

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 6, 1969

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

Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Boss, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Moon, Hartland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections in the minutes of March 25. Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of March 25, 1969 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he had not received the report that Mr. Anderson, Engineer was to submit to the Council on the cost per mile between oiling and placing an oil mat surface on the streets that have to be repaired due to winter storms. Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, said he would check into the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen also mentioned that a report was to be submitted by Mr. Rowlands relative to the funds that have been received from the Federal Government. Mr. Rowlands explained that under an MC 571 submitted to the Council a year ago outlined these funds and very few changes have been made since the last year. He also remarked he had written a letter to the Pierce County Legislature at the Legislature stating that approximately \$54,000,000 has been received from Federal funds, which was basically used for capital improvements. However, in order to obtain the \$54,000,000 of Federal and State funds, a contribution of \$11,000,000 had to be added which made a total of \$65,000,000. Mayor Rasmussen said he still would like to have a break-down of the money so it can be tied down to specific projects. Mr. Rowlands stated the MC does break down such funds, however, Ruston Way Beautification and funds from the Safe Street Act have been added and he would be glad to bring the report up to date.

Voice vote was taken on the approval of the March 25th minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of April 1, 1969 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the minutes of April 3, 1969 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

AGENDAS & APPEALS

This is the date set for hearing for Zoning Ordinance Text change relative to Building and Vehicles.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained this recommendation was the outcome of the State Supreme Court's decision relative to the definition of a vehicle and building. The Planning Commission has recommended a change in the ordinance for the reason of clarity in differentiating between building and vehicle, in particular in respect to "Trailers" and "Mobile Homes."

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The definition of "Building" should be amended so as not to include "vehicle". Therefore, any confusion in interpretation of the present zoning text would be eliminated, as a vehicle is not a vehicle when all of its mobile characteristics are removed and placed on a foundation.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained that the ordinance now designed to enlarge the scope of vehicles to include a mobile home that has become immobilized. This definition is being prescribed for the limited purpose relative to zoning.

After some discussion, Mr. Bott moved to postpone action on this hearing for two weeks, until May 20, 1969 so more information can be made available. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken. Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 2: Finnigan and Martland. Absent 0. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Crawford & Associates requesting rezoning of the east side of So. Proctor approximately 120 feet south of So. 12th from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. Referred to the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A communication was read from Edward Sheldon, Co-chairman--Tacoma area Urban Coalition, inviting the Mayor and City Council to attend a luncheon meeting co-sponsored by the Civic Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Tacoma Area Urban Coalition at the Winthrop Hotel on May 12, 1969 when Mayor Naftlin of Minneapolis, Minnesota will speak.

Mayor Rasmussen stated if the Council desires to attend this luncheon the Open Study Session would be cancelled.

Placed on file.

A communication was read from Benjamin Erhart, requesting that the City Council initiate vacation proceedings of a triangle piece of property next to Larnacle Bill's Restaurant and Tavern on the S.W. corner of East 11th & Port of Tacoma without a petition.

Mr. Cvitanich felt that the Council should initiate the vacation proceedings as requested.

Mr. Bott asked if this suggestion were agreed upon, would it indicate that the Council approved of the vacation?

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained the request would just follow the usual procedure, a resolution being drafted to set a date for hearing, and at the time of the hearing discussion would be held whether or not it would be practicable to vacate such request.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Council refer this matter to the Planning Commission for investigation and initiate proceedings for the vacation of a triangular piece of property on the S.W. corner of East 11th and Port of Tacoma Road. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Abbie M. Manly communication was read calling attention to the council for the need of public rest rooms in the downtown area.

Mayor Rasmussen asked how many public rest rooms are located in the downtown area.

Mr. Rowlands explained the City does not have any rest rooms at the present time in the downtown area.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that the Planning Dept. and Urban Renewal Dept. look into this matter in the over-all plan of Downtown Tacoma.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the new garages that are to be built will not include public rest rooms, but plans for the Broadway Mall development may include the possibility of such public facilities.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to forward the communication to the Planning Commission for its review in terms of an over-all planning in the downtown area as well as the Urban Renewal Dept. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Reappointing H. W. Birkeland to the Building Code Board of Appeals for at term of five years commencing on the 5th day of Feb. 1969 and ending on the 4th day of Feb. 1974.

