

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 23, 1967

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Price. Absent 2: Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

In the absence of Mayor Tollefson, Deputy Mayor Herrmann presided.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 1967 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of Safe Driver Awards to citizens who have been chose as safe drivers during National Police Week.

Charles Zittel, Chief of Police, explained when assistance awards were given last week one of the parties to receive an award was not present. However, Captain Bartlett of the 245th Aviation Company, Ft. Lewis, Wash., is present tonight to receive his award for assisting in capturing a female bandit who robbed the cashier at the Bon Marche on April 22, 1967.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann presented Captain Bartlett his award.

Chief Zittel further explained that during National Police Week safe and courteous drivers were selected from the driving public to receive Safe Driver Awards. The various Councilmen and policemen surveyed drivers for a week and made their recommendations.

On Monday, Councilman Finnigan selected Mrs. Lois F. Anderson of 9638 East C St., Tacoma, as a safe driver. On Friday, Councilman Haley selected Mrs. Beth E. Babb of Rt. 1, Box 1081, Spanaway, as a safe driver.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann presented Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Babb with their Safe Driver Awards.

The participants of the awards were congratulated by Deputy Mayor Herrmann, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager and members of the City Council.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of property located on So. 8th between Vassault and Lexington Street extended, submitted by Hunt Jr. High.

No one appearing and no protests being made. Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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b. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of the alley between So. I and So. J Sts. from Center to So. 28th St., submitted by Urban Renewal Dept.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of property on the east side of Pacific Ave. between So. 80th and So. 82nd from a "C-2" to an "R-4-L" District, submitted by the City Planning Commission.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

d. This is the date set for hearing with the initiating parties for the annexation of the S. W. corner of East 72nd and Portland Ave., submitted by Victor Lyons.

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Mr. Rowlands explained that Resolution No. 19196 on this agenda relates to this hearing.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that this is now a reduced area for the request of an annexation. The area consists of 14.7 acres with an assessed valuation of \$27,170.00. There are two signers that have signed for the 10% required at this time. This is 31.6% of the assessed valuation of the properties. The three things that the annexing parties are to accomplish at this meeting are: (1) To determine whether the City shall accept a future annexation petition for consideration, (2) To determine whether the affected areas shall assume the existing indebtedness of the City, (3) To determine whether the Council shall require the simultaneous adoption of a comprehensive plan, if such a plan has been prepared and filed for the areas to be annexed.

Mr. Johnson asked if this area has been reduced to include just the property owners who are interested in the annexation.

Mr. Buehler stated, that was correct.

Mr. Victor Lyons, petitioner, called the Council's attention to the fact that this property under this proposed annexation is zoned at this time under general use, which under County zoning regulations permits the development of a shopping center. Many meetings have been held with the City Planning Commission and the Dept. of Public Utilities, due to the fact that the high-water table in this area will require that they build their own small sewage disposal plant. If this procedure is followed connections could be made to the City sewer. After numerous meetings it was agreed that the City would bring sewer lines to and through the site to connect with their plant.

Mr. Lyons continued, that the property is zoned correctly and the developers have agreed to put in sewers and pay whatever assessment for street improvement that is required. He felt there could not be any valid objection to annexing this portion as this will be a shopping center. He felt all they were doing now is abiding by the City's request to annex to be able to connect to the City's sewage system.

He requested the Council to pass the resolution which accepts this annexation petition. He added, they will then return to the Council with a 75% petition, according to the rules and regulations.

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Mr. Bott informed Mr. Lyons that the County Commissioner's, at the last Council meeting requested that this annexation be held in abeyance from six months to a year because of a study being made of the Northeast part of Pierce County.

Mr. Lyons stated they have (14) to (16) options on property at the site and it seemed impossible to hold them for six months to a year.

Robert Comfort, Attorney, represented the Novotney Bros. who own and operate Novotney's Grocery Store which is immediately across the street from the proposed annexation site. He felt this was a rapidly developing residential area and the County has a study underway to ascertain if the present zoning could not be changed to residential zoning. He thought indications were that this would become residential zoning.

Mr. Comfort stated, the developers who had Mr. Lyons petition for the annexation are non-residents of Tacoma and the only reason for annexation is to turn this site into another "K-Mart" shopping center. He pointed out that the Novotney Bros. have been business men in Tacoma for twenty years. A market survey shows that the Novotney Bros. store encompasses 18,000 square feet and the "K" Mart store is proposed to be only 20,000 square feet including 6,000 square feet across the street, which would probably drive the Novotney Store out of business. He noted that the Novotney Bros. had paid their portion of an L I D for sewers a number of years ago, and now it is proposed that the City bring the sewer lines to the new site, which did not seem fair.

