

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 12, 1971

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 7:15 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. Jarstad.

Mayor Johnston asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes being submitted for December 22nd, 1970.

Mr. Moss moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Pettibon Brothers Chiropractic Clinic requesting rezoning of the east side of Proctor between So. 12th and So. 13th Streets extended, from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21004

Authorizing an agreement with Seifert, Forbes and Berry for a design for a taxiway at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

Mr. Al Barney, Airport Manager, explained this is the first step in the project on the taxiway which leads into the north and south area from the emergency building. He said this would open both areas of the runway in order to handle more aircraft parking. He added one new hangar is nearly completed and the foundation has been started on the second one.

Mr. Schroeder asked for clarification for reasons of having engineering studies made for these areas. He asked if an over-all plan were not previously made that would show the various taxiways.

Mr. Barney explained the plans have to be reviewed every two years and before starting a project it is required that a design engineer be consulted. He added the Department has until March 31st, 1971, to complete the project before the Federal funds are received otherwise they will be lost. He said the Seattle Tacoma Airport is in the same position.

Mr. Schroeder asked what is the total cost of the present project.

Mr. Barney said the Federal share is \$9,901.

Mr. Schroeder commented then, in that event, only \$6,000 would be left for the construction.

Mr. Barney explained the engineering cost is figured on a pro-rated basis of 10% and the total would be approximately \$19,000.

Mr. Finnigan asked when they expected to get this Instrument Landing System.

Mr. Barney explained the I.L.S. has been installed and they are waiting for appropriate weather so it can be checked by the F.A.A.

Mr. Finnigan asked what is the present length of the runway.

Mr. Barney remarked it was 5,002 feet.

Dr. Herrmann said he understood the layout plan had been approved by former Mayor Rasmussen sometime ago and he thought that much of this engineering had been completed. He added he didn't feel that every project being done from now on should require the City to hire an engineering firm. He asked if this was some added detail work.

Mr. Barney said they have added a small project in order to open up the two areas in question. The engineering firm was able to use the overlay drawing from the project approved by Mr. Rasmussen and the former City Council, and this takes in the lower area to the south. This will encompass all the property owned by the City with the modifications on the entire field.

Dr. Herrmann asked how much engineering remains to be done to complete the addition and extending the runway.

Mr. Barney said the extension is a major requirement and explained that any time Federal funds are requested, an engineer is required as it is part of their specifications.

Mayor Johnston commented this is similar to an over-all plan for a building wherein future additions are suggested and when that point is reached, necessary details are needed for the addition, such as in the case of the taxiways in question.

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. 21005

Authorizing the City Manager to execute an urban mass transportation managerial training grant contract with the U. S. Dept of Transportation to assist the City in defraying the expenses of the said training project.

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

Dr. Douglas Hendry, Transit Dept. Director, advised that Mr. C.R. Walsh, Supt. of Transportation, had been selected last Fall to attend a transportation training course at Carnegie Mellon Institute for six weeks and was present to make his report to the Council.

Mr. Walsh explained that the first part of the course had been held in Pittsburg where the lecture classes had eighteen professors from all over the country. They covered the area of transportation by airlines, railroads, rapid transit and freeway. The small bus operations had not been fully covered; however he had met with transit representatives from Dallas and Fort Worth, where regional transportation studies are presently being conducted. The information would be helpful if future information is needed in Tacoma. The second phase of his training included a two-week tour of the group to Montreal, Paris, Hamburg, Stockholm and London to observe and study their operations and rapid transit systems.

Mr. Walsh continued that he had returned to Tacoma feeling quite proud of the City's operation, even though the Department is currently operating at a deficit. However, he had not found any other system which was not subsidized in one way or another.

Mr. Finnigan said he had read Mr. Walsh's report with interest, but he has not learned of any definite method of financially improving the Tacoma system. He asked Mr. Walsh if he had observed any method which would minimize the subsidizing for Tacoma.

Mr. Walsh remarked that he had not, but he had learned some aspects of economics and scheduling which would promote more efficient ways of operating the system. He said the group of trainees had also studied the longevity of buses and about a grid system which could possibly be applied in some areas. He felt if the City of Tacoma had the proper street plan, a grid system could be effected which might increase the number of bus riders.

Mr. Finnigan commented it would be impractical to send personnel on such trips in the future unless a more informative report could be submitted to indicate what could be done under certain circumstances as the City grows, to create a more efficient and economical bus operation.

Mr. Corsi asked Mr. Walsh if they had any discussions on the future of a monorail or had he seen any while he was there.

Mr. Walsh said he had not seen any of this type of transportation and it was not discussed, however, they had studied the rubber tired rapid transit and the rail rapid transit. They had inspected the skyway buses in Pittsburg, which is another form of rapid transit, but had not observed any monorails.

Mr. Schroeder said he understood the Federal grant had paid for the training in the sum of \$4,275 or 75% and asked if the City paid Mr. Walsh's salary while he had been away or if it was included in that amount.

Mr. Walsh said his salary was paid by the City.

Mayor Johnston asked if any city the size of Tacoma having a comparable bus system was not subsidized, and if Mr. Walsh had found any unique approach to the bus passes for the elderly, the routing of buses or any other aspect which the Council could deliberate on during the coming year.