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

Ayes: 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0 Absent 0

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20179

Fixing Monday May 26, at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4892 for paving on So. 60th from Fawcett to Park Ave. and other southend Streets.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20180

Fixing Tuesday, May 20, at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for rezoning of the S. W. corner of So. 37th & Tacoma Ave. from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District. (petition of P. S. National Bank)

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20181

Fixing Tuesday June 3, at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the alley between So. 10th & 11th and between Yakima and I Sts. (petition of DeMinimus Corp.)

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0 Absent 0

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20182

Fixing Tuesday June 3, at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the west side of G St. & south of So. 23rd. (petition of The Conifer Company)

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20183

Awarding contract to McCann's Gun Shop for the sale of used firearms in the amount of \$450.00

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20184

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co., on its bid of \$39,847.10 for L I D 4837.

Mayor Rasmussen inquired about placing permanent type surfaces on the streets to be reconstructed in the City.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained the difference between the MC oil and the dust oil on the streets. As the Council knows, there is quite an extensive program being conducted at this time and if a block at a time is repaired the cost is higher than if the oiling is accomplished over a large area. On a dust oil project, the street is put into condition and gravel is placed, then the oil and sand are placed on top of the gravel. If the MC oiling process is accomplished, the oil is heavier and gravel is placed on top of that, which is a better job than just a regular dust oil job.

Mr. Schuster further explained in checking figures it was determined that in an over-all project the costs were relatively the same.

Mayor Rasmussen thought the 650 blocks that are to be repaired in the City this summer an MC oil surface should be used instead of dust-oiling.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nay 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20185

Awarding contract to Capital Industries, Inc. and Worthington Container Corp. for the supply of Refuse Containers.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20186

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co., on its bid of \$156,121.20 for L I D 4877.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20187

Awarding contract to American Rubber Company on its bid of \$13,244.33 for furnishing of the annual supply of fire hose.

Mr. Finnigan asked that the freight charges be shown on the resolutions regarding bids hereafter.

James Reiser, Fire Chief, explained the City pays the freight charges on a bid such as this.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, to inform the Purchasing Dept. that the freight charges are to be added to the resolutions awarding bids.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20188

Awarding contract to Harley-Davidson of Tacoma for the furnishing of 6 Solo motorcycles for the Police Dept. for the sum of \$15,000.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would support the resolution, however, he felt the Department should make a determined effort to eliminate solo-bikes within the City.

Charles Zittel, Chief of Police, explained the number of motorcycles have been cut down within the last year from eighteen to twelve. He thought it would not be wise to cut further, but the problem will be studied extensively before another request is submitted for more motorcycles.

Mr. Cvitanich thought inasmuch as the price of motorcycles has increased, he felt that four wheeled vehicles should be purchased instead.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained during preparation of the 1970 budget this can be given careful consideration and suggestions made. He noted that mop-bikes are dangerous.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that Chief Zittel submit a report before the budget coming as to what it costs the City of Tacoma in lives and money compared to what the City has received in return from the bikes.

Mr. Zittel explained there is a versatility that a motorcycle can perform particularly on a robbery call, when they can move in and around traffic, as a car cannot. He stated a study will be made and a recommendation submitted for the Council.

Mr. Zatkovich asked Chief Zittel to check to determine how many cars are taken some during the day and also on weekends.

Chief Zittel said he would check into the matter.

Mr. 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 1: Finnigan. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20189

Authorizing the sale of surplus motorcycles to Drager's Harley-Davidson and Tacoma Harley Davidson.

Mr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich.

Nays 2: Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20190

Amending Rule 5 of the Rules of Government of the City Council to permit Citizens' comments near the commencement of the Council meeting.

A number of citizens spoke asking the Council to permit Citizens' comments near the beginning of the Council meetings.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he thought this change would be proper.

