

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, February 9th, 1971.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 7 P. M.

Present on roll call 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Absent 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Corsi.

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Mayor Johnston read a Proclamation proclaiming February 7th thru 13th, 1971, as Children's Dental Health Week, and pointing out that the future to a large measure is dependent on the good health of the youth of the community. The Mayor said the proclamation would be mailed to Dr. Tuggle as he could not be present to accept it.

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Mayor Johnston asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes being submitted for the meeting of January 19th.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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PETITIONS:

Jack A. Benaroya Company requesting rezoning of the S. W. corner of South 48th St. and Ferry St. from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

Mayor Johnston asked that the petition be referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21019 (Continued from the meeting of January 26th)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement retaining the firm of ABAM Engineers, Inc. & Harstad Associates, Inc. a joint venture for engineering services on the detailed design and construction phases of the River Street Viaduct Project.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

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Mr. Bob Anderson, City Engineer, explained that the Council had adopted a resolution in April of 1970 approving the proposed route for the River Street viaduct. In July, 1970, the consulting engineers had presented their design report and this resolution authorizes the City officials to employ the engineering firm to perform engineering services so that the \$7.8 million project can continue. This will give

the City the necessary information for the acquisition of rights of way, preparation of plans and specifications and also provide for the construction management.

Mayor Johnston said he thought the records should show that the Council members met in a study session early this morning with property owners from the area of the proposed project in order to obtain their last minute opinions and concerns.

Mr. Moss pointed out if the Council proceeded with the property appraisals relative to this project, it would give more assurance to at least one of the business companies involved with probable removal in knowing where he would be going and to have some idea of the cost.

Mr. Moss said he had been made aware of two things during the morning's discussion, which was the owner had no idea of what amount would be offered for his land and that the cost of land in the quantity desired would be extremely hard to find. Mr. Moss said he was not satisfied on those two points.

Mr. Anderson said the detail design work is scheduled to commence on February 10th and the property descriptions are to be prepared in three months, by May 15th. During these three months, the Department would continue with the detail engineering work to determine what properties are required after which time it will then be presented before the Council for approval of the parcels of land needed. He added without the detail engineering work, the appraisals could not be made. The next procedure would be to set up the condemnation procedures.

Mayor Johnston asked Mr. Anderson if he was in a position to say whether or not the budget is adequate to compensate all of the parties to be involved.

Mr. Anderson replied that considering the 31 different projects presently underway in Tacoma, he had not been able to take part in all of the estimates being made, but that he does not have any doubt but that the \$7.8 million budget would be more than adequate to purchase all of the necessary rights of way.

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

Ayes 8: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss and Schroeder.

Nays 1: Mayor Johnston.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 21043

Authorizing the leasing of twelve (12) motorcycles for the Police Department from Tacoma Harley-Davidson, Inc. for a period of one year commencing April 1, 1971.

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

Police Chief Lyle Smith explained that the agreement if approved would provide for twelve motorcycles for the Police Department on a lease plan. He said the Department would be able to get better service and also better results in maintenance and a savings in over-all costs.

Mr. Finnigan thought that the price of \$129 per vehicle per month seemed quite high and asked how this was determined. He said the City had never followed this procedure before as it was said it was not considered practicable.

Chief Smith remarked that the \$129.00 figure had been determined by the leasing company. The Department had made an over-all study of the costs and maintenance for over a period of two years and arrived at an estimate average figure of \$139.00 per month for the equipment the Department has been using. The City of Bellevue is leasing this type of equipment and paying approximately the same price of \$129.00 a month. He further added there would be two advantages for leasing the equipment; one would be the saving on maintenance costs after several years and would also eliminate the work required to check on the billings from the company presently performing the

maintenance work for the City equipment as a close check on accounting procedure is required to coordinate the records with the Finance Dept. on a month to month basis. The rental costs on automobiles has run as high as \$20.00 per day, therefore, he thought the leasing price on motorcycles was apparently not too high.

