

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, October 29th, 1968

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

Present on roll call 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Matkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Herrmann and Murtland. Mr. Murtland arriving at 4:20 P. M.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Finnigan.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, is absent from the meeting due to illness.

Mr. Johnson moved that Dr. Herrmann be excused from the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 15th, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of property on East 32nd St. between East L & East M Streets, submitted by L & R Enterprises.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that due to the existing topography of the property, the Commission felt it would be proper to vacate the property. No objections were made against the vacation. The conditions as outlined will be complied with and the right-of-way is not needed nor anticipated for future public use.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the vacation and an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition of Keystone Investments Inc. for rezoning of the N. W. corner of So. 43rd and Lawrence Sts. from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

The last day to file on appeal was October 21st, 1968 and no appeal had been filed.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the above rezone. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19874

Accepting an offer from Convalescent Hospital Associates in the amount of \$57,000 for property located on the west side of Fawcett Ave. between the proposed Park and the Emerson Apts. in the Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-3.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. A report was submitted by the Planning Commission as requested by the City Council.

Mr. James Wright, Urban Renewal Director, stated that Mr. Foster E. Campbell, developer, had intended to be present at this meeting, however, he had called today and has asked that this resolution be postponed for a week, until Wednesday, Nov. 6th, 1968.

Mr. Cvitanich stated when this was previously reviewed, he felt it was not the proper site for a convalescent home, even though the Planning Commission has reaffirmed its position by a five to one vote. He said, if the Council passes this resolution, it would not be to the best interests of the entire community.

Mr. Murtland arriving at 4:20 P. M.

Mr. Finnigan moved to continue the resolution for two weeks, until Nov. 12th, 1968 as requested by the developer. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Roll call was taken on the motion resulting as follows: Ayes 3: Finnigan, Johnson and Murtland Nays 5: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Herrmann. Motion Lost.

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

Ayes 2: Finnigan and Johnson.

Nays 6: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Absent 1: Herrmann.

The Resolution was declared Lost by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19922

Fixing Monday, Nov. 25th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 5470 for water mains in 35th St. N. E. from Browns Pt. Blvd. to 49th Ave. N.E.; 48th Ave. N. E. from 35th St. N. E.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Herrmann.

Resolution No. 19923

Fixing Tuesday, Nov. 26th, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the alley between 25th and 2 th Sts. N. E. and between 62nd and 64th Ave. N. E.

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

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

Resolution No. 19924

Authorizing the sale of primary distribution equipment to the Tacoma School District #10.

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

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

Resolution No. 19925

Authorizing an agreement with Allenmore Medical Center, Inc. relative to site development standards for the proposed reclassification located on the south side of So. 19th St. between Union Ave. & Cedar Sts.

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

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

Resolution No. 19926

Appropriating the sum of \$23,087.54 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Garbage & Refuse Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of Refuse Containers.

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

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

Resolution No. 19927

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons Inc. on its bid of \$28,230.25 for L I D No. 4824.

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

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

Resolution No. 19928

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$110,825.70 for L I D 4836.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES.

Ordinance No. 18674

Vacating the alley west of East D St. between East 32nd and Wright Ave. (petition of Allenmore Medical Center, Inc.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18675

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.100-1 to include property on the south side of So. 19th between Union Ave. & Cedar Sts. in an "R-5-TM" District. (petition of Allenmore Medical Center Inc.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18676

Amending Sec. 6.15.100 of the official code to provide for the nomination of a Charity Solicitations Advisory Board by the Mayor and appointed by the City Council.

Mayor Rasmussen said he would like to have a report on whether or not charitable non-profit institutions have been paying B & O taxes to the City. He asked that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, check this and report to the City Council.

Mayor Rasmussen then moved that Ord. No. 18676 be postponed for one month until Nov. 26th, 1968. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The ordinance was postponed until Nov. 26th, 1968.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18672 ( as amended)

Adopting the annual budget of the City of Tacoma for the fiscal year 1969.