Mr. Walsh replied he had not found any city of Tacoma's size that was not subsidized. Pittsburg has a pass system whereby riders pay an additional nominal amount for each ride, but they are operating at a deficit of \$1,000,000 per month and expect it to go to \$1,500,000 per month in 1971.

Dr. Herrmann said despite the common conception, it is not necessarily true that every city is subsidized in its bus program. He said he had talked to a bus supervisor in Atlanta, Georgia, when he was there recently and was advised their system is privately owned and not operating at a loss. Atlanta has adopted some innovative ideas relative to buses and even pays revenue to the city. They provide special buses to the major sports events and special buses to take the domestic help out to the residential areas morning and night. He suggested that Tacoma could adopt some of this type of innovations and thought perhaps it is time to try some such method even though Tacoma may not have some of the advantages that other cities have. He felt that Tacoma should not just accept the subsidization without trying to remedy the situation.

Mr. Jarstad commented that the recent "Blue Streak" bus operation in Seattle has become so popular they are trying to find additional parking space at the terminals so as to enlarge the program. He pointed out this exact type of operation might not be feasible in Tacoma, but would serve as an example for some future alternative despite the existing problems.

Mr. Doug Hendry, Transit System Director, pointed out that Seattle has a Federal grant to subsidize this Blue Streak Program as a trial operation and said they have leased the property and spent \$160,000 for the waiting station and asphalt topping on the parking lot. The bus fare is 35¢, but there is absolutely no way the project can be financed out of the fares, and when the grant is used up, they will either have to raise the fare or discontinue the service.

He said he had previously advocated this type of service in Tacoma and suggested putting in "mini-parking" at 12th & Sprague Ave., but that it would cost \$40,000 for the project. Such an operation could be scheduled just on the 11th Street line; the people could park free at the lot and then pay 50¢ a ride downtown and back, he added.

He also pointed out that Tacoma has one of the greatest bargains in transit fares in the country. He quoted that the fare in Cleveland is 45¢, Chicago 45¢ and Minneapolis 50¢, plus zone fares, plus a 5¢ transfer charge. The Senior Citizens should realize they are getting a bargain as in most other cities they only get 10¢ off the fare.

Mr. Jarstad asked if the large area at Spanaway could be used as a parking area and then bring riders into the City by bus from there.

Mr. Hendry did not think there was sufficient area for the parking at Spanaway and pointed out there is already a 30-minute service from that area during rush hours. He thought a better area for the parking for a fast service would be near the baseball park or from Lakewood. From the latter area the buses could use the freeway to the downtown area. Such a project would require some regional planning, he added.

Mrs. Egan asked if Mr. Walsh had learned any different ways of handling school transportation costs.

Mr. Walsh replied some of the cities carry most of their school children who ride public transportation on their regular line service and that the school transportation is furnished by the districts with their own buses.

Mr. Moss felt that some new and positive innovations should be attempted in Tacoma and although a parking lot for a quick service schedule at 12th & Sprague might or might not be financially sound, at least it would be an attempt to try to improve the situation. He strongly urged if this is not already a part of the City's commitment to the Transit Dept., it should take a higher priority. He felt a subsidy, in itself, should have some alternatives.

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. 21006

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Tudor Engineering Co., consulting engineers, for design and construction of the Bayside Drive Urban Arterial St. Improvement in the vicinity of So. 7th to McCarver Sts.

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

Gib Schuster, Public Works Director, explained the preliminary work on the Bayside Drive Project was done by the Tudor Engineering Company and is now ready for final design and construction engineering. The Council approved the route at this area last August. The approval of this agreement would allow the call for bids and the construction. Mr. Schuster said the bids would probably be called for next Fall. This is a major project which will cost \$5.7 million dollars with the construction portion around \$4 million and it will take considerable engineering time to complete the designs. The estimated time for construction will be approximately one year from now.

Mayor Johnston asked how many would be employed on the project.

Mr. Schuster replied he could not accurately estimate as it is a major project which would entail a major amount of construction, which would add considerable employment for the City of Tacoma, including steel workers, concrete men, asphalt paving men, etc.

Mr. Maule asked how a consulting engineering firm is selected.

Mr. Schuster explained that the Public Works Dept. contacts firms interested in this type of work and are interviewed after which the Department suggests to the Council that a certain firm be selected. If the Council concurs in the selection, the Department asks for a cost figure from the prospective bidder which is then submitted to the Council for approval. He added in the present instance, fifteen or twenty firms were interviewed.

Mr. Maule asked if there is any cost comparison between the companies or if the selection is based on a subjective evaluation.

Mr. Schuster further explained the Department does not call for bids on the job; the company gives an estimate figure to construct the project. Some information is furnished to the department from the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Road Builders Assn., etc., relative to what projects of certain magnitude should cost. The department also checks with the State Highway Dept. regarding costs. This forms a basis for decisions.

Mr. Jarstad explained that at the study session he had asked for information relative to the Bayside Drive sealing off the Port area and the answer was it would not, but now there is a whole new concept which makes it all the more important to get that Bayside Drive built and also the Spur and any connections which will connect to the Port and to Interstate #5, because it is now obvious that the Port of Tacoma is going to develop the deep water along the entire shoreline.

