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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, February 28, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson.

At the meeting of February 21, 1961 Mr. Cvitanich requested that the minutes of February 7, 1961 be amended to include a question posed to Mr. McCormick as to possible litigation involving the individual who filed the injunction against the City in reference to the Airport.

The approval of the minutes was postponed in order for the Clerk to search the records.

After checking the records, it was found that this question was asked at the meeting of January 31, 1961 instead of February 7, 1961. Therefore, this statement was included in the minutes of January 31, 1961.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of February 14, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for the hearing on the application of Roger A. Guilmett et al for the vacation of a 17-foot strip of right of way on the east side of Union Ave. between So. 47th and So. 48th Streets.

Mayor Hanson said the Planning Commission has recommended approval of this vacation subject to certain conditions.

Mr. Morrison, Attorney for Mr. Guilmett, said the Planning Commission has recommended this vacation for the following reasons: (1) The vacation will eliminate right of way not needed nor anticipated for future use by the City; (2) The efficiency of the street pattern of the area will not be affected by the vacation; (3) The land comprising the vacation will be placed back on the tax rolls and made available for private use; (4) The Public Works and Public Utilities Departments have no objections to the vacation providing the conditions are met.

Mr. Morrison further added that it was also originally decreed through a tentative understanding by Mr. Guilmett that he would in exchange for this vacation deed to the City a strip of land 4.5 feet wide along 47th Street for additional right of way. This was made under the assumption that the City would develop the crosstown arterial on South 47th Street. It has developed, however, that the City is not sure at this time that So. 47th Street is the proper street to develop for the crosstown arterial and are considering the possible opening of So. 48th Street, which is on the north side of Mr. Guilmett's property.

He said the reason for this trade of the 4.5 foot strip to the City was that So. 47th Street could be developed into the crosstown arterial. In view of the fact that

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, has stated that the City is not at this time prepared to make a decision as to whether So. 47th Street or So. 48th Street shall be developed for this arterial, and inasmuch as it is undecided whether the City will use this 4.5 feet or not, Mr. Guilmett requested that this not be decided at this time.

Mr. Morrison pointed out that in deeding this property to the City, it will leave Mr. Guilmett's house only 6 inches from the property line. He added that if in the future it is decided that So. 47th Street will be developed, the deed will then be given to the City.

Mr. Steele asked if the present Union Avenue extension from So. 47th to So. Tacoma Way was going to be widened.

Mr. Buehler said it would remain the same.

Mr. Guilmett explained that he plans to build an apartment on his property and needs this additional 17 feet. His difficulty is that he cannot obtain an FHA loan until it is determined where this arterial is going to be located.

Mayor Hanson said when considering a vacation of a street an effort is made on saving as much right of way as might be needed in the future in order to prevent future condemnation, and also to eliminate those areas of right of way that are not needed.

Mr. Rowlands said this 4.5 feet was needed to make the desired 70 foot width should 47th Street be used. He asked if some agreement could be made that if and when this property were needed, it would be dedicated by the property owner.

Mr. McCormick said he thought some arrangement could be worked out whereby it could be deeded with the condition if it were not needed by the City in a certain period of time, it would revert back to the property owner.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, explained that the Public Works Department in their original recommendation said they believed this request for vacation to be premature inasmuch as the definite determination of the exact location of this major street in the vicinity of So. 47th and 48th Streets could not be resolved at this time, and would have to be determined by engineering design and location studies. Therefore, they recommended against the vacation request. In further discussion, the question of a 10 foot right of way on Mr. Guilmett's property abutting So. 48th Street arose but this was not satisfactory to Mr. Guilmett. Finally, the possibility of taking 4.5 feet on 47th Street to be used if the arterial were moved over to 47th, was agreed upon verbally, and the Public Works Department had no objections to the vacation upon this condition.

Mr. Buehler said 48th Street has always been discussed as the arterial in this vicinity, and it is the staff's position that 48th Street in time will be developed to the arterial standards.

Mr. Guilmett asked if it were possible to determine now which street the City planned to use for the arterial rather than ten years from now.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Schuster how long it would take to make such a determination.

Mr. Schuster said this was no small project and he would be in a much better position to answer this question when the Ordinance is presented for first reading.

Mayor Hanson explained that the matter could be considered further at the time the Ordinance is before the Council for first reading.

Mr. Easterday moved that the proper ordinance be drafted to vacate the 17 foot strip of right of way on the east side of Union Avenue between So. 47th and So. 48th Street, deleting the condition that the 4.5 foot strip be deeded to the City.

Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Toney Shelton, Secretary and Business Manager of the Tacoma Public Schools, requesting that the \$100 fee be waived in connection with their petition for vacation of the area of So. 23rd and J Street. (McCarver School Site.)