Mr. Finnigan said he had been in the leasing business for years and did think the price was high, but that there are many different types of leases possible. Mr. Finnigan reiterated that the City had looked into this type of policy before and decided it was not advantageous to the City. He added he had suggested the possibility of leasing in the past when the City had been "strapped" financially, rather than going out to buy equipment, but always received the answer that it was either impractical or illegal as far as the City is concerned. Therefore, he was very much interested in the arrangements Chief Smith had attempted to make.

Chief Smith explained those statements were made to him at an earlier date and he had researched the matter and taken time to work out the lease agreement. The maintenance on the motorcycles is a vital factor, one for which a high cost is paid. This cost has been found to be as high as that for a prowl car; even including the accident factor and it has been substantiated that the lease can be utilized at less money.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the \$139 per month figure had included radios.

Chief Smith replied that the quotation of \$129 included all accessory equipment except the radios. It does include the maintenance and all of the oil required, but does not include the gasoline. He pointed out that gasoline is not a great expense as is the oil, because a special oil is required.

Mr. Finnigan asked if Mr. Gaisford could provide any more information on the matter.

Mr. Gaisford explained that an extensive study had been made by Mr. Paul Nolan, Assistant City Attorney, at one time regarding this particular subject, but the motorcycles were not included in the rental base. It was determined under that study that the City is doing better by maintaining its own fleet. The complete study that was made by the Police Dept. is very close to the cost in regard to the maintenance of the City's own motorcycles and the maintenance of the rental.

Mr. Gaisford said this would be the first time that the City would be entering into a rental basis on motorcycles. He added it was found that it was not feasible to go into leasing of the City's vehicles. However, it would seem at this time to be feasible, but would not be of great benefit. The saving of money over a year's period would be approximately \$7,000.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the savings made would be available for something else.

Mr. Gaisford pointed out that this would be only a one-time saving and would have to be on a very close margin. However, if the operational savings were not there, the Police Dept. would have to revert back to purchasing their own motorcycles and assuming their own responsibility.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 21044

Authorizing the transfer of \$10,606.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund account No. 64098 to the General Fund account No. 62016 for the purpose of paying an obligation due and owing the Puget Sound Governmental Conference.

Mayor Johnston moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mayor Johnston stated it had come to his attention that the former Council had taken action relative to the City's participation in the Puget Sound Regional Conference and he has asked that the subject be researched. On November 18, 1969, Resolution No. 20466 was adopted by a vote of 9 to 0, designating members to the Puget Sound Regional Conference. On December 9th, by motion, the Council withdrew from that Conference which carried by a vote of 7 to 2. On December 16th, the same Council appointed representation to the Conference and when they deliberated on the budget for 1970, they appropriated moneys to take care of the first quarter dues. As recently as of April of this last year, the minutes show that the Mayor and Mr. Cvitanich attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Puget Sound Regional Conference.

Mayor Johnston said he would assume, from the above action, even though a motion was passed to withdraw the City from the Conference, no action had been taken to do so, and we are still in terms of the action that followed that resolution, members of the Conference. He asked Mr. Hamilton if that was a reasonable assumption.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, advised that it appeared that subsequent to the making of that motion, and he was not sure of the exact content as to whether it was a withdrawal or an intent to withdraw, but in any event the Council appears to have repudiated its action by designating members in 1970 to the Board by appropriating funds in 1970 to pay the first quarter dues in 1970. Therefore, on the basis of that, Mr. Hamilton advised it would appear that the Council indicated an intention during the early part of 1970 to continue its membership and activities as is indicated by the attendance of various Council members on the Board and on various committees of the Conference.

Mr. Schroeder asked if there was anything in the files to indicate that the previous Council did communicate with the Puget Sound Regional Conference in regard to resigning from that body.

Mr. McCormick, Acting City Manager, replied as far as he knew there is no correspondence in the files whereby the former Council followed up any motion by a communication to the President of the Conference indicating any withdrawal by the City of Tacoma.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 21045

Appointing Lou Marchesini as a member of the Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Thelma I. Coonan, which term will expire on September 30, 1973.