Mr. Jarstad asked if the City is coordinating with the Port relative to these projects. He felt if the priority on the Tacoma Spur is moved up as was indicated at a meeting of the Highway Dept. in Olympia relative to the access at the west side of the Narrows Bridge and the added activity in the near future at the airport, that would be grounds to move the priority of the Bayside Drive ahead. He said that would mean the Spur project would be six or seven years away. The question is then to coordinate the projects. He said he assumes the City is working along those lines.

Mr. Schuster explained there is another urban arterial project connecting to the south end of the Bayside Drive, which would be financed both by the State gas tax fund and the City, and would connect at approximately South 7th Street and go southerly to a point between South 11th and 13th Streets; this would interface with the State Spur and then connect to the Pacific Avenue Interchange. The Council will be receiving additional information on that by the end of the month, he added.

Mr. Schuster further added the Port of Tacoma was contacted some months ago relative to their use of the deep water facility in the vicinity of 4th Street and last week there was further contact with the Port as they are also becoming more interested in the project. He said if this resolution is passed tonight a meeting is scheduled between the Port and the Tudor Engineering Co.

The City's efforts are definitely being coordinated with the Port of Tacoma relative to the deep water use.

Mr. Finnigan asked what is the total cost for the Tudor Engineering Co. from the design stage.

Mr. Schuster said the estimated cost is \$781,000 for the complete preliminary design, the final design, the construction engineering and the inspection.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the Tudor Engineering Co. was working with any Tacoma firm.

Mr. Schuster said in the first section of the project, the Department had worked with a Tacoma firm and have indicated on the final design and engineering about 25% would go to consultants for subcontracts and 70% of that would be done by Tacoma firms.

Mr. Finnigan felt before the bid is awarded, the names of the Tacoma firms should be stated in the agreement.

Mr. Schuster said this will be the normal procedure and will be approved by the City before they are hired.

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. 21007

Accepting and approving the Final Plat of Miller's Skyline Terrace 7th Addition in the vicinity of No. 28th & No. 35th from Narrows Dr. to Whitman St.

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

Mr. Russ Buehler, Planning Director, explained that all of the conditions have been met and the plat is ready for final acceptance by the Council.

Mrs. Egan said she was pleased to know there will be underground wiring.

Mr. Buehler explained the Council had adopted a policy some time back that there will be no overhead wiring on new construction, but if there are existing poles, they can be used.

Mr. Schroeder asked Mr. E. P. Miller, the developer, how soon they expect to begin construction and if his company expects to do the construction or if they planned to sell the properties.

Mr. Miller said they would not do any of the construction as the lots would be sold to individuals who wished to build houses. One of the chief restrictions included is control by a committee of homeowners in order to protect the view, which is the basic concern. The committee polices these aspects such as height of foundations, etc., so that no one can block the view for any reason.

Mr. Schroeder said he is concerned as this is to be one of the finest scenic drives in the City and could be a great asset to the community if the houses are properly constructed.

Mr. Miller commented they rely on the committee to control the architectural restrictions rather than setting a definite restriction on price. He said this type of control has also been used in other developments his company has made. He said in his first subdivisions in 1948, underground wiring was installed and the City Light Department did not approve, so they have to change the installation; however, the Light Department has since changed their views.

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. 21008

Awarding contract to Electric Construction Co. on its bid of \$20,847.40 for proposal #3 of W. O. 74069 & 74070.

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

Mr. Schuster explained this contract would cover the street lighting on Commerce Street between So. 9th and 13th Streets. He added the Department has recommended the use of the aluminum standards as it appears that over a long period of time the City would save more than the amount of \$900 that the aluminum would be over the galvanized cost on this project. Mr. Schuster said, in answer to Mr. Corsi's question why they had not obtained an estimate bid on concrete, that the concrete poles have always run higher than the cost of galvanized poles and the Department had anticipated the aluminum could be obtained for the same price as the galvanized and would be suitable for this use so that is why it was recommended.

Mr. Maule asked if the design of the light standards have also been sought because of its aesthetic value as well as the illumination value. He said he had noticed along Pacific Ave. there are double lights except for the contemporary ones that were just installed by the Bank of Washington. He wondered if they anticipate installing old poles as they have all over town with fluorescent lights or will choose something with a little "eye-appeal" like the downtown area.

Mr. Schuster said this would be a regular type pole.

Mayor Johnston felt Mr. Maule has a point inasmuch as they are attempting to rebuild the downtown area along more modern lines. He pointed out that the signs and the new garages are well designed. He commented the aesthetic consideration might be more important than the utilitarian one. He said when one walks along the new bank building on 13th & Pacific, one gets a feeling they are in a large City. One cannot help but pay particular attention to the present lighting and it would be a shame if the lighting were not unique. He feels the matter does require some special consideration. He commented that he is surprised they have passed judgment on this without seeing the samples of the lighting.

Mr. Finnigan remarked the downtown lighting is quite old and has been criticized by various Councilmembers in the past and the former City Manager and some of his associates had the usual answer, "as the downtown Urban Renewal projects created more change, the lighting would change along with it." He felt the Mayor's viewpoint was very appropriate as to the shape of the poles and the aesthetic value.

