Model Cities Projects.

Mr. Bott explained this ordinance was discussed in detail at the study session Monday and the staff was instructed to bring in an ordinance whereby the fringe benefits will be enjoyed by all city employes alike.

Mr. Bixel, Director of Personnel, explained this is an enabling ordinance and does not, as such, establish the Model Cities as a project. A resolution will have to be passed under the authority of this ordinance to set forth the conditions

which would clearly define the appointees to the Model Cities Project would receive no other benefits that regular city employees. He also explained the only time the unemployment compensation benefit is used is for employees who work in connection with the dam construction, force account employees and and occasional employee hired from the union hall.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Finnigan.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18774

Amending Sec. 1.12.570 of the official code establishing the classification of a Ball Park Maintenance Chief.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if this money was appropriated from the General Fund. Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that the City has a Baseball Park Revolving Fund.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, explained the fund is budgeted. It is a revenue producing operation that contains approximately \$21,000 which comes from the admission tax and other operations at the ball field.

Mrs. Banfield said she was not against the ball team but was against the City of Tacoma subsidizing for maintenance of the ball field.

Mr. Rowlands explained if the attendance figure is reached of 120,000, the ball team will reimburse the City for maintenance of the park.

Mrs. Banfield asked that a report be submitted to the Council as to whether or not the City will be reimbursed by the ball team in the event the attendance has reached the 120,000, for the maintenance of the field.

Mr. Rowlands said he would make that report.

Mrs. Banfield hoped that some type of nominal fee or pass can be given to the senior citizens so they can attend the ball games.

Mayor Rasmussen stated, it might be possible that the Chicago Cubs would allow the senior citizens a season ticket for a nominal amount or give them a gold pass.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Finnigan.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18775

Amending Subsection 4312 of Sec. 1.12.555 of the official code to amend the Police Court Judge's Salary.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Banfield, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.  
Nays 1: Zatkovich. Absent 1: Finnigan.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18776

Amending Subsection 5020 of Sec. 1.12.570 of the official code amending the per hour rate of Truck Driver for front loading compactor.

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

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

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18777

Creating a Model Cities Fund and appropriating \$7,983.00 therefrom and authorizing a temporary loan of \$25,000 from the General Fund.

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

Ayes 6: Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18778

Appropriating the sum of \$7,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of paying additional costs of the City of Tacoma's participation in the Tacoma Centennial Celebration.

Mr. Johnson gave a progress report of the plans for the Centennial Celebration. He noted that tickets are being made available to every citizen encouraging them to invite friends of theirs who formerly lived in Tacoma. The tickets can be filled out and their friends will receive an invitation from the committee and a brochure.

Mr. Bott explained, at no cost to the City the Parade Committee has been meeting regularly and it is hoped the parade will be outstanding. He asked if any citizen has any antique equipment that can be used, please make it known to the committee so they can utilize it in the parade.

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

Ayes 7: Banfield, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 2: Finnigan. Bott (temporarily)

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18779

Authorizing the transfer of \$6,030.00 from the M & O category of the Baseball Park Revolving Fund to the salaries and wage category for the purpose of paying the salary and wages of the Baseball Maintenance Chief.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 1: Banfield. Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. Banfield moved to reconsider the vote on the motion to place parking meters in the old Fire Station area. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mrs. Banfield explained, after receiving a letter from the Civic Arts Commission she felt that this area should be barricaded and used for people who wish to come to view the totem pole. She thought, perhaps, benches could be installed so that visitors could enjoy the view.

Mr. Cvitanich said he had checked three times today in the area of the old fire station regarding the parking situation. There is a 'No Parking' sign posted but vehicles are parked there even though it is posted. If this is not being enforced at this time, he could not see that it would be enforced when there are parking meters, so he felt the Council's position should be reversed to place a chain across the area so the public could utilize the area.

Mayor Rasmussen explained, after the Civic Arts Commission meeting Dr. Baskin, Chairman of the Commission, had reported to him that the commission had been unanimous in their opinion that the best solution to the problem would be to place a chain across the area and have picnic benches so they would be available to the public.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained a letter had just been received in his office from some business men downtown who hoped parking spaces would be available in this area, since many meters will be removed because of the construction downtown. He hoped that the Council would consider this request in their deliberations.

Roll call was taken on the motion to reconsider the vote on the motion to place parking meters in the old Fire Station area. Ayes 5: Banfield, Cvitanich, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 3: Bott, Herrmann and Johnson. Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion carried.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the Public Works Dept. be instructed to place a chain across the area to allow for proper pedestrian travel. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mrs. Banfield to contact the Park Board relative to placing tables and benches in the area.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that the chain be placed there as soon as possible because there are two automobiles which park consistently under the lean-to of the fire station.

Mr. Murtland suggested that the totem pole be painted.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Anderson, City Engineer, look into the possible painting of the totem pole.

Mr. Anderson suggested from a practical and safety standpoint that stop posts be placed in the area as the chain would be a death-trap.

Mayor Rasmussen said if it is agreeable with the Council the motion will be reworded to indicate appropriate barricades instead of a chain and leave it up to the discretion of the Public Works Dept.

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Mr. Johnson suggested that bus tours be available during the Centennial Celebration for a nominal fee.

Mayor Rasmussen felt this was a good suggestion that should be studied.

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Mr. Cvitanich reported on the SB-349 that is up before the Legislature relative to pensions for the Fire and Police Chiefs to allow them fifty percent of their salaries upon retirement. He added, there has been an amendment introduced by the Seattle Police Dept. to allow Police Chiefs to retire at half pay. These bills were killed in committee.

Mr. Cvitanich also referred to SB-522, in which a motion passed last week by this Council amended the 300,000 population to 150,000 population. He asked that Bulletin No. 7, page 4, under SB-522 be amended to show 150,000 population before it is further distributed.

Mr. Cvitanich mentioned HB-516 which allows a regional housing development corporation, a local housing authority or a housing sponsor to acquire land by condemnation for the purpose of establishing a housing project. He had discussed this with the chairman of the House Committee and told him he personally felt it gave entirely too much latitude to any group other than a governmental agency using the right of condemnation of property. He noted that it is the Legislative Committee's recommendation that the Council oppose this Bill.

Mayor Rasmussen moved that the City Council of Tacoma go on record opposing HB-516. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained he felt SB-490 is one of the most important bills as it relates to public transportation, providing for the levying and collection of a special excise tax of 1% on the fair market value of every motor vehicle owned by a resident of a municipality. HB-641 relates to SB-490, he added.

Mayor Rasmussen moved that the opinion of the Council be held in abeyance until the Legislative Committee is able to submit a report on SB-490 and HB-641. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen called the Council's attention to SB-359 which will provide for a million dollars for loans to cities and counties to pay for the costs of snow removal. He asked that the sentence under the remarks "we were totally unprepared for such a severe winter" be eliminated.

Mr. Rowlands explained, that other cities in the State have agreed to this bill. There are millions of dollars in surplus at the State level. This has been one of difficulties, the State has to recognize the plight of the cities.



Mayor Rasmussen stated, he would not vote for anything that would increase taxes.

Mr. Rowlands said that the Mayor has taken the position that the City Council, City officials and City Manager should not be seeking assistance from the State.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had heard in one of Mr. Rowland's talks that Tacoma had been the recipient of \$65,000,000.

Mr. Rowlands explained, he had said that the total was \$64,000,000 and of that amount, \$10' or \$11,000,000 had been appropriated by the City. The rest of the amount was from State and Federal funds. He further stated that an MC was submitted to the Council relative to the programs developed with these funds.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that Bulletin No. 7 be held up until the bills have been checked out before they are sent to the Legislature.

Mayor Rasmussen mentioned SB-329 which established the Department of Community Affairs & Development dealing with basic human rights. He asked that this bill also be checked.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that someone from the City Legal Department be in Olympia on a full time basis as there will be a tremendous volume of bills presented shortly.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the Legislative Chairman, Mr. Cvitanich, should be in Olympia for the rest of the session and asked Mr. Hamilton what attorney could accompany him.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained that Mr. Dempsey had been working with the Legislative Committee on most of these problems, and said he could accompany Mr. Cvitanich whenever he is needed.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands announced that on Tuesday, April 8th, at 9:30 A. M. there will be a dedication of the Sewage Treatment Plant on Ruston Way.

Mayor Rasmussen wondered if this could be arranged for Tuesday afternoon so the Council members could leave the dedication and come to the Council meeting at 4 P. M.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would check this out with Mr. Bond, Public Relations Director.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Dr. Herrmann and Mr. Johnson asked to be excused from the next Council meeting on April 1st, 1969.

Mr. Bott and Mr. Murtland asked that they be excused from the meetings of April 1st and 8th.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the Council had agreed that any Council member who wished to attend the meeting in Washington, D. C. would be allowed to attend.

Mr. Johnson was excused at this time, 11:45 P. M.

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Mr. Bott moved that Mr. Floyd Miller who has been elevated to the position of Mayor of Seattle, be sent a letter wishing him well in his new appointment. Seconded by Mayor Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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Mayor Rasmussen felt it was unfortunate that so many of the Council members will be out of town for the April 1st meeting as perhaps, a quorum will not be present.

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Mr. Cvitanich requested that a resolution be drafted removing all the appointive personnel from the classified pay plan. He noted this was discussed during the budget hearing last October and he felt the salaries should be negotiated for these persons.