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

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 21046

The City Council and the Citizens of Tacoma expressing heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Harold Bird, one of Tacoma's finest citizens.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Mayor Johnston felt it would be only fitting to have it read in full.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 21047

Fixing Tuesday, February 23, 1971, at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the west side of Puget Sound Ave. between So. 62nd and 64th Streets from an "R-3" to a "C-2" District. (Mallon Investment Co.)

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

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19297

Amending Section 1.12.414 & .430 of the Official Code relative to pay and compensation to add two new classifications Human Relations Commission Director and Human Relations Commission Field Work Coordinator.

Mr. Stanley Bixel, Personnel Director, explained this ordinance would allow the two positions to be added in a salary range proportionate to other departmental administrative positions. This ordinance establishes the positions for 1971 as an appointive service. The specifications would be the same as in 1969. The only change would be to update the salary.

Mr. Finnigan asked if a classification has to be reinstated in this manner, after having been left out of the Pay & Compensation Plan or if it is on a continuing basis whether the position is filled or not.

Mr. Bixel said that the positions had been definitely deleted from the Pay & Compensation Plan, therefore, there is no present provision for payment for the two classifications in question.

Mr. Finnigan asked if that meant the positions were deleted.

Mr. Bixel said the positions were deleted in 1970 and the Council had passed a resolution instructing that there would be no full time personnel assigned to implement this program. The positions do not exist for purposes of payment in any form at the

present time.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

Ordinance No. 19298

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.045(13) to include Wapato Hills Addition between So. 56th and 58th Streets and between Ferry and Sprague Ave. in a "R-2-T" District. (Petition of Fred Roberson)

Mr. Corsi said he had called Mr. Buehler regarding the ordinance in view of the great number of zoning conditions listed for "R-2-T" Districts. He added these conditions were not spelled out in the letter to the Council dated, December 23rd. He added Mr. Buehler had assured him the conditions were reviewed with the applicant and the applicant is fully aware of them and willing to comply.

Mr. McCormick explained whenever conditions are attached, either at a Planning Commission meeting or a hearing before the Council, those conditions must be met, and the Attorney's office holds any request for the ordinance or resolution until those conditions are met.

Mr. Corsi said the reason he had asked the question was that in the next ordinance, the conditions are spelled out in more detail, but had not been included in a similar letter for the present ordinance.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

Ordinance No. 19299

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.120(62) to include property on the southwest corner of So. 80th and Pacific Ave. in a "C-1" District. (Petition of United Mutual Savings Bank)

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19295

Appropriating the sum of \$19,067.53 from the General Fund to the Police Relief and Pension Fund and appropriating from the Police Pension Fund the sum \$39,375.61 or so much as may be necessary for the purpose of paying obligations imposed by the laws of the State of Washington relative to pensions.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19296

Appropriating the sum of \$131,217.04 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund for the purpose of paying the necessary obligations incurred during the fiscal year 1970 relative to the payment of pensions for firemen.

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

Ayes 9: Corsi, Egan, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Corsi said he had noted in the minutes of the Civil Service Board dated January 18, 1971, that request for a residence waiver was given to the Landscape Architect and that the Public Works Dept. had advised that the principal source of applicants for this position would be from the Washington State University. He added that Mr. Fred VanCamp of the Civil Service League had spoken at the prior Council meeting relative to the subject and said that he felt that City residents should have first chance rather than accepting an outsider, in view of the high unemployment in the Tacoma area. The letter further quoted Mr. Ron Skaggs of the City Personnel Dept. as saying that the reason for the above was because the Public Works Dept. works closely with the Washington State Highway Dept.

Mr. Corsi said he was not aware that this would be the course of action following the approval of the position, otherwise he might have felt differently about the matter and would have asked that emphasis be placed upon the hiring of local people. He felt the Council should have been made aware of this before the matter went to the Civil Service Board. Mr. Corsi asked if it would be proper to ask Mr. VanCamp to comment.