Mr. Schuster said the Department's thinking was that even though the type of lighting in question was installed on Commerce Street, it would not have to be used all over the City or the downtown area. One factor to consider would be the garages are on one side of Commerce and the only place lights could be placed on that side would be on the garages themselves and it was felt this would ruin the aesthetic appearance of the garages; whereas the older type of standard would give a height of some 40 feet and provide adequate lighting.

Mr. Maule asked why this would not be true on Pacific Avenue as well as on Commerce.

Mr. Schuster explained that there was a difference because Pacific Avenue is wider and there are wider sidewalks, but on Commerce the garage extends within a foot or so of the curb. This is not true on the Pacific Avenue side.

Mr. Finnigan moved to continue this resolution for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.

Mr. Schuster asked what further information would the Council like.

Mr. Maule said he would like to see catalogs with some other lightings and cost estimates. He felt the Public Works Dept. could make some aesthetic as well as financial evaluations.

The resolution was continued for two weeks, until January 26th.

Resolution No. 21009

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$227,835.42 for six L.I.D.'s.

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

Mr. Schuster explained this contract was for paving on several L.I.D's and had been combined into one. It is under the engineer's estimate and will be started as soon as the weather breaks.

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. 21010

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$134,448.55 for Improvement No. 4931 Unit "B".

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

Mr. Schuster explained this was one of the Urban Arterial projects and would widen North 26th Street from Proctor to Stevens Streets. He said the bid awarded was favorable and the project will be started as soon as the weather will allow.

Mr. Finnigan asked if this paving would include curbs and gutters.

Mr. Schuster said there will be a resurfacing over the existing roadway and widening to an additional width.

Mr. Finnigan asked how the traffic will be detoured during the work.

Mr. Schuster said the traffic would have to use either 25th or 27th Streets at certain times during the construction, but 26th Street could be used while the excavation and widening is being constructed.

Mr. Maule asked if 26th Street would become four lanes in that area and what would happen when traffic reaches Stevens Street.

Mr. Schuster said the heaviest traffic is between Stevens and Proctor and the road is already a sufficient width even though it is not being used as four lanes. He said the parking strips between Proctor and Stevens narrows the roadway which causes real problems at present. The parking could be eliminated, but it still would not alleviate the problem. Eventually the section to the west will be paved, but that is not part of the present project.

Mr. Schroeder asked if that section will have parking in addition to the four lanes.

Mr. Schuster said there will be some space for parking on the street in addition to the four lanes, which will be 56 feet in width, but probably for the present it will be striped only for a two-lane operation. However, when traffic does become heavy for four lanes, it will have to be re-striped at that time.

Mr. Schroeder asked if it would be the same width as Jackson Avenue. He said Jackson is a very dangerous street as people think it is a four-lane street, which is not the case, and people park there causing a dangerous condition. He added he has seen accidents frequently as he drives down Jackson.

Mr. Schuster said the residents on Jackson have been advised that some day parking will have to be eliminated and remarked that perhaps that day is coming sooner than anticipated.

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. 19284

Amending Section 1.12.450 of the Official Code relative to Pay and Compensation to add a new classification 2013 Landscape Architect.

Mr. Odd Lund, Assistant Personnel Director, explained this ordinance would establish a new position in the Public Works Dept. for a Landscape Architect. This is a new classification for the City. The City of Seattle and the State Highway Dept. have landscape architects through Grade V. The Department felt that in view of the expanded arterial programs and City projects, this type of position is necessary. This position calls for a professional landscape architect and requires a person with a degree in this position. The salary proposed is \$780 to \$940 for approval by the Council.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the Public Utilities Dept. has a landscape architect assigned.

Mr. Lund said this is the first time such a position is to be included in any classification of the City.

Mr. Finnigan asked if Public Works designs all of its own urban arterial improvements.

Mr. Lund said they are not involved in the urban arterial landscaping, but they are concerned with the design landscaping around small installations, such as electrical stations, water plant stations, etc.

Mr. Schuster explained the design for projects such as the Bayside Drive, Tacoma Spur and other larger structural work is not done by the Public Works Dept. However, up until now, the Department has done its own designing.

Mr. Maule asked if funds for this new position have been provided for in the 1971 budget.

Mr. Lund advised that funds are already budgeted. This is a matter of procedure. When the budget was prepared, this was cleared thru the Personnel Dept. as to title and the appropriate salary to pay for the employee. However regarding new classifications, if they have not been studied, approved or allocated, they do not appear in the budget, but funds are entered in the budget so when the classification review is made, it can be determined whether a certain position falls into an existing class or a new class and if it is justified. The Personnel Dept. has just been able to make the classification review and are now recommending the establishment of the new class in question.

Mrs. Egan felt this would be a definite forward step for the City. She thought if they are concerned about light standards, for example, they should be equally concerned about the landscaping in order to upgrade the City.

Mayor Johnston agreed with one exception; he did not feel the City departments should be in competition with the community, but felt sure the Public Works Dept. would use proper judgment in selecting the areas in which they perform the landscape projects. He said he would not like to see the City departments doing extensive landscaping work thereby not allowing public landscape architects and structural engineers the opportunity to participate in City work.

Mr. Schuster advised that the department would only use the new landscape architect for projects on design work. The Department is performing such work as the Bayside Drive project. The Tudor Engineering would be hiring landscape architects to assist them on that project and other larger projects. He further added the Department feels it should have someone in the landscape area on the staff.