Dr. Herrmann explained that citizens are allowed to talk on resolutions and ordinances which relate to the business of the City. He felt that at the discussion under comments by the public, it has become an open-forum. The Council meetings were never intended to be in the nature of a town-hall meeting, he added.

Mayor Rasmussen said his proposal was intended as a courtesy to senior citizens and other taxpayers who have had to wait to bring a brief item to the Council's attention.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Murtland moved that Resolution No. 20190 be tabled. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion carried. The Resolution was tabled.

Resolution No. 20191

Commending the officers and men of the Tacoma Fire Dept. for their action and efforts in combating the fire at the Avalon Apts. on May 2, 1969.

Mr. Cvitanich felt this should go down in the history of fires as one of the finest efforts in the saving of lives. The City is fortunate in having such fine men on the Fire Department. He informed the Council that Senator Storitini was going to introduce a resolution on the floor of the State Senate but the State agencies had already been informed of the matter.

Mr. Finnigan stated that many of the tenants responded accurately to directions and should also be commended.

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

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18820

Amending the Pay and Compensation plan to reflect the rate changes authorized by the Electrical Workers Agreement.

Mr. Bott suggested that the Electrical Workers be contacted again relative to submitting their requests at the usual budget hearings in the fall.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained the problem of the contracts being submitted now is industry wide. The City Council has suggested many times that these proposals should be acted upon with other requests at the budget hearings in October, however, more than one union is involved and the negotiations are state-wide, he added.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18821

Amending Title 8 of the official code relative to make it unlawful to aid or to escape from Jail.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18812

Appropriating the sum of \$48,710.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of hiring ten additional police officers for the Police Dept.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested this ordinance be postponed for one week as the Legislature is still to vote on how much aid to give the cities, and perhaps, more than ten policemen can be hired.

Mr. Cvitanich explained the Legislature would probably end on Friday, May 9th and they are studying the appropriation to be granted to the cities.

Mr. Johnson moved to postpone action on the ordinance for one week, until May 13, 1969. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until May 13, 1969.

Ordinance No. 18813

Appropriating the sum of \$9,800.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General fund for the purpose of paying the share of the City of Tacoma in certain work study program.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that Ordinance 18813 and 18814 be postponed until the Legislature's decision on the appropriation for the cities is determined.

Mr. Bott moved to postpone action on the Ordinances for one week, until May 13, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until May 13, 1969.

Ordinance No. 18814

Appropriating the sum of \$15,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for paying salaries, wages and costs of M & O for certain temporary employees to be hired during the summer months.

Mr. Bott moved to postpone action on the Ordinance for one week, until May 13, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until May 13, 1969.

Ordinance No. 18815

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3683 for sanitary sewers in Waterview from No. 43rd to Gove; alley between McBride & No. 39th from Orchard to Ferdinand St. and Villard from No. 37th to Perkins St.

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Mr. Johnson explained that at the hearing of the L I D Committee a letter signed by five property owners had said that the old rate of \$5 50 per front foot should be charged as they had filed their petition for this L I D in Sept. of 1968. Mr. Johnson explained the L I D Committee had not made any decision on this matter and asked that the Public Works Dept. determine if the property owners would be entitled to the lower rate per front foot.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, had recommended that the old rate of \$5 50 should prevail.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone the ordinance so that more information could be made available to the Council on this problem. Seconded by Mr. Patkovich. Aye vote taken. Motion carried.

The ordinance was postponed until May 13, 1969.

Ordinance No. 18816

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4884 for paving on East 50th from McKinley Ave. to K and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zarkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18817