Mr. Fred VanCamp, Civil Service League Business Representative, said he had attended the previous meeting and had raised a question at that time as to a need for a residence waiver, considering the high unemployment rate in this area. He said this was not strictly a Civil Service matter as far as the City employees are concerned, but felt as City employees they owe just as much to the residents of Tacoma relative to opportunities as they do to the rest of the State. He said that Mr. Skaggs had felt Washington State University would be the principal supplier of Landscape Architects.

He commented that considering the pay scale offered, it seemed odd that the position required a four-year college graduate, as most of them expect to start higher than that.

Mayor Johnston said he could understand it being that low because it was the first time the City has had that classification. However, he was sure when negotiations commence, the pay scale will move forward. He added a landscape architect's course is for an unlicensed profession and there are a very limited number of Landscape Architects in this area. He felt it was in the City's best interests to broaden the area for those eligible for the position.

Mr. Corsi said if an attempt is made to acquire a local person and then not able to find anyone, they would have to go to other sources.

Mayor Johnston said the residence restriction does not apply to everyone; there are many City employees who do not live in the City. He asked if that were stricken from the books.

Mr. VanCamp said it depends on what the specifications call for at the time the job is posted. For example, at present there is a Clerk II examination posted and it is limited to Tacoma residents due to the high unemployment situation in the area. In the past, however, they have found it necessary to waiver residents and include Pierce County also as they were not able to recruit enough candidates within the City. He further explained in the event of the employment of policemen,

that was nation-wide, but on the last examination, the residence requirement had been limited to the State. He said as Mr. Corsi indicated, this being a new position, he felt they should have tried locally.

Dr. Herrmann asked if he understood correctly that Clerk II need not be a City resident.

Mr. VanCamp said that was the policy in the past, but at present it is open to City and County residents.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained that the Charter requires that in the case of appointive positions, the employee must be a City resident unless it is waived by the Council. In the Civil Service categories, they must be City residents unless there is a waiver by the Civil Service Board, in order to file an application for an appointment.

Mr. Finnigan thought it would be hard to find qualified landscape architects within the boundaries of the City. However, he hopes rather than fill the job that they make every effort to use the landscape architectural firms available in this area, the same as they do with engineering and construction firms.

Mr. Bixel, Personnel Director, explained that the Public Works Dept. did feel that they had canvassed the area carefully and it was necessary in this instance to try to get a graduate from one of the universities in order to adequately fill the position. It was on that basis, the waiver was lifted in this instance; whereas in other areas sometimes there are a number of applicants already listed ahead. However, the recent developments are that technical and scientifically trained people are becoming more prevalent and surplus to the City's needs. The Personnel Dept. had no indication of any available landscape architect candidates in the City limits and accepted the Public Works Dept. request and made the proposal.

Mr. Bixel added the Civil Service Board would not waive the residency requirement unless they had some assurance that there had been evidence demonstrated that made it necessary to do so. He added this practice of waiver will become increasingly evident with the present employment status if the present trend is continued. However in the landscape architect category, the Personnel Dept. is not aware of any surplus.

Mr. Corsi asked if the Personnel Dept. could at least make an attempt to find someone who is a Tacoma resident, even though he comes from Washington State University.

Mr. Bixel explained that City residents would not be excluded from filing and those would be included if available.

Mr. Moss said he was pleased he had voted against the landscape architect assignment when it was before the Council in view of the points being discussed. He urged during the interim if the City could not find prospects from Washington State University before the money is used, the City could use the services of some Tacoma landscape architect firms that are available.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Moss stated he attended a recent meeting of the newly re-organized Model City Association and he heard reports by various task forces which illustrated the great amount of hope and community spirit that had been maintained over a pretty rough period. The fact that the funds are not yet forthcoming would make it necessary for the Council to give as much thought as possible to the immediate future of the Model Cities as well as the long range plans. He pointed out there is no assurance that the silence in Washington, D. C. that the City has had on this matter is going to bear fruit. He realizes the indecision disturbs the entire Council and that calls have been made back and forth to Washington.