Mayor Hanson said the Council has followed the policy of waiving this fee which represents only a portion of the time spent by the staff in processing these petitions. He thought it was a good indication of our attempt to cooperate with other agencies. However, he added, perhaps the City could inquire of the Schools if they would be willing to waive the fee in connection with the use of some of their classrooms in the evenings by the Personnel Department in the giving of examinations. He said he understands the School Board charges \$25 per night for the use of this room.

Mr. Rowlands said, in other words, we might be able to work out a little reciprocity agreement whereby their rooms can be used occasionally for Civil Service Examinations without any charge.

Mr. Bott moved that the waiver be granted, adding that perhaps they will do the same for the City. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Toney Shelton, Secretary and Business Manager of the Tacoma Public Schools, requesting that the \$100 fee be waived in connection with their petition for vacation for the development of the school site at So. 49th and Alaska Streets.

Mr. Easterday moved that the \$100 filing fee be waived in this case also. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16440: (postponed from the meeting of February 14, 1961)

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. for the construction of the Leach Creek holding basin in the amount of \$81,001.10, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Cvitanich said since he requested the cancellation of the scheduled meeting with the Fircrest Council last week, he would move that this Resolution be postponed for another week, to March 7, 1961, until this meeting can be held. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16451: (postponed from the meeting of February 21, 1961)

Awarding contract to International Harvester Co. for the furnishing of one One-Ton Utility Metro Van in the amount of \$3,795.40 including trade-in allowance and plus sales tax.

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

Mr. Bott said he had asked for continuance of this Resolution at last week's meeting in order that more information be obtained as to why only one bid was received. He added, upon examination he found that this is perfectly proper as other companies were in no position to bid against International Harvester Co. which makes the complete unit, whereas the other companies would have to have their body units built by other companies, which would not have been economically feasible for them.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16456:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to prepare and execute a project application on Federal Aviation Agency standard forms for submission to the District Engineer of the Federal Aviation Agency for the Municipal Airport.

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

Mayor Hanson said prior to discussion on this Resolution, he would call upon Mr. Wing to bring the Council up to date on the status of the Airport Plans.

Mr. Wing said when he last discussed this before the Council in December, 1960, the determination of the location of the principal runways had been completed. Since that time they have completed the requested plans and specifications including provisions for clearing of the land, draining and paving the runways, and developing certain road improvements.

Mr. Wing said in review, there are three principal procedural steps that have to be taken in obtaining aid from the Government to build the Airport. The first step is "request for aid", which the City has already done. Following the granting of the tentative allocation which in this case was accomplished on August 1, 1960, the City is then required to proceed to complete the plans and then file step (2) which is the Project Application. This is the request that is being asked tonight. The third step which proceeds after the approval of the Project Application, is the execution of a Grant Agreement, which is the final contract between the FAA and the City, and that step will logically follow within another 60 or 90 days. This has to be completed before the end of June to correspond with the terms of the tentative allocation made last August 1st.

Mr. Wing continued, the Project Application which is before the Council this evening is an 8-page form, copies of which have been given previously to each Council member for their perusal.

Mayor Hanson said, as he understands, the City will be ready for the calling of bids on the Airport construction upon approval of the Federal Government.

Mr. Easterday said he understood that a recent meeting was held with the Port Commissioners, and asked if they had made any assurances that they expected to sell their bonds in the near future.

Mayor Hanson said the Commissioners indicated if the Federal Aviation Agency required a further clarification of their position they would expect to hear from the Agency. Furthermore, he added, they have signed this application.

Mr. Easterday asked if it was good business to call for bids without the money in the bank? Has the Port done anything yet to offer their bonds for sale?

Mayor Hanson said no Federal Funds are available until after the bids have been called for to determine whether or not the Project can be constructed within the financing plans. No Federal Funds will be available nor will any Port Funds be available until after this is determined.

Mr. Steele said there seemed to be no doubt in the mind of the three Port Commissioners who were present at this meeting that the money would be realized and that the bonds were salable and the commitment adequate.

Mr. Easterday said when the Airport proposition first came up the Port Commissioners at a meeting specifically stated that their bonds were contingent upon the earnings of the Airport. He said he would like to see them offer their bonds and obtain the money. The City has already issued their \$550,000 worth of bonds; the money is in the bank; and if they sell their bonds and the Airport does not go through, they can buy the bonds back the same as the City will have to do.