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4668 for sewers in East C & D Sts. from Ea. 80th south Approx. 400 feet and other nearby streets.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had been in Olympia and several Legislators had told him that the Association of Washington Cities were sponsoring legislation to abolish the zone and termini method of determining assessments for Local Improvement Districts. Also included in such a bill is the suggestion by the city's staff to extend the time for the payment of L I D Assessments, however, that is still being discussed.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he was aware of this bill and the language of the bill had been considerably changed from what was originally intended. He said he had contacted Senator Atwood, who was a former Councilman in Bellingham and he also was concerned about some of the provisions in the bill. Mr. Cvitanich said he could see no other way to assess the L I Ds except by the zone and termini method as it seems to him to be the proper method of any suggested. The Governor has signed the bill which extends the payments on the L I D assessments but other provisions in the bill had been amended, however, he did not know what had happened to the portion that dealt with the zone and termini method change. He also mentioned the aid to cities bill would be between \$12.5 to \$16 million dollars.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, thought perhaps it would be well if the City Council would make its position clear in support of the Legislative bill for aid to the cities. He also suggested that the Council endorse state legislation that would allow cities and counties to levy a sales tax up to .3 of one percent, subject to the approval of the voters.

Mr. Bott felt the legislature should do the taxing instead of putting the responsibility on the cities.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rassmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Council.

Ordinance No. 18818

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3672 for sanitary sewers in Ferdinand from So. 56th to 58th; So. 58th from Mullen to Ferdinand St.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rassmussen

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Council.

Ordinance No. 18819

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3673 for sanitary sewers in East 65th from I east 630 feet and in other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rassmussen

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of L I D 3655 for storm drains in Titlow Road, 110 feet north of So. 16th to So. 17th and from Titlow Road to 130 feet east of Walter Road.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that June 23, 1969 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment roll. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Cvitanich informed the Council that most all of the Legislators agreed that the cities and counties have financial problems. The counties lobbied hard at the session this year and SB-108, relative to real estate taxes died in committee. Another bill was introduced by the State-wide County Commissioners to impose a tax on utilities which was also defeated. The first responsibility of the City representatives is to make known the city's problems. He added it was an unpopular position to support any type of taxing, however, Senator ~~Dugan~~ had asked him to obtain the position of the Tacoma City Council on the .3 of 1% sales tax, subject to a vote of the people.

Mr. Rowlands thought when the public learns the facts, they would support such a sales tax and asked that the City Council approve such a local-option proposition.

Mr. Finnigan felt the State Legislators should recognize the problems of the cities and in turn they should give the cities part of the present sales tax and other tax benefits. He did not feel the Legislators should place the responsibility on the cities for another tax.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Gaisford since the city had \$66,000,000 in building permits what would the normal increase in taxes be when these buildings are placed on the tax roles.

Mr. Gaisford, Director Finance, explained that approximately 20% of the \$66,000,000 would be the normal increase, or the City would receive about \$12,000,000.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had understood that the amount of \$66,000,000 in building permits would be an increase of \$20,000,000 from previous years. He felt that over a two year period, \$136,000,000 would be received which would mean quite a considerable amount in tax revenue for the City.

Mr. Gaisford explained, the over-all revenue for the City, County, State and the Port would amount to approximately \$1,260,000.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had read the statement made by the Council in 1965 when they agreed that the transit tax would be imposed and that it would be a minor tax. Tacoma was the only city in the State that had adopted the transit tax at that time.

He felt that the real estate taxes that are imposed upon the people through normal growth from increased assessments are a burden to them to a point people cannot stay in their own homes. The answer to make it possible to occupy their homes, most certainly is not to increase the tax on the staples of life. So far in this session of the Legislature certain individuals have asked for \$60,000,000 to keep the cities barely operating. Mayor Rasmussen added, having been a Legislator, he went down and tried to make a reasonable statement that if the City could get \$30,000,000 it would certainly have money coming out of its ears. The Legislature then passed at the instigation of certain people, a bill urging that the City have 1% of the excise tax allocated for transit purposes providing it is matched with 1%. He, therefore, felt the proposed sales tax was not needed.

A number of Councilmen spoke for and against the suggestion of approving the passage of enabling authorization State-wide to have the cities place a .3 of 1% sales tax upon approval of the voters.

Mr. Johnson moved that the City Council go on record as approving the Legislature passing an enabling act authorizing a .3 of 1% sales tax to be collected on a local basis, upon approval of the voters. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 4: Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, and Murtland. Nays 5: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion LOST.