Mr. Don R. Nicholson of 6735 So. Mason St. submitted a five page indictment which was read by the Acting City Attorney. The indictment stated in part that the passage of an emergency measure would be a safeguard in the event the budget is challenged by a taxpayer's suit.

Mrs. Banfield said she had requested that Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, submit a list of the appointive positions in the City service that would be receiving increases of more than \$1,000 a year; she did not feel that these persons expected such an increase.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, read the list and stated that (30) classifications in the Utilities Dept. would be affected and (35) in General Government.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the management team had not brought in these proposals, but it was at the insistence of the City Council to raise the salaries.

Mrs. Banfield felt these should be looked over carefully before the budget is passed.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Lund, Assistant Personnel Director, what was the

Median salary increase for the General Government employees.

Mr. Lund, Assistant Personnel Director, explained, in determining an appropriate salary they had looked at what a comparable position pays in other public and private jurisdictions. He felt that the Council had not approached the raises in a single dollar amount. This accounts for the fact that the police and fire personnel received a greater percentage increase than some other classifications.

Mrs. Banfield noted the City Attorney would be receiving a salary higher than the State Attorney General.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he would be opposed to any reduction of salaries for the Legal staff as they do have a recruitment program and he felt that pay inequities should be corrected.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, to explain the increases in the Utility Dept.

Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, felt that high caliber people are entitled to prevailing wages in line with the responsibilities they carry.

Mr. Zatkovich felt that management should not automatically receive increases in their salaries, and perhaps, the Council should review the matter again.

Mr. Erdahl explained that he would not apologize for any recommendation that had been made to the City Council as far as the Utility Dept. was concerned. He noted that they need personnel in the Utility Dept. at this time, particularly in the management and engineering series. He urged that the Council give final consideration to the utilities budget as submitted.

Mrs. Banfield asked if Mr. Hamilton had found any information relative to the radio engineers that are being phased out of the compensation plan.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, said that discussion have been held and this is a creating of a position which can be taken care of in the compensation plan.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the General Services & Public Information proposed department had been removed from the budget as it now stands.

Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, stated, it had not.

Mr. Gaisford explained, the positions that would be transferred to this new department would include (4) positions from the Finance Dept., Mr. Bond's secretary and Mr. Bond as well as the Photography Dept. that had been under the Public Works Dept.

Mr. Bott suggested that this department be reverted to its original status until this had been discussed at length.

Mr. Cvitanich felt that the majority of the Council members present had agreed to create a new Dept. of General Services and Public Information.

Mr. Bott moved that Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, be instructed to reinstate the positions in the General Service & Public Information Dept., as they were originally in the Legislative Dept., Public Works Dept. and Finance Dept. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield, Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that the budget demanded more study, as perhaps, the Council would not have approved such raises in salaries of the upper echelon positions, if they had realized these classifications were so drastically increased.

Mayor Rasmussen thought the budget should be adopted on an emergency basis requiring six votes for approval because it was approved beyond the time limit set by State law. He felt this would be a safeguard in the event the budget is challenged by a taxpayers' suit.

Mr. Bott felt the increases in salaries recommended by the City Council were out of line.

Mr. Cvitanich felt, perhaps, the percentage increase for salaries is row out of date and the differential between the administrative positions is way out of proportion with the 'rank and file' positions. This is why he felt appointive positions should not be in the classified pay schedule. The City Manager and Director of Utilities should have to negotiate with the City Council and the Utility Board, respectively, on the matter of their salaries and submit justification for raises. He felt it was morally wrong for the joint labor committee and unions in the City to bargain for their employees, and then management rears the benefits.

Mr. Zatkovich moved that all appointive personnel be removed from the classified pay plan. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Johnson felt there might be some wisdom in having Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Erdahl negotiate with the Council and Utility Board on the matter of salaries, however, to change (83) other appointive positions would not be correct.