Mayor Hanson said the Resolution makes reference to the set project by the Port of Tacoma by the issuance of Revenue Bonds to be secured by revenues of the proposed Airport. However, there is no language here that indicates they will refuse to assume the responsibility for selling those bonds. They do refer to the method of payment, however. There are a great number of Revenue Bond issues that additional security is required but they are still Revenue Bonds. He also referred to the Federal Request for Aid which is signed by the Chairman of the Port where the \$350,000 of Revenue Bonds is mentioned. If a question arises in the minds of the FAA they will be directed to the Port of Tacoma for further clarification. However, he did not see that this should forestall the actual calling for bids to determine if this project can actually be completed within the cost estimated.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how much the City has spent to date on the Airport and how much will it spend.

Mr. Rowlands said the City has received a grant from the Housing and Home Finance Agency in the amount of approximately \$104,000. It is clearly understood that this \$104,000 grant will not be repaid if the Airport were not built. This is an advance to be repaid when the project is underway, he added.

Mr. Rowlands said the City has spent approximately \$70,000 for acquisition of property, and negotiations are still being consummated.

Mr. Wing pointed out on the map the location of the proposed Airport. He explained the site will occupy some 380 acres west of the Narrows and will have a 5,000 foot runway. He said future expansion of the Airport runway to 7500 feet from its presently contemplated 5000 feet has been considered by Airport engineers and has been found feasible.

He said the residences located along the Narrows at the south end of the field will remain in the area. Their present access to the area is partly by way of a County road which will be destroyed to make way for the runway. However, he added, the facilities will be kept open and in service throughout the construction and during construction, and a new bypass road will be built which will improve the access of these residents.

Mr. Easterday asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, how much it is estimated that the acquisition of the land would amount to.

Mr. McCormick said it is estimated to be approximately \$300,000.

Mr. Cvitanich said then the total expense is \$1,667,010 as outlined on the Chart. In the event the City starts construction on the Airport with the expectation of the Port selling their bonds, and if it happens that the Port does not sell their bonds, who picks up the difference?

Mayor Hanson said in that event the Federal Funds would not be available and there would be no awarding of bids.

Roll call was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Easterday; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16457:

Fixing Tuesday, March 28, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property on a portion of Portland Ave. and Sherman St. (petition of Joe Pennington)

Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16458:

Fixing Monday, April 10, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on LID 2326 for an oil mat surface on East E and from East 84th to 86th Street.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16459:

Fixing Monday, March 27, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on LID 5329 for water mains in the area of N. E. Tacoma in McNeil & Ellsworth's Harbor View Addition.

Mr. Bott moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16460:

Fixing Monday, March 27, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on LID 5325 for cast iron water mains in Pearl St. from No. 36th to 37th; No. 37th from Pearl to Whitman; No. 42nd from Vassault to Whitman; and in Vassault from No. 37th to No. 42nd Street.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16461:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. and Tucci & Sons for Improvement No. 3108-G on their joint bid of \$99,479.26 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16462:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. and Tucci & Sons for Improvement No. 3021-D on their joint bid of \$47,824.95 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16463:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. for LID 2278 on their bid of \$10,978.00 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16464:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell property located at 702 So. 27th to Kurtis R. Mayer for \$2,000 plus tax, and property located at 2714 So. G Street to William F. Howell for \$210 plus tax.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steels. Mr. Cvitanich asked for an explanation of this Resolution.

Mr. Rowlands said, as noted in the Resolution, several bids were received on the sale and removal of the structure at 702 South 27th Street. He explained that Mr. Mayer's bid of \$2,000 was the highest bid received, and therefore the bid was awarded to him on this structure.

Only one bid was submitted, by Mr. Howell, in the amount of \$210 for the structure at 2714 South "G" Street, and it was recommended that this be sold to him for that price. However, it was felt that the structure at 2923 South "K" Street was worth more than the one bid received, which was \$210.00; therefore, this bid was not acceptable.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Bott said he still has not received the information he requested on the cost of the property sold to the DalBalcons. He said the two-page letter submitted last week did not answer his question. He asked if it would be possible for him to obtain clarification on that transaction.

Mr. Rowlands said he had understood from the discussion at the last Council meeting that Mr. Bott was satisfied with the information received. However, he will obtain the information for Mr. Bott.

Resolution No. 16465:

Accepting certain offers to sell Real property situated within an Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steels. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16466:

Authorizing the City Manager to execute and file an amended application with the Housing and Home Finance Administrator to increase the advance of funds from the United States of America for surveys and plans for the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-3 to an amount not to exceed \$48,230.00.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained if the Council approves this amendment for the advance in funds, it will probably save the City approximately two months time by having this additional advance to proceed with the second appraisal of the Fawcett area.