Mr. Jarstad asked if the person hired could be shared with the Park Dept. if the Public Works Dept. did not keep him busy full time.

Mr. Schuster said they were planning to finance the work through the arterial street fund and the 1/2¢ gas tax fund, therefore, could not pay a salary if the Park Dept. used this person, but if there was an area he could be of assistance and they had funds to pay for it, it could no doubt be worked out.

Mr. Moss felt he would be more in favor of independent bids on specific projects rather than having a full-time man on landscape architecture. He felt that in time the City would lose the ingenuity, effectiveness and freshness of new ideas for new projects.

Mr. Schuster advised that the Public Works Dept. constantly checks the plans of the outside consultants and works with them in an effort to obtain the best possible for the City.

Mr. Corsi asked what had brought about the need for a City landscape architect.

Mr. Schuster said various things, such as the lighting in the downtown area just discussed; in addition, the Department felt that they could be doing a better job if they had a person of this category.

Mr. Corsi said even though he had not completely studied the recent Management Systems report which had made many recommendations in terms of upgrading the City systems, however he would be highly in favor of the classification.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the urban arterial program had a time limit.

Mr. Schuster explained it is limited by the fact that the funds are only available for the current specific program, unless the Legislature decided to provide more financing in the future. The 1/2¢ gas tax program, however, is a

continuing program which has no limitations and this provides some moneys for the arterials which the urban arterial program does not provide, he added.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

Ordinance No. 19285

Amending the Official Code relative to the Pay & Compensation Plan to implement a 5% wage increase for employees in 17 classifications as recommended by the mediator of the Dept. of Labor & Industries.

Marshall McCormick, Acting City Manager, explained that the Council is familiar with what had taken place relative to the request by State mediators. He said most of the unions had accepted the increase of approximately 5% with a few adjustments with the exception of three unions who had asked for State mediation. The Joint Labor Committee had asked for mediation on the fringe benefits which amounted to an additional 50 cents per employee per month. They had asked that the City pick up that much difference for and on behalf of the employee, which meant paying, indirectly that much more wages to the employee.

Mr. McCormick further added mediation was held and through the efforts of the Mayor and the Union's request, almost immediate response was received from the State Mediation department. Consequently a meeting was held on December 30th and the mediator gave his report to the Council on the 31st, after which time there was a deliberation by the Council and it was agreed the decision was fair. The decision was that the same percentage of increase given to the other unions would be allowed to the three unions. However, he added two unions had gone down to the State for mediation prior to this meeting, therefore, there was only one left who was representing the Auto Service personnel, etc., The mediators had recommended the additional 50 cents on the fringe benefits be paid, which was agreed by the Council. Therefore this ordinance is augmenting the award of the mediator.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

Ordinance No. 19286

Amending the Official Code relative to House Trailers & Mobile Homes to be included in "M-2" & "M-3" Industrial Districts.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19283

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.112-6 to include property on the east side of Hosmer St. between So. 82nd & 84th Sts. in a "C-F-P" District. (Petition of Silver Falcon, Inc.)

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:

The Director of Public Utilities presents the Assessment Roll for the following:

LID 5497 water mains and fire hydrants in the area bounded by Pacific Ave., East 80th, East "D" and East 86th Streets.

Mrs. Egan moved that the date of hearing be set for Monday, February 22nd, at 4:00 P.M. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnston said that he would like to appoint Councilman Maule as the Council's representative to the Model Cities Community Service Center Board. He added this Board operates as a basis for policy-making for the Hilltop Neighborhood Community Service Center when its Action Year begins. He said he felt that Mr. Maule will make an excellent representative. He added there would be approximately ten meetings a year.

Mr. Jarstad said there has been articles in the paper stating the President is more or less indicating he is going to cancel the Model Cities programs. He said he feels the Council should be looking toward an alternate plan which perhaps the City could accomplish with community support and salvage as many of the good ideas and guidelines as possible.

Mayor Johnston explained according to the telephone conversations he has held with Washington, D.C., he has every reason to believe at this point that Tacoma can expect at the least the First Action Year of aid. He thought perhaps Mr. Jarstad was referring to the Washington Merry-Go-Round column which suggested some inside information that the President was about to phase out the program, but said he would like to ask the Council to wait a little longer before it decides that the administration will not make the proper announcement then the Council will know who is responsible and then can take the necessary action.

Mr. Jarstad said he wanted to say he thought the City could handle it without being dependent upon the Federal government. There were many good ideas in the plan and many of them could be implemented, he added.

Mr. Finnigan remarked the program had been given a bad start sometime ago as there were many people in the area which the program had been designed to help, and who misunderstood an action that took place, and had sent telegrams back to Washington D. C. to discourage the grant for a Model Cities Action Year. He said he received a call from a person prominent in the Municipal League, who has indicated they were planning to send a telegram to HUD asking them to expedite awarding the grant to the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Finnigan suggested that any persons who are interested in helping this program develop, should send letters and or telegrams on behalf of the City of Tacoma.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. McCormick, Acting City Manager, said he would like to present a short summary for the Council's information on the final accounting relative to the completion of the independent audit.