There is a possibility that the program will not be funded and the Council should consider what steps to take which would require a wealth of planning and a knowledge of how to adjust to a new situation.



Mr. Moss said he felt inasmuch as an ordinance has been passed relative to the intent of the Council that they should put their best efforts forth at this time to have some one in Washington, D. C. as soon as possible not only to present the City's case, but what the new plan is and to briefly define the immediate future of the Model Cities staff and the total community.

Mayor Johnston asked Mr. Russell, Director of Model Cities, how long would the funds appropriated from the General Fund last for his department.

Mr. Russell remarked as of February 12, 1971, the net balance in the account would be \$150.15.

Mayor Johnston asked if he would have any alternatives.

Mr. Russell said he would like to hand out copies of inter-department memos for Council's information.

Mr. Moss remarked that he wished more members had been present at the Model Cities meeting last night to see how Mr. Russell had handled the job with force.

Mr. Russell said it goes without saying that the citizens of Tacoma could be proud of the past representation of the elected officials of the City and of their commitment to the Model Cities Program. He said he is speaking on behalf of the entire area containing 200 block, with 14,000 people, not just the black people or just the white people, but the community designated as the Model Cities area.

He felt the effort should stay alive until the end of the month so that some end type of report could be presented to the Council pertaining to what President Nixon is saying relative to the future of the Model Cities programs. He added his Department needs \$3,324 for the balance of February, 1971. The citizens of the entire community, the education and financial institutions of the City and the State agencies have shown their willingness to work with the Model Cities program. He said they will have to be realistic regarding the President's program for revenue-sharing. He does not think it is fair to assume since no funds have been received, that the City will not receive them. He felt it imperative that the Council allow the type of staff that has been assembled in that department, and that the type of concerns they have about the City, allow them to present some concise picture of what they can see on the horizon to the Council concerning the future of Model Cities, at a study session.

Mr. Russell further stated he knew the Council is aware of divisions of the federal government which would probably indicate the planned variation that can be used as a result of the planning by the Model Cities staff. For example, there are areas in the City, not only in the Hilltop area that does not have a park and a 12-month swimming facility, etc.

Mr. Jarstad said he and Dr. Herrmann had visited the National Model Cities headquarters in Washington, D. C. last year and both heard indications at that time through administration that they were going to change their methods of funding and seek direct grants through revenue sharing for cities. He said they have heard for twenty years that the cities have all sought revenue sharing and it is finally coming about. He felt as Mr. Russell had suggested, the City should be ready to go forth with new plans in the event they do pick up the structure of Model Cities and renew it in that fashion. We should also have a plan to take sections of the program which have come out of the studies and determined worthwhile and incorporate them into existing departments of the City so that the funding can come through departments if necessary. He felt it could go either way and the City should be ready. All the deliberations and studies made contain excellent suggestions for development, he added.

Furthermore, the Planning Commission had a study session last night on the ten-year Community Improvement Program which is being prepared for City-wide improvement, and everything mentioned for Model Cities is covered somewhere in those plans, over a

ten-year period. That plan will be before the Council in the near future, to be approved. These can all be coordinated and we will be in a position to take advantage of and implement the new revenue-sharing tax when it is passed which will put the City in an excellent position.

Mr. Moss said he thought there are some alternatives that can be exercised at this point. One is to wait as we have even though we have been pretty aggressive. This morning they had received the information that the matter was to be held in abeyance until it was determined how revenue-sharing was going to be worked out. His feeling is that this program has to maintain a position of strong relevancy to the new direction.

Mr. Russell stated he has a great number of suggestions, and urgently requested that the staff of the Model Cities be prepared to present the suggestions at a study session, relative to the proper direction for revenue-sharing and community planning.

Mr. Corsi commented that the funds had been released to Salt Lake City about the same time the President had displayed his plans for revenue-sharing. He felt this is inconsistent and wondered if Tacoma would be able to find what Salt Lake City had done to loosen those funds as opposed to other cities.