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Mr. Cvitanich requested that the Traffic Engineer check all traffic lights at the busy intersections where they might be able to utilize a green arrow which would allow more than one car to turn left at a time.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that the traffic lights be checked at 6th Ave., 12th and 19th Streets on Stevens as it has been reported there is no control over them.

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Mrs. Banfield said she had read that the Urban Coalition Commission was planning to split with the Human Relations Commission and she asked Mr. Hodges what information he had on the matter. She also asked Mr. Hodges if he were planning to make a move to the Urban Coalition Commission.

Mr. Hodges, Director of Human Relations, explained that the reorganization of the Urban Coalition Commission has not been determined, and as far as her second question was concerned, he had no information on the matter.

Mrs. Banfield felt the ordinance setting up the Human Relations Commission's functions should be studied, particularly, in reference to the portion where it states, 'identifications to the problems of the City are to be brought to public attention'. She asked if there had been any report made to the Council or to the Commission that definitely outlines the exact problems and where they may be found in the City.

Mr. Hodges said there had been a number of reports submitted over the last year. Among those reports, was a four-page Annual Report placed in the Council's agenda in September. There are also monthly reports submitted, he added.

Mrs. Banfield stated these reports did not point out the exact problems.

Mr. Hodges explained a number of studies have been made and reported. He said if Mrs. Banfield wishes this information he hoped she would come to his office and check the files. He added, if he had known she had wanted this information he would have brought records, but she had not contacted him before the meeting as to what questions she was going to ask this evening. Mr. Hodges explained if she desired a xerox copy of all reports he would be glad to make them available.

Mrs. Banfield stated she had not received minutes of the meetings since last October.

Mr. Hodges stated, minutes have been placed in the agenda every month.

Mrs. Banfield asked what educational programs had been conducted by the Human Relations Commission as required in the ordinance.

Mr. Hodges replied he would make a report on the matter.

Mrs. Banfield also stated she had been informed that Mr. Hodges had been in the Renton area talking about sex education and she asked if this was on City time.

Mr. Hodges explained he had not been in Renton on City time and had not been teaching sex education. If she had information that he does not have, he would be happy to know about it.

Mrs. Banfield requested that the entire Human Relations ordinance be studied at a Council meeting. She also would like to know what interviews had been conducted at a religious level rather than racial. She was interested to know what other people had been interviewed as she had seen no public hearings advertised.

Mr. Hodges explained that the most successful Human Relations Commissions take care of the problems before they get as far as a public hearing.

Mr. Hodges said he will be very happy to provide information for Mrs. Banfield but hoped that she would ask for what she wanted before the meetings so he could have the information, as he felt he could do a better job.

Mr. Bott thought that perhaps, Mrs. Banfield might look over the Human Relations Commission's files and if there is something out of order then bring it to the Council meeting.

Mrs. Banfield felt it was his duty as a Director to be at the Council meetings.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained he did not like to tie up the staff members unless there is something specific on the agenda. Usually any staff member can check on the radio and come to the meeting just before Comments by the Council members. All the staff is available any time during the week to seek out answers when they are questioned about any areas, he added.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked how long the position of Field Work Coordinator has been vacant on the Human Relations' staff.

Mr. Hodges, Director of Human Relation, explained they have been without a person for approximately two months.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if this position was under the regular civil service scheduled examination procedures.

Mr. Rowlands explained this was on a temporary employment status.

Mayor Rasmussen wondered how necessary such a position is, as it was his information that it had been vacant for five months. The Council had been told it was a necessary position at the time of the budget hearings.

Mr. Hodges explained that the Coalition has employed a young lady who has been doing a lot of work for the Human Relations Commission. It is a very difficult position to fill as the job description points out that a person must be able to fulfill his or her duties as a field worker as well as an office worker.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. John T. Mauley, 5620 So. Lawrence, spoke relative to Council procedures as well as the rights and conduct of citizens at the Council meetings. He felt that more cooperation between Council members would certainly help to build a better image for the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Rasmussen thanked Mr. Mauley for bringing his suggestions to the Council.

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Mr. George W. Goe, 5465 So. Cedar, spoke on the drainage problem between So. Cedar and Alder Streets at 56th St. He asked that this be checked.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the Public Works Dept. check into the matter.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Civil Service Board for Feb. 18, 1969.
- b. Report of Traffic Activities for the month of Jan. 1969.
- c. Personnel Report for the month of Feb. 1969.
- d. Tacoma Police Dept. report for Feb. 1969.
- e. Report from the Light, Water & Belt Line Division for Jan. 1969.
- f. City Clerk advising that the 30-day period for filing protests on L I D 5464 and 5472 has expired.

Placed on file.

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Mr. Murtland moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 A. M., March 26th, 1969.

*A. L. Rasmussen*  
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 A. L. RASMUSSEN, MAYOR

ATTEST: *Josephine Melton*  
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 JOSEPHINE MELTON, CITY CLERK