Mr. Comfort felt if this annexation is passed and rezoned to commercial, it would certainly be spot zoning. He asked the Council members to carefully analyse this matter and see if it would be to the best interests of the City.

Mr. Joseph Shensky, Assistant Director of County Planning, stated Mr. Gallagher, County Commissioner, was unable to be present and has asked that this be continued for six months in order for the County to complete the studies that are underway in regard to this area.

Mr. Shensky stated, in addition there has been a petition for a rezone filed, to be heard by the County Planning Commission in July for a suburban agricultural zoning.

Mr. Murtland asked what area this would involve.

Mr. Shensky explained the area is from 72nd St. to 80th and from Golden Given to Wilkeson St. which is east of Portland Avenue.

Mr. Haley asked what the zoning for suburban agricultural would include.

Mr. Shensky stated, this is primarily an agricultural, residential type of zoning. This would not permit commercial of any kind except road-side stands and the like.

Mr. Haley asked what the County is planning in this area.

Mr. Shensky stated there is a traffic study being conducted in conjunction with the NE Pierce County Planning study, as well as a study of the South Suburban Sewer district.

Mr. Haley asked if the developer is prepared to commence construction immediately and if so, can he obtain a building permit as far as the County is concerned.

Mr. Shensky stated they could not.

Mr. Haley asked what would prevent this.

Mr. Shensky stated the legal opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney will prevent permits being issued contrary to the proposed zoning until a decision is made by the Planning Commission from the studies that are being conducted.

Mr. Haley asked clarification of Mr. Lyon's statement that they could proceed to develop the area without the annexation to the City.

Mr. Lyons stated they could wait six months. However, he asked if the County does not complete its study in six-months, can they then have their request approved? He felt there was nothing definite judging from the information the County Commissioner's representative has said today. All they wish to do is to annex to the City. He felt this was a logical expansion of Tacoma and it was to the best interests of the City.

Mr. Cvitanich stated, as a matter of procedure, when another Governmental agency requests a postponement, the Council in the past has abided by their request to postpone any action.

Mr. Rowlands stated, the question raised by Mr. Haley should be further clarified. Discussion has been presented many times over the years on interim zoning. It was pointed out last week that the only things in the general zoning in the County that were not permitted were heavy industrial plants, wrecking yards and businesses of that nature. He felt that this should be clarified legally, whether or not that zoning would permit Mr. Lyons to apply for a building permit.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what the policy of the City is in regard to sewers beyond the City limits.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Council considers each particular request on its own merit.

Mr. Haley felt the Council should come to a decision at this time on this petition for annexation.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone this request for annexation for a period of six months. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Roll call was taken on the motion. Ayes 4; Nays 3, Haley, Price and Deputy Mayor Herrmann. Absent 2: Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson. MOTION CARRIED.

PETITIONS:

a. Petition submitted by William Ristine, et al requesting rezoning of So. 10th to So. 12th St. from Whitman to the alley between Lexington and Mildred from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

b. Petition submitted by Harold Jewell requesting rezoning of So. 10th to So. 12th from Vassault to Whitman from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19186

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and submit a project application to the U. S. Dept. of Transportation FAA of the U. S. Government, for federal participation for improvements at the Tacoma Industrial Airport. ✓

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

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Resolution No. 19187

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute for and on behalf of the City of Tacoma an agreement with the State Highway Commission for reimbursement to the City of expenditures for maintenance and repairs on East 30th Street from So. C. to East D Street.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19188

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an amendment to the agreement authorized by Resolution No. 19121 increasing the amount paid to the Washington State University for the College Work Study Program from 10% to 25% effective August 20, 1967.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19189

Fixing Tuesday, June 6, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of property between So. 82nd & So. 84th Sts. approximately 450 feet east of Hosmer St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L PRD" District. (petition of John T. Steward Co.)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19190

Fixing Monday, June 12, 1967 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 6892 for street lighting on wooden poles along Whitman Street from 200 feet south of View Ridge Drive to No. 25th and other nearby streets.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19191

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. on its bid of \$113,331.65 for L I D 4794.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19192

Awarding contract to Truckweld Equipment Company on its bid of \$95,560.00 for the furnishing of refuse bodies.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19193

Awarding contract to Electric Construction Co., on its bid of \$59,788.00 for proposal No. 2 for the furnishing of galvanized steel standards.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19194

Awarding contract to International Harvester Co. on its bid of \$104,843.37 for the furnishing of twenty-one (21) truck chassis.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19195

Rejecting the bids received for L I D 3642 as the bids exceeded the Engineer's estimate.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 19196

Consideration of the annexation of the property in the vicinity of the S. W. corner of East 72nd and Portland Avenue.