Mr. McCormick said that Mr. Gaisford will distribute an accounting of a breakdown of what he is discussing, and this is a final accounting of the billing for the audit performed by the audit firm. He added, the total billing is for \$79,664. This was \$11,664 in excess of the appropriation which was made for the audit which was \$68,000. Therefore, the city will be paying the difference between what has been paid and the \$68,000 which is \$33,047.

Mayor Johnston said he thought this matter could be taken up at a study session prior to the next Council meeting.

Mr. McCormick explained the audit firm had performed its work and presented the report. They had a contract and had delivered the required number of copies and thought they were entitled to their money, but not in the amount they had billed the City. He thought this was a formal authorization. He said if the Council was satisfied that the audit had been properly made in accordance with the contract, and the Finance Director agreed this had been properly done, it is simply a matter of mechanics to get the final payment out of the money which had already been appropriated for this audit, so that the books can be cleared.

Mr. Schroeder said he thought he made it very clear that he would not under any circumstances vote on a measure that was laid on his desk without prior study, no matter what it is, and if this came to a vote this evening, he would abstain or vote no. He does not feel these matters should be brought before the Council, especially when it is apparently a controversial item, which the City is being billed for more than it was recommended to pay.

Mr. Corsi questioned why the Council is being presented with the letter from the audit company tonight as the letter is dated November 12th.

Mr. McCormick commented it was just one of the pieces of business that had not gotten to the Council. He added he could have given the Council just the breakdown and not the letter as it is just an explanation of what he himself had reported. He stated he thought it was so simple that it would not be objectionable to the Council, but if they wish to continue the matter and discuss it at a study session, it would be agreeable to him.

Dr. Herrmann asked why a vote was necessary now inasmuch as the vote had been passed that a certain amount of money would be appropriated for the audit and there had been a certain budgeted amount.

Mr. McCormick stated this could have been done, but he thought the Council should know about the matter.

Dr. Herrmann commented that inasmuch as the funds had been appropriated in the budget in the amount of \$63,000, he did not see why it is necessary for a motion at this time.

Mr. McCormick replied that it was in the contract that when the audit is accepted by the Council, it would be paid, and all this is an acceptance of the fact that they have completed the audit and a payment automatically follows.

Mayor Johnston said the Council had made an initial appropriation and then an additional appropriation, which brought the amount up to \$68,000. Mayor Johnston asked Mr. Hamilton to clarify the contract.

Mr. Hamilton, acting City Attorney, said it is his understanding that the authorization being asked for tonight is to pay only the contractual limits. The drafts of the audit were submitted to the Council, and as in any other contract, someone has to accept the work performed under that contract. He advised that all Mr. McCormick is asking for is an acceptance of the work, and if the Council deems they have fulfilled the contract, then payment should be authorized.

Mr. Maule asked if the rates are the going rates in the industry for that type of audit. He said he had noticed that in payment for expert services for the Public Works Dept. on the Bayshore Drive project some have received \$32 an hour, and in the present instance, the partner receives \$50 an hour. He asked if the audit firm had charged this same amount in other municipalities or if anyone could find out before it is approved.

Mr. Clar Gaisford said the contract was an open contract and they had requested that upon acceptance of the contract that no rates be specified and there have been three billings. The Council has approved the first two. He said he could not affirm that they are the going rates as this is the first time the City has used Peat, Marwick & Mitchell. Mr. Gaisford advised this is the only City in the State where the firm has been used so far.

Mr. McCormick said the \$50 was only for the head-man and was in keeping with other professions. He further advised if the Council wishes to continue the matter, he would find out what the going rates are. If Seattle had used the firm, he could ask them. Mr. McCormick suggested this matter be continued for one week to obtain more information.

Mr. Moss said his feeling is that the job has not been completed unless they give a detailed explanation of their analysis; whereas they have left it to the Council.

Mr. McCormick explained the firm had over-run the appropriation under the amount of time they spent. He said he would check the contract and get an opinion from the legal department to see if the City does owe the amount.

Mr. Corsi pointed out that Mr. Hamilton had advised the present action concerns only the acceptance of the product. He said he felt it was not possible to digest two such voluminous reports in such a short period of time and to decide whether or not they were acceptable.

Dr. Herrmann commented there seemed to be a misunderstanding relative to what Mr. McCormick had requested the Council to do. He reviewed the facts that \$68,000 had been unanimously authorized to be spent in this audit, and all Mr. McCormick is asking is to appropriate by motion the difference between what has already been paid and the \$68,000. He is not asking us to spend anything over the \$68,000 which was approved. He said he and Mr. Finnigan, although they had not been in favor of the audit, had finally gone along with it, but it is not finally settled yet. He said he agrees with Mr. Corsi, but felt that the interpretation of the Management Audit is not up to the people by whom it is prepared.

Mayor Johnston stated if the Council considers the services complete, the Council will pay the bill and if they feel it is not complete, it should not be paid.

Mayor Johnston moved to honor the balance of the amount due .

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Corsi remarked that was not what Mr. McCormick had said and asked Mr. Hamilton to clarify the point.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the audit had been performed for the Council and therefore the Council is the only one who can determine if the work product

is acceptable, and that was the matter before the Council at present-- what Mr. McCormick is asking for is a Certificate of Acceptance, similar to what is asked in engineering work. The question is now whether the Council is in a position to evaluate whether the work is completed or not.