Mayor Johnston stated that the Council was impressed with Mr. Russell's intent to give new direction to the program and the staff with regard to the resources that have been developed in the local area. He did not see how they could expect a staff to remain or even meet at a study session with only \$150 in the account since they need \$3,324 to run the Department through February. He said he was in favor of the staff staying intact until the end of February and that the Department should be allowed to meet with the Council to explain what they have in mind. Mayor Johnston requested the City Manager or City Attorney to bring in an ordinance appropriating \$3,324 to carry the program through February.

Mayor Johnston commented that he has available funds to make a trip to Washington, D. C., which are not part of City financing, to determine what the situation is there, but there might be no real purpose in doing that as we do not have the people to talk to and in his estimation the doors would not be that open. He endorses the philosophy of putting the heat on in person, but there would have to be some indication in advance that there would be an opportunity to talk to the appropriate people there.

Mr. Moss pointed out that there are some people within the State administration who do have friends in Washington, D. C. to whom they could talk. He felt there would be some options open to Tacoma that should be pursued which would be of benefit to them.

Mr. Jarstad felt the City should definitely pursue the possible options. He commented that the Model Cities programs had been under attack all over the country even in Seattle and it had not been an entirely popular program in some areas. He felt it would have been very successful in Tacoma as all of the various opinions had been considered. Other cities apparently did not approach the programs in this light, therefore, have been under constant attack and are endeavoring to find a better solution. He pointed out that the money will be allocated by the federal government and be apportioned one way or the other; therefore, the City of Tacoma will have to be ready to make its move as soon as the determination is made.

Mr. Finnigan felt the City has not accomplished what it has been seeking and not yet used every source at its disposal. He felt it is time to take a firm stand and take steps immediately to do whatever is necessary to let the people know that the City is very anxious to have this program.

Mayor Johnston said he would meet with the City Manager and set up the study session as soon as possible with the Model Cities staff.

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Mayor Johnston announced that the City, in conjunction with the State Highway Dept., would sponsor a joint press conference at 9:00 A.M. on February 11th in the new Pacific National Bank of Washington building to unveil a 48' model depicting the proposed state and city highway development plans for the Pacific Avenue interchange and its connection with downtown Tacoma. The City officials will be on hand to answer questions relative to the multi-million dollar project. The model will be on display for two weeks and also be used by organized groups who might be of some help to the Council with its decision as to the route the proposed "A" Street Spur will follow.

He said he is hopeful that all citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity to see the magnificent model in order to view what will be happening to the core of the City as well as the new routes.

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Mayor Johnston stated that he had read a Proclamation relative to Dental Health Week at the Council meeting of February 2nd and welcomed Dr. Dewey Tuddle, Jr. to the Council meeting tonight.

Dr. Tuddle said he would like to express his appreciation to the Council on behalf of the Pierce County Dental Society for endorsing this week as Dental Health Week.

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. George Goe, 414 No. Yakima Avenue, spoke to the Council relative to more police and fire protection.

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Mr. Raymond Roland, 1620 E. Columbia Street, also spoke concerning the police protection.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK:


- a. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of January 25, 1971.
- b. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of January 18, 1971.
- c. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of January 27, 1971.
- d. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of December 22, 1970.
- e. Urban Renewal Dept. filing HUD forms for New Tacoma Project, Wash. R-14.
- f. Finance Director submitting Financial Statements of the Model Cities First Action Year Program.
- g. Civil Defense Dept. filing Personnel and Administrative Claim for January, 1971, in the amount of \$1,820.38.
- h. City Planning Dept. submitting Community Improvement Program Status Report No. 9, December 1970 and Quarterly Report No. 10, December 1970.
- i. Police Dept., Traffic Division, filing annual report for January - December, 1970.

Placed on file.

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Dr. Herrmann moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Finnigan. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Josephine Melton - City Clerk

  
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GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR