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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, June 29, 1965

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Halyy, Herrmann, Johnson, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1: Murtland. Mr. Murtland arriving at 4:15 P. M.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 1965 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the amended Urban Renewal Plan for the Center St. Project Wash. R-1.

Mr. Richmond, Acting Urban Renewal Director, explained that any change in the Urban Renewal Plan requires a public hearing. He added, the purpose of the changes is to accommodate necessary boundary changes in connection with the railroad right-of-way and to adjust the language of the Plan, based upon experience gained through operation. These changes have been reviewed and approved by the City Planning Commission.

Dr. Herrmann moved to approve the amended Urban Renewal Plan. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition submitted by the Safeway Stores, Inc. for the rezoning of property located at So. 55th and 56th between Park Avenue and So. G Sts. from an "R-2" and "R-3" to a "C-1" District.

An Appeal has been filed by the Safeway Stores.

Dr. Herrmann moved that August 3, 1965 be set as the date for hearing on the appeal by the Safeway Stores. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18349

Fixing Tuesday July 13, 1965 as the date for hearing for the rezoning of property located at the N. E. corner of So. 39th and Sheridan Ave. from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District. (petition of Nickum Properties, Inc.)

Dr. Herrmann 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. 18350

Fixing Tuesday July 28, 1965 at 4:00 P. M., as the date for hearing on the vacation of property in the area bounded by So. 12th; Pearl; So. 19th and Mildred St. (petition of Tacoma School District #10-Community College Site)

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

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

Resolution No. 18351

Awarding bids for the furnishing of heating fuel requirements for the period of July 1, 1965 thru June 30, 1966 to four Fuel Oil companies.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

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

Resolution No. 18352

Awarding contract to Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. for the tire leasing for the Transit System for the next (3) years.

Mr. Haley 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. 18353

Awarding contract to Morris Const. Inc. on its bid of \$45,237.61 including sales tax and its supplemental bid of \$2,162.15 for L I D 3592.

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

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

Mr. Murtland arrived at 4:15 P. M.

Resolution No. 18354

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local #483, regarding wages, hours and conditions of labor for the Light Division electrical workers from April 1, 1965 through March 31, 1966.

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

Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, said it has been the policy of the Utilities Dept. to pay the prevailing wage in the utility field. There are minor changes from the 1964 agreement which consist primarily of changes in dates which is in accordance with the revisions of the Compensation Plan. He said

the adjusted increases vary from approximately 2.6% to 6%; the recommended rate for journeyman for 1965 is \$4.12, an increase of 3.79%.

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

Resolution No. 18355

Authorizing the sale of surplus Light Div. property west of the Tacoma Narrows and adjacent to the Tacoma-Cushman transmission line to Richard A. Shaw and Arthur Redford for the total sum of \$13,194.

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

Mr. Ferguson, Light Supt., stated these properties were acquired when the transmission line was constructed many years ago, and these properties are now surplus.

Mayor Tollefson said sometime ago he directed the City Manager and the Director of Utilities to review the property owned by the City and to dispose of the property that is of no real use to the City, thereby putting the property back on the tax rolls. However, he added, when there is property that might be used for open-space, parks or playground, for the enjoyment of the people, that property should be retained, if possible.

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

Resolution No. 18356

Fixing Monday July 126, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5408 for water mains in 64th St. West from Orchard to 57th Ave. West and from 64th West to approx. 1450 feet north.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17872

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.060-7 to include property located at the N. E. corner of No. 29th and Starr Sts. and the south side of No. 30th St. 150 feet east of Starr in an "R-4" District. (petition of Old Tacoma Development Corp.)

Mr. Cvitanich left at this time.

Mr. Ron Thompson, Attorney, representing the Old Tacoma Improvement Club, said the group he is representing had a meeting and has additional information to submit to the Council. He said they are now concerned with the property at No. 30th St. to be rezoned an "R-4", as to the height. It is their recommendation that the height of the building on No. 30th St. be limited to no higher than that of No. 29th St., which would be approximately 94 feet instead of 104 feet. They further recommend that a study be made of the entire area including the water front, to determine the best use of the land.