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

Mr. Bott moved to postpone the resolution for six months. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Haley then changed his vote to the prevailing side so as to move for reconsideration next week.

Resolution No. 19197

Approving the request of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma to apply to the appropriate agency of the United States Government for the leasing of private dwellings to be used by low income families.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that about three weeks ago a plan to lease private dwellings for use by low income families under the federal rent subsidy program was discussed by the City Council. This resolution confirms this fact.

Mr. Harald Bergerson, Executive Director of the Tacoma Housing Authority, stated that rental property is scarce in the City and many low income families are living in substandard housing. It is hoped that owners of substandard housing might be persuaded to improve their properties. The property can then be leased by the Housing Authority for a five-year period.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Finnigan and Mayor Tollefson.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18303

Vacating Steele St. and the alley lying immediately east of Steele St. between So. Tacoma Way and a point approximately 240 feet south thereof, (petition of Earl Cashar)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18304

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code to add a new section 13.06.065-70 to include property on the south side of So. 54th between Pacific Ave. and Bell in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Frank H. Francis)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18305

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code to add a new section 13.06.050-16 to include property on the east side of Puget Sound Ave. between So. 66th and So. 68th Streets in an "R-3" District. (Walter H. Buhre-petitioner)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 18306

Establishing a new fund in the City of Tacoma to be known as the Fire Department Trust and Agency Fund.

Mr. Rowlands stated this ordinance will allow the Fire Department to place private contributions to the Fire Department in a separate fund, which will be called the Fire Department Trust & Agency Fund.

James Reiser, Fire Chief, explained this money will be used in this instance for fire prevention educational activities in the schools. This will ensure that every child in the lower grades will have so many hours fire prevention education right in their curriculum.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18307

Amending Section 13.30585 of the official code of the City to provide for additional pensions for members of the City Retirement System who are not covered by Social Security, effective June 1, 1967.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18308

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code to add a new section 13.06.065-69 to include property between So. 10th & So. 12th Sts. from Pearl to Woodlawn Sts. in an 'R-4-L' District. (petition of C. P. Gordon and George Long)

Mr. Rowlands explained that a letter requesting easements from the petitioner dated May 19, 1967, which had been requested by the Council, has now been received and will be filed with the City Clerk.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18301

Amending Title 1 of the official code of the City by adding a new chapter 1.29 relating to creating a Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Rowlands explained that last week the Council members felt that the wording in the ordinance might be clarified, whereby it should be directed to all organizations within the community, as they should also be included in this effort.

Mrs. Price moved that the proposed amendment to Section 1.29.070 of Ordinance No. 18301 be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Rev. Lynn E. Hodges of 3407 No. 18th St., Tacoma, explained that this ordinance was proposed and drafted by the Mayor's committee on Housing and Social Welfare. He felt the proposed amendments clarified the purposes and intent of the ordinance.

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Mrs. Herbert Price, representing the League of Women Voters. Rev. E. S. Brazill of 1723 So. K and Peter Coleman representing the Catholic Interracial Council, indicated they were in favor of a Human Relations Commission.

Mr. John Frai, 1423 So. 43rd, was concerned with the cost to the City for this commission.

Mr. Halev asked if in Paragraph 1, under the proposed amendments where it stated, "Identify and study the human relations, needs and welfare of the community," means the social, economic, housing, employment and educational opportunities and needs of the community.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann said he thought that was the meaning.

Mr. Johnson stated, he appreciated the work that had been done by others, but he had prepared a letter he would like to read in his own words, as to what he felt the purpose of this commission should be. With the Council's permission he asked that this be put in the record, as follows: "I find it impossible to vote on the matter of establishing a human relations commission without going into some detail as to its purpose and method of operation. This is a matter that affects every citizen of Tacoma and must be handled with care and respect for the individual rights of all, not just a minority group. My sense of a human relations commission is that it is for the purpose of aiding minority groups to aid themselves, not to do the work for them, but to offer them guidance and help in certain areas. I can visualize this condition being of help in aiding them to acquire a better education, to be a sured of equal rights in government, of obtaining better economic conditions through better jobs in industry, commerce and in government. To aid them in obtaining better housing, better recreational opportunities, and above all, the ability to earn and preserve the respect and appreciation of their fellow man. None of these goals can be massed produced. They must be individually earned by members of the group. It cannot be acquired by legislation, pressure from a human relations commission or any other source than individual effort as supported, aided and encouraged by the commission. In achieving these goals for a minority group, it must be certain that the individual rights of people, both within and without the group must be fully respected and preserved. It must be recognized that each individual possesses different talents and abilities from all the rest, and proper educational programs and job enlistment activities must take these facts into account. I can visualize a human relations commission being of help in determining and establishing rules of fair play which would be honored and respected by industry, commerce and government in helping to devise jobs suited to the skills and capabilities of the individual as now existent. To work with schools to provide forces for improving skills and capacities of individuals in the group. To work with labor unions to improve their recognition of and need for acceptance of minority groups within their ranks. To work with employers to schedule jobs within the present capabilities of the applicant. To maintain continual public relations both within and without the groups, that an understanding of acceptance of the activities be achieved. The above is but half of the coin.