Mr. Cvitanich stated that the HB-684 relative to L I Ds has passed the Senate, and Item 9, is the extension of time of L I D bonds, and is now in the House.

Mayor Rasmussen stated it is being amended in the House and he felt the Senate would not accept such amendments.

Mr. Cvitanich stated he would check into this matter for the Council's information.

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Mrs. Banfield referred to the opinion submitted to the Council at her request in regard to Cable TV within the City

Mr. Cvitanich felt that an ordinance should be prepared based upon the City Attorney's opinion then it can be discussed at the first reading of the Ordinance.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained before a final ordinance is drafted, the department should know what rate should be charged, also the name or names of firms the City might be willing to issue franchises to. He added, this was Mr. McCormick City attorney's reason for submitting the opinion so the Council could make some policy decisions.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that two local firms have applied, and four applications have been received from out of town firms. He felt the names of the two local firms should be placed in the ordinance.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that an ordinance be drafted based on the City Attorney's opinion and recommendations.

Mr. Bott thought that a study session should be held before any action is taken.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that an ordinance be drafted then the Council can determine what it wishes to do in terms of policy.

Mr. Hamilton felt if the ordinance is placed on the agenda, it should be a finished product and a name of the grantee should be included. At that point it can be amended, but at the first reading the ordinance should be complete.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that the two Tacoma firms be designated in the Ordinance and that some figure be indicated.

Mr. Bott asked about an exclusive franchise.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the City Charter provides that there will not be an exclusive franchise.

Mrs. Banfield asked that Mr. Hamilton include in the Ordinance to clarify the matter relative to the City functioning as a governmental agency as well as in a proprietary capacity and include underground wiring in residential areas.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the underground wires could not be spelled out specifically as studies have shown costs are prohibitive.

Mrs. Banfield remarked that she had been very disturbed after reading about Father Groppi being in Tacoma at a meeting where he had stated that it gave him pleasure to see Milwaukee burn. Mr. Hodges, Director of Human Relations, was in attendance at this meeting and applauded the speech. She asked that Mr. Hodges resign as executive director of the City's Human Relations Commission.

Mrs. Banfield asked that an investigation be made by the State Attorney General to determine if there are areas in which some of the City Council's actions and policies have violated State law.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained the only way in which this opinion could be received is at the request of the Council and such an opinion would be directed to the Governmental Research of the University of Washington.

Mayor Rasmussen said a person could go to his Legislator who can request an opinion directly from the Attorney General.

Mrs. Banfield stated she would go to Olympia on Wednesday.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that the Civil Service Board this evening raised the educational requirements for Police Patrolmen to High School Graduates.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, how the students from the University of Washington and Washington State University are selected for employment.

Mr. Rowlands explained the Universities send their recommendations for the students and they are based on the needs of the student. The students selected reside in Tacoma.

Mayor Rasmussen asked how the youths for summer work are selected for the appropriation under Ordinance 18814 in the amount of \$15,000 under final reading.

Mr. Rowlands explained these students are usually selected upon checking with various sources of information. Mr. Mathers, Mr. Hutchine and the two local Universities and the community center are trying to find young people in college who are definitely in need financially so they can continue their schooling.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he had appointed Mr. Hankerson who is the Chairman of the City's Trainee Committee and his committee to work with the National Alliance of Businessmen.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Hamilton draft an amendment to Ordinance No. 18814 directing that Mr. Hankerson's committee be the screening group for summertime employment so they might recommend the people to be employed.

Mayor Rasmussen said he had noticed that the Urban Coalition are planning to separate from the Human Relations Dept. He requested that Mr. Rowlands obtain a copy of a study paper mentioned in an article in the News Tribune which stated the Coalition may need to be involved in political activity which it could not do if it were an integral part of the unit of City Government. He felt if this organization is going to get involved in political activities the Coalition would not have time to get jobs for the young people in the community, and furthermore, will tear the community apart with their political activities. He felt there was some subversive element creeping into organization which was started for a very worthwhile purpose.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that Gerrit Vander Ende, United Citizen Chairman, might be violating the Hatch Act for present and past political involvements, as banks and Savings & Loan organizations are not permitted to participate in politics because they deal with Federal funds. He asked Mr. Rowlands to investigate this situation and submit a report to the Council.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that an invitation has been issued to the Councilmen and other officials of the City to an open house at Western State Hospital on Friday, May 23rd from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. to review the hospital facilities.