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Mr. Honeywell, Attorney, representing the petitioner, reiterated the concessions that his client had made at the request of the Planning Commission. He said he did not feel his client should be called upon to make any further concessions. He said he could not see any reason for limiting the height of the building, ten feet below an apartment that is already located on 30th St. His client is willing to restrict the height of their building so that it will not exceed the peak height of the present buildings on No. 30th St., exclusive of TV antennas, chimneys or elevator housing.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17873

Amending sections 6.76.020 and 120 of the official code relative to licenses and taxes and the sale of Fireworks.

Mr. Rowlands stated this ordinance is the result of the suggestions made by the Council members at a study session a few weeks ago.

Mr. Marsico, Attorney, representing the Zebra Fireworks, suggested that the license issued on or before April 30th of each year be given preference to those who have been previously licensed, provided that they meet the requirements. Mr. Marsico also suggested that the retail outlet be covered by liability insurance to insure the Public that there is not any apparent danger in the fireworks itself, as he felt that the Public, the City as well as the retail outlet should be covered by liability insurance.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, what is the City's responsibility for the fact that the City is issuing a license for the sale of fireworks.

Mr. McCormick explained, as he understood at the present time the licensees have their own insurance at the time that they are selling fireworks. He added, the City would not be held responsible in the event that fireworks are ignited prematurely, causing an injury.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17874

Condemning approximately 18 acres of property for an access road to the LaGrande Powerhouse.

Mr. Erdahl explained they were unable to negotiate on the appraised valuation of the property, therefore they would like the authority to proceed with acquisition of the property, either by purchasing the property or through condemnation through the courts. He said it is anticipated that the road will cost approximately \$200,000; however, at this point they are seeking the authority to make acquisition of the property.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17869

Vacating the alley between Pacific Ave. and "A" St. from So. 21st St. to So. 22nd St. (Petitioner-Edward Gazecki, et al.)

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

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Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17870

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.120-42 to include the property located at No. 7th St. from Mason to Stevens St. in a "C-1" District. (Petitioner- The Hardman Company)

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

Ayes 5; Nays 3, Finnigan, Haley and Murtland; Absent 1, Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17871

Authorizing the condemnation of property at the N. E. corner of No. 21st and Stevens St. for improvement for public streets.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. and from the Traffic Division for the month of May 1965.
- b. Report from the Water, Light and Belt Line Division for the month of May 1965.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Johnson stated in referring back to the "Old Tacoma" Development ²²⁸ Petition regarding the request of the Old Tacoma Development Co. that a study be made, he wondered what procedure should be followed. He added, it could either be developed by a large corporation or by Urban Renewal, or perhaps, the City could zone it by piece meal. The City can only take the recommendation of the Planning Commission that an apartment will provide a good buffer zone, between the commercial and the residential zones.

Mayor Tollefson thought the better way to handle this would be for the Planning Commission to rezone the entire area at one time instead of piece-meal.

Mr. Rowlands said, this is being discussed pro and con by the Planning Staff and, as yet, no decision has been reached. He added, another zoning ordinance will be submitted to the Council in a couple of weeks in reference to reversion of zoned areas which do not comply with the regulations of the time limit. He said there are a good many that have not complied.

Mr. Bott said at the L I D Meeting on Monday, it was called to his attention that the width of the streets are only 32 feet wide. He wondered if it would be feasible to make the street width either 34 feet or 36 feet to allow more room for the vehicles to pass. He said he had paced off G Street at So. 38th and the 32 feet seemed to be too narrow and parking is limited to one side of the street only.

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Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that the 32 foot width for residential streets has been the standard width for a number of years. The width for business areas, for instance in the Proctor area and arterial areas, is a minimum of 44 feet in width and on up. He said there is no question that 34 or 36 feet would give more room for travel, but he added, it is a matter of added expense, about \$1.00 per foot.

Mr. Bott thought the property owners should be encouraged to have the wider street because the cars are now wider than they were a few years ago.