The other half has to do with the attitudes of people affected by this activity. We well recognize that not all people are hospitable to a type of change that may be required in the information of the above program. Their rights must be respected, if not all their prejudices. People's attitudes, opinions, beliefs and convictions have grown up over a great period of time and cannot at once be altered. But the need for living together in peace was never more urgent than it is now. A start must be made in Tacoma to reduce friction and prevent its further development.

I recognize that it is impossible to draft an ordinance that contains no errors, thus with the preceding intent in view, I feel that the ordinance as now amended is workable. There may be one additional change that will be

recommended. I think Mr. Bott is going to discuss that. "

Deputy Mayor Herrmann asked Mr. Bott if he had any amendments to submit.

Mr. Bott said he had some letters from a group of citizens in Tacoma that are against the human relations commission in its present form. He then read two telegrams endorsing the commission. He said the Council has to decide in their minds what is correct.

He felt, perhaps, this commission should be on a voluntary basis, rather than being paid. He said he had perused the copies of the ordinances that had been submitted from other cities. He noted the draft in our ordinance appoints the director by the City Manager and the commission members by the Mayor approved by the Council. He said he was opposed to that method, as he felt the Council should be responsible for all appointments. The City Council has the ultimate responsibility and should have the privilege of removing any commission member for cause with a majority of six votes. He wished to be sure that the director would be appointed by the City Manager, then approved by the City Council, and then the commission members by the Mayor, approved by the Council.

Mr. Johnson explained that what he was referring to was that the Council should have the right to remove any commission member or the entire commission if it need be. This should be included in the ordinance.

Mr. Murtland felt this commission should be handled the same as the Planning Commission or other commissions in the City.

Mr. Bott said, since the City Manager has the right to remove any of the appointive positions with the City, he felt there should not be any argument if the Council asks for the right to remove anyone on this commission. This is an entirely new commission and various problems may arise.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann said this is spelled out under section 1.29.060 third paragraph, "The Commission is specifically authorized to make rules and regulations governing its organization and procedures which are not inconsistent with this chapter or any other chapter or section of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma."

Mr. Bott stated that Mr. Cvitanich and Mr. Finnigan have requested that this ordinance be held over until they are able to be present before taking final action.

Mr. Bott then moved that the ordinance be postponed for two weeks.
Seconded by Mrs. Price,

Mrs. Price stated the commission members would not be paid and with a commission of this scope, it certainly would require a paid executive.

Wallace Walker, President of the Hilltop Neighborhood Improvement Council, did not think the ordinance should be postponed at this time.

Mr. Bott explained the procedure of the Council to Mr. Walker and stated the Council wishes to do the right thing by all.

The Rev. Hodges stated the Mayor's committee studied a number of different projects. He said this disturbs him as the Council is afraid of whom they appoint on this commission more so than they are on other commissions.

Mr. Bott stated they were concerned, not afraid.

Rev. Brazill and Jerry Bon felt the ordinance should not be postponed.

Mr. Haley stated he could not share Mr. Bott or Mr. Johnson's position in a recall of a commissioner. If an appointment is made deligently, that appointment should rise or fall with the success or failure of the commission. He would like to have the vote on this tonight. He felt the ordinance as amended, has the foundation of a good Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Murtland said he would be willing to vote on the ordinance but he thought a one week delay would do no harm. He felt Mr. Finnigan has the right to be heard on the proposed amendment.

Mr. Murtland then moved to amend Mr. Bott's motion that the ordinance be postponed for one week, until May 31, 1967. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 18302

Amending and repealing various sections of the official code of the City relative to Traffic.

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

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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the City Planning Department for the month of April 1967.
- b. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of April 1967.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said that he would be gone for about three weeks and there are a number of items he would like to discuss.

