

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1967

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 6: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 3: Cvitanich, Haley and Murtland. Mr. Haley arriving at 4:15 P. M. Mr. Cvitanich arriving at 4:25 P. M. and Mr. Murtland arriving at 4:45 P. M.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of August 29, 1967 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by Frieda L. M. Murphy for the rezoning of property in the vicinity between So. 52nd & So. 54th St. and the west side of So. Manitou Way from an "R-2" & "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

Last day to file an appeal was Sept. 5, 1967 and no appeal was filed.

Mr. Johnson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition submitted by Frieda L. M. Murphy for the above rezone. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Proposed Preliminary Budget for the year 1968.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Preliminary Budget for 1968 must be adopted this evening to allow sufficient time to publish the notice of the Budget Hearing.

Mr. Rowlands stated the proposed General fund budget is \$15,773,856.00. All the utilities, such as light, water, transit and belt line and other departments brings the total to \$53,734,910. The General fund, as far as property taxes are concerned, has decreased to 21.68 mills, the lowest in six years.

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Mayor Tollefson remarked that the City's assessed valuation is determined by the County assessor's office and has risen sharply in the past several years because of business growth and improvements. The anticipated assessed valuation of Tacoma for 1968 is \$216,500,000 and in 1966 it was \$188,000,000.

Mrs. Price moved to adopt the proposed Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$53,734,910 for 1968. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19347

Fixing Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1967 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the alley immediately east of Mildred from So. 10th to So. 12th Streets, from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (petition of William Kistire and James Lundberg)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

Resolution No. 19348

Fixing Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1967 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the area bounded by Vassault, Whitman, So. 10th and So. 12th Streets, from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Harold Jewell)

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

Resolution No. 19349

Fixing Tuesday, October 3, 1967 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the area between Huson & Ferdinand St. from So. 28th to Center St. from a "C-1" & "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (petition of Burkhardt Dental Supply Co.)

Mr. Bott moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

Resolution No. 19350

Accepting a sealed bid for the purchase of Real Property situated within the Center St. Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-1.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

Mr. Richmond, Director of Urban Renewal, explained that two excellent bids were received and his staff's recommendation was based on the opinion that the building planned by the Miles Estate Corp. offered an aesthetic value best fitting the corner property in the Center Street Urban Renewal area.

Mr. Byron Ellingson, of Bargreen-Ellingson, Inc., a partner in the restaurant supply house, explained he could have presented a more aesthetic building plan if he had had sufficient time. They had planned a steel building to cost more than \$75,000 with construction to take 150 days.

Mr. Udall, an officer in the Miles Estate Corp., explained that they plan a concrete-block masonry building to cost a minimum of \$75,000 and to be constructed within a year. He added, he was not at liberty to divulge the name of the prospective business, but that the National Thomas Industries Inc. was backing the firm.

Mr. Finnigan felt the only fair decision that could be made would be to give it to the highest bidder as both bids submitted were quite satisfactory to the Urban Renewal Dept.

Mr. Bott stated he was opposed to awarding a bid to Miles Estate Corp. as this seemed to him a speculative venture.

Mr. Benson of Bargreen-Ellingson, Inc. stated the company planned to keep its present leased space on Tacoma Avenue, So. for at least another year.

After further discussion, Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Urban Renewal Dept. to accept the sealed bid of the Miles Estate Corp. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call was taken on the resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 3, Bott, Cvitanich and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 0.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19351

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. on its bid of \$17,966.35 for L I D 4813.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19352

Awarding contract to Scarsella Bros. Inc. on its bid of \$28,755.26 for improvements at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19353

Authorizing the sale of property in the general vicinity of the N. E. corner of Lexington St. & Westgate Blvd. intersection to Douglas Fabre for the appraised value of \$1,000.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19354

Appointing Mr. Leslie (Les) K. Newton as a member of the City Planning Commission for a term expiring June 30, 1973.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19355

Appointing eleven members to serve on the Human Relations Commission for one, two and three year terms.

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

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The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19356

Appointing Mrs. Goodwin Chase on the Civic Arts Commission for a four-year term expiring Sept. 15, 1971 and Mr. John Wallerich & Dr. Gordon D. Alcorn for a four-year term expiring Nov. 30, 1971.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18386

Vacating the west side of Jefferson St. between So. 23rd & So. 25th Streets. (petition of Public Works Dept.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18387

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-72 to include property on the northeast corner of No. 25th St. and Stevens in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Arthur J. Broback)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18388

Amending Chapter 12.12 of the official code by adding a new section 12.12.090 to allow any resident of the City over the age of 65 years to ride upon any and all transit buses operated by the Tacoma Transit System on a monthly

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pass for the purchase price of \$2.00 between the hours of 9 A M and 3 P M and after the hour of 6 P M and anytime on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Mayor Tollefson explained that a number of calls have been received relative to persons who are disabled, hoping that they may receive benefits through this proposed ordinance. He thought by reducing bus fares at 15 cents for all passengers, would be more equitable than monthly passes only for the elderly. This would give relief to the physically and financially handicapped as well as to the elderly and would be easier to administer than passes.

Mayor Tollefson remarked he was concerned with the legality of lowering fares only for persons over 65 years of age.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the question is whether such a classification is reasonable or whether it will discriminate against others.

Mr. Bott contended that the Mayor's proposal departed from the original concept of giving relief to senior citizens.

Mr. Hendry, Director of Transit, stated that the new proposal would definitely be easier to administer than a pass system. He stated he has always contended that buses should be financed as a public service. The history of such fare reductions is that it generates more passengers but lose money.

Mayor Tollefson felt his suggestion was similar to the practice of railroads and airlines in giving reduced rates during off-peak hours.

Mr. Johnson felt Mayor Tollefson's suggestion had a great deal of merit.

Dr. Herrmann suggested that the rolls of the Dept. of Public Assistance be used to grant relief to persons needing help.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

REPORTS:

MC-500 Underground wiring charges.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Employees Retirement System for the month of August 1967.
- b. Municipal Court report for the month of August 1966 and 1967.
- c. Traffic Division report for the month of July 1967.
- d. Director of Finance report for the month of July 1967.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Councilmen that the First Class Cities Conference is to be held in Vancouver, Wash., Wed. Sept. 13th, 1967 and he hoped that many Councilmen could attend.

Mr. Bott asked about a new plan regarding the Health Department.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this is in the planning stage and under the new State law a Health District is to be formed in all the large counties. The

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plan is that a district could embrace the entire County, or the town in a County could join the Health Plan or set up their own Health Departments. Obviously, a County-wide Department would be advisable rather than have each City set up its own.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest:



City Clerk