Mr. Finnigan agreed with Mr. Schroeder's statements regarding not taking hasty action on matters not given adequate study. He felt the Council should postpone the matter one week.

Mrs. Egan felt the Council should not be required to accept the accountant's work and pay them until some parties, such as the department heads, could review the reports and advise the Council if it were acceptable. She said she had not had adequate time to thoroughly review it and to advise the Council.

Mayor Johnston moved to continue the matter for one week. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

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Mr. McCormick said that Fire Chief Reiser was present to introduce the new Deputy Fire Chief Mr. Jack Wilbert, and the new Fire Marshal, Mr. Robert Church.

Chief Reiser introduced the Deputy Fire Chief and the Fire Marshal and handed the Council a brief personal resume of each man, together with their work experiences.

Mr. Jarstad moved to commend the City Manager and the Fire Chief for the selection of such excellent appointments. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnston thanked Chief Reiser for bringing these men before the Council and stated it was a most appropriate way to handle the introduction of new men with whom the Council might not otherwise be able to acquaint themselves.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Jarstad asked if there had been a recent deposit in the Stadium Trust Fund which is being accumulated from sales tax on motels and hotels. He said he had heard a deposit of \$35,000 had been made recently.

Mr. Clar Gaisford, Finance Director, advised he did not have the report with him but would check and bring the exact total next week. He said at the end of November the balance in the fund was \$5,741.81.

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Mr. Jarstad said he had heard that Seattle had made a survey relative to improving their drug laws. He asked if Tacoma might look into the matter.

Mr. Corsi said a suggestion had been made at Council meeting last week relative to coordination by governmental bodies and agencies in the County and City on the drug problem. He added this had been discussed last Thursday at a meeting attended by Mr. Schroeder, Mayor Johnston and himself. There was a unanimous opinion that some kind of coordinating action should be taken. The Mayor of Sumner, Mrs. Garrison, Councilwoman from Ruston, and he, had been appointed to a committee. The first meeting had been held with Mr. McCormick and Mr. Mork today. However, they expect to have a luncheon meeting on Thursday with persons who might be in the position to coordinate the symposium and subsequently they hope to have the people of whom he spoke attend. He thinks they have made some real progress and have taken a large step in the direction of solving these problems. He added law enforcement will be the very important part of the whole discussion.

Mr. Corsi said he did not know if Mr. Jarstad would like to have the City Manager look into Seattle's activities or wait until the committee had further meetings, as hopefully the County and City enforcement are to be involved.

Mr. Jarstad said the survey in Seattle had covered problems on campuses, etc., and a list of ordinances had been passed unanimously last week and Mayor Uhlman expects to sign them into law.

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Mrs. Egan said the Council had received a letter from the Mayor of Auburn sometime ago advising that there was a Bill relative to Regional Planning for libraries in the State of Washington under consideration by the legislators. She said she had called Miss Borden, Library Director, to ask if she was aware of this Bill as Auburn's Mayor and City Council had expressed doubt about the whole idea. Miss Borden said, both she and the Tacoma Library Board were interested in the subject, but that there was some doubt about the data on which the study had been based.

Mrs. Egan said so far no Bill had been filed in the State legislature covering this subject, but she has asked Miss Borden to forward a memo to the Council outlining what the study recommended, and to give her ideas as well, to keep the Council advised. If the Bill as proposed comes up before the Legislature, the Council will no doubt wish to take some action. If this Bill passes, the municipalities would lose control of their libraries. She added there is quite a sum invested in the City library and before the City would allow it to go into a regional planning program, they would no doubt want to do some studying on the matter.

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Mr. Finnigan commented that during the construction on Commerce Street there is only one lane of traffic and asked if there is any way the contractors can open another lane on the west side of the street between 9th and 11th St., as there is a heavy traffic flow in that area.

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Mr. Finnigan asked if any further word had been received from the purchasers of the Old City Hall and the City Hall Annex.

Mr. McCormick advised he had not heard anything further from either party, but suggested that the Council could place the matter on the agenda on another study session and give the purchasers notice to be present.

Mr. Finnigan suggested that the City Manager write to the purchasers and ask what their plans are and if they do not correspond to what the Council thinks they should be, then the Council can take the proper action.

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Mr. Finnigan asked if Mr. Gaisford could clarify a recent newspaper article referring to a "\$600,000 windfall" for the City.

Mr. Gaisford explained that in the 1970 budget there had been an item listed Aid to Cities revenue in the amount of \$1,660,990, but the State legislature had done away with that type of grant and replaced it with the 1/2 cent sales tax. Upon re-evaluating that tax, it had been estimated that Tacoma would receive only \$1,060,000 and therefore the revenue to the City had been

overstated by approximately \$600,000. He said the State had paid two payments as aid to cities, but they amounted to only a little over \$600,000, and that was where the statement had originated.

Mr. Gaisford added the only amount the City will receive in 1971 will be the 1/2 cent sales tax, which is estimated to be \$1,240,000.