He added, the City has been disturbed over the activities of the Smelter. More complaints have been received during the last five months than ever before. He said he had written to Mr. R. E. Shinkoskey, Manager of the Tacoma Smelter suggesting six steps which he contended could be taken by the plant to reduce its dioxide output. It is felt that this organization has not fulfilled its obligation to the citizens of Tacoma. The staff has requested Dr. Kredel, County-City Health Director, and Joel Durnin, the City's Air Pollution Control Engineer, to draft proposed standards covering sulphur dioxide concentrations in the City. They felt that this is an emergency as the multi-county agency which is to be set up under a new State law will not be available until October. He noted that the proposed standards, if adopted, would apply to all industry in the Tacoma area.

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Dr. Kredel said he had been asked to meet with the Smelter officials this Wednesday. Mr. Shinkoskey, Smelter Manager, promised to have experts on hand who are employed nationally by the American Smelting & Refining Co., as well as the Smelter's medical director, Dr. Sherman Pinto. He is hopeful, that as a result of the conversation with Mr. Shinkoskey, that the Smelter will adopt one of two of the City Manager's suggestions. His suggestions included increasing the height of the main stack, production of more sulphuric acid, uses for sulphuric acid and production of elemental sulphur.

Mr. Joel Durnin, air pollution control engineer, explained that the proposed standards to be amendments to the City's ordinance, are currently in effect in the San Francisco Bay area, generally outlawing emissions resulting in ground-level concentrations of sulphur dioxide in excess of 1.5 parts per million for three consecutive minutes. The proposed amendments would also outlaw flue emissions of more than 2,000 parts per million.

He noted, the proposed standards now under consideration in St. Louis Mo., are even more restrictive. He felt the proposed standards would be more realistic. It would give the citizens of Tacoma better livability and better air quality.

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Mr. Rowlands stated the staff has had a meeting with the State Health Dept. officials who are also concerned over the Smelter's emissions. Unfortunately the Smelter is not under the City's direct jurisdiction but the City has petitioned the Washington State Air Pollution Control Board to assume jurisdiction and work with the City of Tacoma to try to bring this to an adequate solution. He said the Department was given new enforcement powers in the air pollution field by the last Legislature.

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Mr. Rowlands hoped that the amendments to the ordinance, which would specify allowable ground-level concentrations of sulphur dioxide in the City, would be introduced for first reading on June 6, 1967.

Mr. Rowlands reported on the status of the Transit System, stating that thus far this year, total passengers are up 9 percent and revenues are up 6 percent over the 1966 figures. The staff does not know whether or not the 75-cent transit tax will be sufficient to break even, but if this trend continues, it should come close.

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Mr. Rowlands explained, for a number of years people have been dumping garbage in the vicinity of Marine View Drive. The two private garbage collection companies serving Northeast Tacoma have been notified that the City will be taking over their routes July 1st, 1967.

Mr. Bronow, Chief, Utility Services Division, explained that the City was asked about a year ago to provide service in that particular area, as there is a lack of compulsory service in the area. Letters have been mailed to all residences in the area notifying them that after July 1st the City will provide them service. Mr. Bronow explained under Section 5.20.050 of the official code, it states that in instances of isolated dwellings or places of business located in sparsely settled portions of the City, or where reasonable access cannot be had by truck, that garbage and refuse may upon special permission of the Public Works Dept., Sanitary Division be collected and disposed of. He added, that this area is now becoming so populated it will not be difficult to service at the present time.

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George Kargianis, Seattle attorney, representing the two companies that are now giving service, contended that both firms have made substantial investments to service customers in the City and should be given more time in which to phase out their city operations. He noted the companies endorse the City's proposal to make garbage collections in the area compulsory, but he felt a legal arrangement could be worked out whereby the companies can service as the City's agents for another year or two. These companies serve about 300 City customers each on the Federal Way Disposal Service and the Points Garbage Service.

Mr. Johnson felt the proposal seemed reasonable.

Mr. Rowlands said the City's legal staff would prepare a report for the Council.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann stated that Mayor Tollefson had asked that this be delayed until next week, May 31st, 1967.

Mr. Rowlands reported that Judge Johnson ruled in favor of the City on Friday, May 19th, 1967, in regard to the Urban Renewal Project in the downtown area.

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Mr. Rowlands submitted MC-488, Available Revenues-City General Fund, to the Council. Mr. Cvitanich has requested that the Lavatory at the Old Town Dock be added to Item VI, on Page, 3, he added.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the report on the feasibility of extending City sewers to University Place by means of L I D districts will take two or three more weeks to prepare. The staff is working on the report.

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Mr. Rowlands stated that on Friday he would be leaving on a three-week's vacation to nine European countries. He will be meeting with many City Managers and Government officials on this trip.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P. M.

W. M. Jolley
Mayor of the City Council

Attest Josephine Melton
City Clerk