Mayor Rasmussen called the Council's attention to another program which is starting in the City which deserves community support, which is entitled "Family Homes for Adults." Any questions about the program should be directed to the Pierce County Dept. of Public Assistance.

Mr. Zatkovich informed the Council that the Police Committee wholeheartedly endorse the addition of ten or more men to the Police Dept.

Mayor Rasmussen said the City has a case pending regarding Charitable organizations that will probably go to the Courts for a decision. This particular organization is listed in the Better Business Bureau's report and he hoped the case would be processed through the appropriate channels.

Mr. Rowlands stated the Legal Dept. is thoroughly familiar with the problem and they are investigating it at this time.

Mayor Rasmussen read a letter from Francis X. Hoban resigning from the Human Relations Commission which stated he could no longer serve because Mr. Lynn Hodges was discriminating against the commission by not furnishing them a report of his activities. Mayor Rasmussen said he regretfully accepts the resignation of Mr. Hoban.

Mr. Cvitanich was excused from the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that all of the employees of the Transit System send in their suggestions for improved transit service and routes to the Mayor's office.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Murtland suggested that the Council encourage the property owners to plant trees where they have been removed on Alder Street. He also asked that the Public Works Dept submit an estimate to the Council for replacing the trees where they have been removed; he thought in some way the City could help replace them.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the practice of replacing the trees will be followed by the Public Works Dept.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that some of the arterial funds are allocated for fixing up the parkways but he was not sure whether tree replacement was in that budget. Mr. Rowlands said he would look into the matter.

Mr. Zatkovich felt that careful consideration should be given if the Council feels that trees should be replanted as some trees can be traffic hazards, particularly on corners and alleys.

Mr. Bott noted the Pacific N.W. Development Co. has submitted a progress report to the Council relative to the Convention Center and he hoped that the developers can consummate their plans as it would be a great asset to the City.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Dennis Coffey, President of the Mt. Tahoma German Club, invited the City Council to participate in a Mother's Day Dinner, May 11th. This dinner will be held at the Mt. Tahoma High School Cafeteria. He added it is the last large project by the German Club to help finance their trip to Europe this summer. He also thanked the citizens of Tacoma for giving them an opportunity to work to help finance the trip and also thanked Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, for helping them to obtain an over night stay in Hanover, Germany.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that fire alarm boxes be eliminated in the City as there are a considerable amount of false fire alarms being turned into the Fire Dept.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the City Attorney draft an ordinance to include Faucett Ave. from No. 7th to No. 9th to a two-way street.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained this is being discussed and analyzed by the Public Works Dept. He explained he would have a report along with the first reading of the ordinance.

Mr. George Goe, 5645 So. Cedar spoke in regard to the planting of trees in the southend to beautify the City. He also mentioned the water standing in the southend where drainage ditches should be constructed.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated they are repairing the streets as fast as possible.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. City Council Study Session minutes of April 21, 1969.
- b. City Planning Commission minutes of April 21, 1969.
- c. City Employees' retirement System minutes of April 30, 1969.
- d. Report from the Tacoma Fire Dept. for the month of March 1969.
- e. Personnel Report for the month of March, 1969.
- f. Tacoma Municipal Transit System report from the State Auditor for Jan 1, 1968 to Dec. 31, 1968.

Placed on file.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if Mr. Murtland and Dr. Herrmann have met with Mr. McLennan, Director of Tax & Licenses, relative to the Cooney Cranes, Inc. tax matter.

Mr. Murtland stated they had not met.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that a meeting be held as soon as possible.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that there will not be a study session Monday, May 12, 1969.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

A. L. Rasmussen

A. L. RASMUSSEN, MAYOR

ATTEST: *Josephine Melton*

JOSEPHINE MELTON, CITY CLERK