Mr. Johnson agreed with Mr. Bott, stating it might be wise to review the situation to have the residential streets a little wider, as the traffic is ever increasing.

Mayor Tollefson asked that the Public Works Dept., submit a report on this matter.

Mr. Haley asked that a Resolution be submitted to the City Council accepting the report submitted by the Planning Commission on the Ruston Way-Bayside Drive area.

Mr. Haley said he would like to have the Council accept the report of the Planning Commission on the underground wiring and that it be integrated as a part of the official program. He would like to have an ordinance or resolution brought in so that this will become a part of the official structure.

Mayor Tollefson said the Utilities Dept. has made a study of the underground wiring and recommendations will have to be made prior to making it official.

Mr. Erdahl explained that the Planning Commission with the Utilities Staff submitted a report to the Council on the underground wiring and the costs involved. He thought they had approved approximately 20 sub-divisions with the utilities to be constructed underground.

Mr. Haley thought it would be appropriate now for the Council to accept the report regarding underground wiring.

Mr. Haley brought up the subject of the proposed Transit tax. He said he was not in favor of imposing a transit tax of \$1.00 on the citizens. He thought there should be some other method to subsidize the Transit System. He suggested that perhaps a partial solution might be that a portion of the \$390,000 which the General Fund received as the result of the ruling from the State Supreme Court's decision on the Gas and Telephone Tax be used. After reviewing some reports and the compilation of some figures, he felt the City could sacrifice some of the highly desirable projects to avoid imposing a tax on the people. He asked that the staff under the direction of Mr. Rowlands, City Manager re-analyze the present income and anticipated incomes for next year to determine if there are some areas from which funds can be used to help the Transit System.

Mayor Tollefson said he and Mr. Rowlands had discussed the Transit tax just a few days ago and they felt that this would be reviewed very carefully prior to having an ordinance presented to the Council.

Mr. Rowlands explained at the AWC Convention, it was unanimously passed to get a State initiative drive underway in which the Cities would receive one-tenth of the sales tax. He urged everyone's wholehearted support of the

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initiative as it would be the greatest thing that could happen to the Cities. He said this is the only way that the Cities can solve their problems because the sales tax is tied directly to the total economy. If sufficient signatures are obtained, the initiative could be placed on the ballot in the fall of 1966.

Mr. Haley thought the City could, with a little effort carry the Transit System for another year with the thought in mind that the City would then receive a share of the sales tax.

Mayor Tollefson said he was sure that Tacoma would not have any need for a transit tax if it received its share of sales tax.

Mr. Ketler, Secretary of the Joint Labor Committee representing 18 City employee unions, requested a one-half step increase for all City employees beginning July 1st. He stated that the Council had indicated they would share the revenue received from the Telephone and Gas tax, if and when the City received the funds. He added, he is now requesting that the increase be effective as of July 1, 1965. 287

Mr. Stelmac, representing the professional engineers, stated the tax measures were supported by labor. They were lead to believe that the employees would receive equal pay to equal revenue. The City has made the commitment to share this revenue with the employees. He asked that the Council consider a one-half step increase as of July 1, 1965 because funds are now available.

Mr. Peck, Chairman of the Joint-Labor Committee, also stated that raises were promised to the employees and funds are now available.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Erdahl and Mr. Rowlands if they remembered if any commitment was made to the employees in regard to the disposition of this money.

Mr. Rowlands replied there wasn't any specific commitment made. He did recollect the Council was to review all the areas to make a determination where the funds were needed. He said the Personnel Office is assembling a salary and wage survey at present to ascertain where the employees now stand and to inform the Council during the review of the 1966 Budget.

Mayor Tollefson said as he remembers they did not make any definite commitment.

Mr. Rowlands said all indications are there will be adjustments in wages for next year for the City employees.

Mr. Ketler said as he remembered at the Budget hearings of 1963 the Council promised the employees an increase.

Mayor Tollefson said the tapes of the Council meetings could be played back to determine the matter.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P. M.

Sam Tollefson
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Nelson*
City Clerk