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Mayor Johnston explained it is one year that he has held office as Mayor and he felt it appropriate to review the present posture of the City and to comment on some of the coming challenges. He remarked that the community has become more aware of the dedication of the City government staffs, especially during the recent budget considerations. During the past year, the Council has experienced political philosophy on the "extreme right," and more recently this Council had to deal with what we could commonly refer to as the "new left." We have dealt with the full spectrum in the course of this year.

He feels the community and the senior members of the Council can take great pride in the new members, as they have already proven their awareness and concern for the needs of the City. It was unfortunate that the new members were required to take office during the present economic recession as it gives additional burdens to solve in the coming year. He said the Model Cities program had been excellently conceived by individual and joint efforts, which in turn had pointed out to the Federal government the need for such programs and he was especially proud of the new Council in this regard.

He stated, however, that the City has not moved forward in concert with other cities during the past three years and one of the largest challenges will be to regain the posture the City held three years ago and the position it should be in at the present time. He pointed out that the ODI program which had been inherited from former times has been "politically ridden" for several years and is in a desperate state. He said we must be concerned with the poor people in order to establish a strong-faith community.

Other important challenges during the coming year include the increases pending for sewer rates, as well as in light and water rates, the selection of a permanent City Manager and the forming of a department relative to the creation of human resources and the coordination of Federal, State and private programs.

He said he hopes the Council can benefit from the opinions of the Puget Sound Regional Conference relative to municipal transit studies which have been made and also that the community should consider the new "911 emergency telephone system" which is already established in Seattle and Puyallup. This system involves the police and fire departments as well as the ambulance services and all areas of human emergency such as the Crisis Clinic and related programs.

Mayor Johnston further added that he had been unable to make numerous committee appointments due to the nature of the former Council, but would be doing so very shortly. He felt the City's industrial airport need study by elected officials to determine the direction of its future. He plans to appoint two or three Council members to a committee because, in the end, the elected officials will become responsible for projects of that nature.

With the advent of the Bayside Drive, the Ruston Way vicinity will become an extremely active area and because there will be a demand for public use of the property in that area, the City should be prepared to make decisions relative to that property.

He said he hopes to announce the formation of a Youth Council in the near future, especially in view of the limited recreational facilities for youth and the limited opportunity in the field of politics. He will also announce a personal advisory board for the Mayor's office to assist him in deliberations relative to City's needs.

He pointed out that the Council members are concerned with an \$80,000,000 a year budget. This council has not received an increase in its salary in seventeen years. He thought the community should take a good look at what compensation these dedicated members receive in terms of a year. The public sees the Council in action approximately one-fifth of its actual activity; four-fifths of the time isn't seen by the community.

He stated that Mr. Corsi is diligently and capably formulating a program concerned with the serious problem of narcotics.

He recommended strongly that the Council meetings should periodically be held in other areas of the City so as to offer a wider exposure to members of the various sections of the community. He pointed out that the present Council represents a new political image for the City and a dedication to a better community life, and that its actions every week reflect the fact that its total efforts are to that end.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Sherill Dunn, Director for TeleCommunications, Inc. of Denver, Colorado, reviewed for the Council the growth of his company since his appearance at the Council approximately a year ago. He stated they now have approximately 140,000 customers all over the nation and their rating has moved from No. 9 to No. 5 position. They have filed an application with FCC to interconnect cities in western United States, which could permit network data processing services between Los Angeles and Tacoma, which is no longer performed by the telephone company and an application whereby national TV programs can be transmitted to local TV stations, which used to be provided only by the telephone companies. He pointed out that Cable TV can also now deliver TV programs on a live regional network basis.

Mr. Corsi asked what the TCI TeleCommunications, Inc. rating had been previously among the consulting firms, and which firm rating had been awarded the franchises.

Mr. Dunn replied one franchise was granted to the No. 6 rated company and another to a company not active in Tacoma at the time; where the TIC Company had been rated third.

Mr. Corsi questioned how three franchises would work out in one city.

Mr. Dunn said his company feels Tacoma is large enough to support three cable TV franchise companies, and pointed out the national average is 2,000 customers per franchise, indicating that the three could easily support 10,000 homes each.

Mr. Finnigan remarked that there is no franchise operating in Tacoma at present and asked if TIC had been trying to acquire the franchise.

Mr. Dunn replied they had not talked with them for a year concerning purchasing the franchise inasmuch as the Council has strict restrictions on the company selling the franchise, but it is his company's opinion they will have time to develop a cable TV system which would support itself in addition to the existing franchises.

Mr. George Goe, 414 No. Yakima Ave., spoke to the Council and stated that the former City Council had appropriated \$80,000 for an audit of the City's books. He pointed out that he had appealed to the Council several times previously for more police and fire protection, but no action has been taken as yet despite the fact that the Council has approved a number of other expenditures for parks, playgrounds, improvement of the waterfront, etc.


ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of December 7th, 1970.
- b. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of December 28th, 1970.
- c. Monthly report, December, 1970, Tacoma Employes' Retirement System.
- d. Update Cost Estimate for Urban Arterial Project, North 26th Street; and South 35th Street, Washington Street to South Tacoma Way--Public Works Dept.
- e. Labor Standards Enforcement Report, July 1st through December 31st, 1970--Urban Renewal Dept.

Placed on file.

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Dr. Herrmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.



 Gordon N. Johnston -- Mayor

Attest: _____
Josephine Melton - City Clerk