

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
August 27, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Sonntag.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of August 26 thru 31, 1974 as "Women's Week."

Mr. Nalley arrived at 5:28 p.m.

Mayor Johnston announced that the Council Meeting was delayed due to the Special Meeting regarding an impasse between the Management Labor Negotiating Team and employees of the Water Division. Mayor Johnston moved that the Council accept and endorse the interdepartmental communication relative to the facts on the labor matter. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Roll call vote was taken resulting in
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - Herrmann. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of August 20, 1974.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22975 Fixing Tuesday, September 10, 1974 at 5:00 P.M. as the date for hearing proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to the definition of and regulation of group care homes and detoxification centers.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma/Pierce County Bicentennial Commission minutes of July 11, and August 8, 1974.
- b. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of August 5, 1974.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of July 16, 1974.
- d. Monthly report, June, 1974, Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society & SPCA.
- e. Monthly report, July, 1974, Traffic Violations & Court Cases, Municipal Court.
- f. Dept. of Public Works filing Update Cost Estimate for Urban Arterial Project No. 8-1-128(28) and No. 8-1-128(42).

Mrs. Egan moved that all items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20197 Amending Chapter 1.29 of the Official Code relative to the Human Relations Commission to extend the coverage of protection from discrimination.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - Herrmann

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20198 Amending Sections 1.12.360, 1.12.370 and 1.12.410 of the Official Code to add the position of Photo and Lithography Supervisor and amending the rate of pay for Customer Service Assistant and certain Hydroelectric Utilitymen.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - Herrmann

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20200 Amending Ordinance No. 20174 and Section 13.06.052(1) of the Official Code to reflect the proper description of property intended to be rezoned to an "R-3TM" District and "R-5TM" District.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0 Absent: 1 - Herrmann

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20199 (Continued from the meeting of August 20)
Amending Section 1.12.380 of the Official Code by adding the positions of Stores Clerk, Warehouse Technician I and Warehouse Technician II and establishing the rate of pay.

Hugh Judd, Labor Relations Director, asked that the ordinance be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the ordinance be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Ordinance was removed from the agenda.

Ordinance No. 20201 Vacating a portion of South 3rd Street lying between South "K" and "L" Streets and Division Avenue. (Tacoma General Hospital)

Rod Kerslske, Planning Department, advised that Council held a hearing on the vacation in May and everything now is in order to proceed with the vacation.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20202 Amending Section 1.12.555 of the Official Code to add the position (A) Chief Clerk, Municipal Court and change in title of subsection 4308 to Supervisor, Violations Bureau.

Odd A. Lund, Personnel Director, advised Council there are two Municipal Judges, each with different procedures. The department is in the process of reorganization. This ordinance implements a portion of the reorganization.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22976 Authorizing execution of an agreement with Wright Roofing Company to reroof the Radio Division Building at 421 Tacoma Avenue South for the cost of \$4,790.00.

Mr. Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

In the absence of Lou Manconi, Purchasing Agent, of whom the Council had questions regarding the roofing bid, Mr. Sonntag moved the resolution be continued one week. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to September 3, 1974.

Resolution No. 22977 Authorizing execution of an agreement with Central T.V. for purchase of video equipment for the sum of \$4,150.00 for use by the Police Training Division.

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

Resolution No. 22978 Authorizing execution of a Second Amendatory Contract Amending Neighborhood Development Program Funding Agreement No. 2 and Master Agreement No. Wash. A-3 between the City and the U. S. of America.

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

Resolution No. 22979 Authorizing settlement of the claims of Robert Knowles; Edith Johnson and Lutheran Memorial Church.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22980 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make application for federal funds for installation of raised pavement markers on the center lines and lane lines of City arterials.

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

Resolution No. 22981 Authorizing execution of an agreement with Seifer, Forbes and Berry, Architects for an over-all planning review and preparation of an environmental impact statement on the proposed Public Works Maintenance Center and 18-hole Golf Course Facility.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

After questions of Fred Thompson, Public Works Department, and discussion, Mayor Johnston moved that the resolution be continued two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and failed.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to adopt and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22982 Authorizing execution of an amendment to an agreement with Automotive and Special Services Union Local #461.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Warnick.

Fred Van Camp, Business representative of Local 461, urged adoption.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22983 Authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #483, Electrical Supervisor's Bargaining Unit.

Hugh Judd, Labor Relations Director, asked that the resolution be removed from the agenda.

Mrs. Egan moved the resolution be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The resolution was removed from the agenda.

Resolution No. 22984 Authorizing execution of agreement with owners of five parcels of property relative to payment of assessments on L.I.D. No. 3729 and authorizing permit to connect to trunk sewer in McMurray Road.

Mr. Warnick 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 the continued hearing of Teleprompter Corporation's request for an increase in their monthly service charges. (Continued from the meeting of July 30th)

Mr. Nelson excused himself from sitting in on the hearing due to a possible conflict of interest. Mr. Nelson left the meeting.

Ferry Nash, General Manager of TelePrompter, presented to Council members written answers to the questions posed by Council at the hearing July 30th. On questions of Council, Mr. Nash said it is expected the converter would be provided to subscribers late in 1975 when channel 42 is obtained from California. He also confirmed they will be televising programs such as local sporting events, Council meetings, etc.

Mr. Hudson felt a two week delay in approval of the rate increase would be advisable in order to draw up a contract setting forth these promises.

Jeanne Clegg, Department of Human Development, spoke on the possible effect the rate increase would have on the low income citizens of Tacoma. She also enumerated the types of information and programs the public channel can present free of charge to the subscribers and urged Council to consider this in relation to the proposed rate increase.

Bob Slingland of Tacoma School District #10 and Director of Channel 62, described the use of cable TV in the public schools. He pointed out the great potential of the resource available and urged Council to give careful consideration as to how this resource should be put to use.

Dr. Bernard Booms, Economist, made reference to the rate of return information distributed to Council and commented on the difficulty of determining profit from figures in the short time the information was available. He said the nature of determining profit is complex in view of the large amount of initial investment, and that more analysis is necessary before any recommendations about the rate increase request can be made.

Ross Franklin, citizen, felt the City should utilize the system from which revenues have been generated. On question of the Mayor, she said she would pay the rate increase if the public channel would be utilized.

Mr. Warnick made a suggestion that consideration be given to using a portion of the 6 percent revenues in connection with programming on the public channel.

Harvey Singleton, Technology Coordinator, pointed out that under FCC regulations, if the public access channel is not utilized soon it would result in loss of the channel and loss in revenue. His investigation showed that other cities have dedicated persons who have developed programs of civic nature. He advised that Mr. Harold E. Horn, Regional Director of cable TV information center for the Urban Institute in Washington D.C. will be on the west coast September 16 thru 27, 1974 and could assist Dr. Booms in evaluating the requested rate increase.

Mrs. Egan moved the rate increase request be delayed until October 1st in order that Dr. Booms can review with Mr. Horn the financial figures presented by TelePrompter and that within two weeks Council receive from staff and hopefully in cooperation with TelePrompter a list of recommendations in order to prepare a joint agreement, and that one week prior to the hearing a progress report be made on how close we are in reaching those terms, and in the meantime a meeting with Mr. Horne be arranged. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 4 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 2 - Sonntag and Warnick

Absent: 3 - Herrmann, Nalley, Nelson

The motion carried.

Mr. Warnick left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

This is the date set for hearing Tacoma Realty Inc.'s appeal on the Planning Commission's decision to deny their request for rezoning the southwesterly corner of Division and Ainsworth Avenues from an "R-4" to a "C-2" District. (7-15-74 Planning Commission denied 6-0,1 absent)

Rod Kerslake, Planning Dept., reviewed the rezone request and the reasons for the Planning Commission's denial. He advised Council that he understood Counsel for the appellants would be bringing to Council information relating to possible restriction of use of the property which was not considered by the Planning Commission at the time of their hearing.

Mrs. Egan moved that the rezone be returned to the Planning Commission for consideration of new material. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

This is the date set for hearing the Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program for the years 1975-1980.

Bob Engle, Public Works Dept., advised Council the Comprehensive street program is prepared under a new concept proposed by the Urban Arterial Board which is based on actual funds available. In addition, a supplemental program was prepared for projects which depend on funds becoming available. If any are funded those projects would require a hearing by the City Council in order to be included in the regular program. After discussion Mayor Johnston moved to adopt the Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

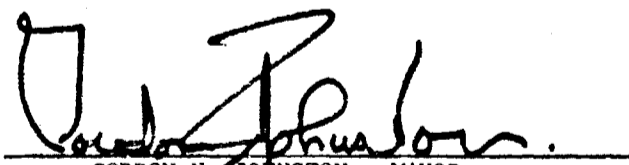
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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Bill Donaldson, City Manager, advised Council of a hearing to be held, Wednesday, August 28th in Yakima on a proposed legislative bill on Land Use Planning and suggested Council send a representative to the hearing.

Mayor Johnston moved that Mr. Sonntag attend the hearing and endorse the memo received from Mr. Buehler, Planning Department Director. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

On proper motion the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

Attest: Catherine Ursich
CATHERINE URSICH
DEPUTY CITY CLERK