Mr. Zatkovich felt this would not be complicated as Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Erdahl would also have to negotiate for their appointive employees.

Mr. Finnigan felt such a motion as Mr. Zatkovich has proposed should be discussed more thoroughly among the Council members and it would be unwise to vote on such an important matter at this time.

Mr. Zatkovich moved to postpone action on the removal of the appointive personnel from the classified pay plan until Tues. Nov. 12th, 1968. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Lund, Assistant Personnel Director, stated the Personnel Dept. will submit the salary ordinance to the Council at the next meeting. He suggested that it might be appropriate to take action relative to the immediate discussion on positions at that time.

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

Yeas 5: Bott, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich.  
Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Herrmann.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18673

Fixing the amount of ad valorem tax levies necessary to raise the amount of estimated expenditures for the General Fund for the fiscal year 1969.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Rasmussen asked the Manager's staff to bring in a report relative to the expenditures for insurance coverage of the City.

Mr. Peter Harvey, Acting City Manager, explained that a number of staff persons are working on the report and it will be submitted in approximately two weeks.

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Mayor Rasmussen thanked all news media for participating in the reception given to Kaye Hall, the swimming champion, along with all other civic minded people. He felt the reception given Kaye has proven what can be done by working together for a good cause.

Mayor Rasmussen particularly thanked Mr. Cvitanich, Mr. Murtland and Mr. Bond who were on the committee. He added, he hoped they will continue to work on this committee for the Kaye Hall Day which will be held after the General Election. Mayor Rasmussen also appointed Mrs. Banfield to the Committee.

Mr. Cvitanich remarked that a tentative date is set for Nov. 11th, 1968. Mr. Cvitanich also commended Congressman Hicks and his staff for obtaining the two Navy helicopters which made Miss Hall's arrival in Tacoma more dramatic; also the Commandant of the 13th Naval District, as well as all the Tacoma firms and citizens who helped in every way possible.

Mr. Mel Gaumer, News Director, remarked he had an opportunity to ride over to the Airport and back with Mr. Gene Keniston, a seventeen year old Wilson High-School Student who lost an arm six months ago and he marveled at the manner in which this chap was taking pictures with two separate cameras and reloading them. He handled himself as though he has been handicapped for many years. He added, he is a tremendous lad, one of the greatest he had ever come in contact with.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Finnigan hoped that everyone would vote for the City bond issues on the ballot on November 5th, 1968 relative to Fire Equipment replacement and the issue for street improvements and L I D participation.

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Mrs. Banfield stated she had requested that the Library and its branches receive the preliminary budget. She had checked into the matter and had found that the branch libraries had not received their copies.

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Mr. Harvey, Acting City Manager, stated the main Library was furnished copies of the preliminary budget for distribution.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked if the City had a cross check with the State and Federal laws relative to reciprocal mutual agreements for checking tax records.

Mr. David McLennan, Director of Tax and License, stated the City does not have any reciprocal arrangements with the State Tax Commission or the Federal Government.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Hamilton to research the matter.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, said he thought the scope of the law includes only the United States and sister States, but he would check further, he did not feel the law covered the municipalities.

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Mr. Cvitanich suggested that a memorial for disposable bottles be set up and also be brought to the attention of the Legislators at the next session.

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Mayor Rasmussen brought up the communication from the Public Utility Board relative to a parcel of property owned by the Water Division in the vicinity of So. 56th and Sprague Ave. for construction of a convention center. He noted the Board has indicated that this property could be surplus and they would be willing to arrange a sale to the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, Inc., under an agreement as generally outlined between the developers and the Board, to the extent that it is possible within the requirements of the City Charter, laws and regulations.

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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. William S. Buell, 32 California, spoke in regard to disrespect of the Chair as shown at Council meetings.

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Mr. John Zelenak, 5414 South J St., spoke relative to the venereal disease rate within the City as well as of the Model Cities program. He also asked about the Morals Squad in the City.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the Council has discussed the employment of a V. D. investigator for the Health Dept., and he assured Mr. Zelenak that the Council is very concerned about the problem. Discussions have also been held with the Director of Health.

Mr. Harvey, Acting City Manager, explained the procedures that are taken when a person reports to the Health Dept. for treatment of a venereal disease.

Charles Zittel, Chief of Police, explained the special investigations and narcotics detail report submitted to the Council. He mentioned a report that was prepared by the American Social Health Association which gave Tacoma an "A" rating for keeping prostitution under control in 1967. Chief Zittel felt the continued and effective enforcement by the morals squad in this area should be commended.

Mayor Rasmussen and Mr. Zatkovich felt the report from the association was incomplete.

Mrs. Banfield asked that a report be made on the narcotic arrests one year prior to the establishment of the Narcotic's Center and since that time.

Chief Zittel stated these are in the monthly report from the Police Dept., but he would be glad to break it down for the Council.

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Mr. Cvitanich requested that an ordinance be drafted relative to setting a fine and imprisonment for the using or possession of L S D. He noted that President Johnson signed such a law two or three days ago.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, stated he would check into the matter.

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Mr. Thomas Dixon, Temporary Chairman of the Hilltop Model City Advisory Committee, read a communication from their organization requesting that the Council designate their group as the official grass roots body to be included in the planning phase of the Model Cities program. He also mentioned the meetings that have been held in seeking the pledge of support and cooperation from the Tacoma Hilltop Citizens' Association. Many other organizations are already represented, he added.

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Mr. Dixon also invited the City Council to a meeting to be held on Thursday, Nov. 7th, 1968 in the auditorium of Bryant School, at 8 P. M. so that representatives of the City government can inform their organization as to how it can best function.



Mrs. Banfield asked Mr. Dixon for a list of the steering committee of his organization and the executive board, as well as what the organization stands for. He felt such an organization should have a definite set of goals.

Mr. Dixon stated, their goal is to get the City Council to designate them as the official agency to get all the people involved in the planning phase of the Model Cities program.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that Mr. Dixon's group will be a part of the Model Cities program.

Mr. Bott spoke highly of the committee and its efforts, as he felt this group was trying to become the nucleus of a citizen's advisory Council.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the City Council meet and adopt policies on implementing the program and suggesting a Model Cities Director.

Mr. Cvitanich also felt the Council should have a meeting on the problem as soon as possible. He requested that a report be submitted as to what percentage of property in the Model Cities area was rented property and what percentage is occupied by the owner.

Mayor Rasmussen asked the staff to furnish the Council with the salary proposal for the Model Cities Director.

Mr. Harvey, Acting City Manager, said the amount of \$16,000.00 was placed in the Model Cities application, however, no exact salary has been set.

Mr. Harvey explained that the Tacoma Industrial Airport discussion is tentatively set for a study session Monday, Nov. 4th, 1968.

Mayor Rasmussen said the State Auditor will be in attendance at the study session to explain the 1969 budget.

Mayor Rasmussen said that a study session will also be held in the evening on Monday, Nov. 4th, 1968, at 7:30 P. M. in the Mayor's office.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked that information on the Shelter Half in South Tacoma and the Coffee Houses be made for the City Council's perusal.

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ITEMS AND REPORTS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the City Planning Commission concerning Through Traffic in a Residential Area.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained upon the City Planning investigation, it was found that there are no grounds to substantiate any street closure in the area of So. 72nd and Alaska.

- b. Report from the Director of Finance for Sept. 1968.
- c. Report from the Police Dept. for Sept. 1968.
- d. Report from the Light & Water Division for Sept. 1968.
- e. Minutes of the City Council Study Session for Oct. 21st, 1968.

Placed on file.

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Mr. Finnigan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P. M.

A. L. Rasmussen

MAYOR

Attest: Suzanne Melton  
City Clerk