The Urban Renewal Director said ordinarily they would have to wait following the approval of the plans for the loan and Grant Contract to be prepared which might be two or three months, but this will permit the City to proceed with those appraisals as soon as the Council approves the project.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following Assessment Rolls for hearing:

L I D 1994 for Sanitary sewers in Narrows Drive, No. 23rd Street, Bridgeview Drive; and No. 26th Street.

L I D 4662 for Paving and storm drains on various locations between No. 16th and No. 38th, and between No. Mullen and Jackson Avenue.

Mr. Easterday moved that Monday, April 24, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the Assessment Rolls for L I D 1994 and L I D 4662. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Police Department for the month of January, 1961.
- b. Report from the Police Traffic Division for the month of January, 1961.
- c. Reports from Belt Line Division, Light Division, Water Division for the month of December, 1960.
- d. Report from the Director of Finance for the month of January, 1961.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said Mr. Mitchell from the San Francisco office of the Housing and Home Finance Administration will be here on March 16 or 17 to discuss the aspects of the Workable Program with the Council. He asked if the Council would be free to meet with Mr. Mitchell on either of these days.

It was the consensus of the Council that Friday would be the most convenient time. Mr. Rowlands said the date would tentatively be set for Friday, March 17th.

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Mr. Bott said he would like to correct a misunderstanding that appeared in an Editorial of the Tacoma News Tribune this evening wherein it stated that the City intended to appoint a Public Relations man for the Transit System and the Council.

The point is, Mr. Bott said, the man would be a person to serve the City and not the Council. The Council is merely the appointing authority.

Mayor Hanson said he hopes that as a result of the editorial the public will not think that this is an unusual procedure for a Legislative Body to have a representative who will assist in presenting to the public the programs upon which the City of Tacoma has embarked.

Mrs. Olson asked how many public relations men are employed by the Utilities Department?

Mayor Hanson said there are two, or possibly three, such employees of the Utilities Department.

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Mr. Rowlands said the Council members were inquiring about the Stationers Building and mention had been made of the possibility of remodeling the building. He said it would be rather expensive to demolish that building, as it would cost approximately \$12,500. Then an additional sum of \$2,500 would be necessary to improve the area where the escalators are going through, which would be a total expenditure of \$15,000. It is quite conceivable that something will be worked out this year or in the near future in connection with a garage in that location. It is a question of whether the Council wants to maintain the status quo as far as the building is concerned, or remodel it at a cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Mayor Hanson said perhaps the Council should postpone any decision on the matter at this time, but added by remodeling the building it would do a great deal to encourage other firms to do likewise.

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Mr. Bott explained that the mall adjacent to the escalade on 12th Street was particularly attractive and thought that consideration may be given to installing a similar mall at this location. Also he thought it would be a nice gesture if the City could incorporate a comfort station in the area.

Mr. Rowlands said he thought the plaza effect is very excellent, but unfortunately, he added, in some of the other areas, such as in the Stationers Building or the Arden Store, this additional room will not be available.

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Mr. Easterday said on February 20th an article appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune in reference to Senate Bill 506 In Re of Gas Tax Monies for Urban Arterials, and the inference was made if this bill passed it would take certain monies from the City that it usually received for the last several years. Also in the article it was mentioned that Mr. J. Petrich was one of the sponsors of this bill.

Mr. Easterday said while he was in Olympia he spoke to Mr. Petrich about this bill, and Mr. Petrich seemed to be at a loss and said he did not know of any such bill.

Mr. Easterday further explained that he recently received a letter from Mr. Petrich explaining that he was not the sponsor of this bill which deals with the re-apportionment of gas tax as it applies to Cities. Mr. Petrich said he also asked Mr. Pyle, the staff correspondent of the News Tribune, to correct this error.

Mr. Easterday said his impression of this bill was that it would take money away from the Cities. He checked with Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, and was assured that even though the percentage the Cities will receive has been reduced from 15% to 11.2%, the addition of 1.5 cents will compensate for loss of percentage and the amount the City will receive will remain materially the same.

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Mr. Porter remarked that a slight mistake was made by the City regarding House Bill No. 111 relating to Industrial Insurance. He said a message was sent to the Legislators some time in the past stating that the City was opposing this bill. A few days ago he was asked why the City was opposing this bill, and after reading the bill, he could not see where it would cost the City any money. He wondered if the City should not now notify the Legislators that they are not opposed to the bill, to make our position clear.

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Mayor Hanson reported on his trip to Washington, D. C. at this time. He said he left Tacoma late Wednesday evening hoping to be in Washington, D. C. early Thursday morning as he had tentative appointments set up for Thursday. However, due to the recent Air Service difficulty, he did not arrive until late Thursday evening. He said he did meet with Senators Warren G. Magnuson, Henry M. Jackson, and Representative Julia Butler Hanson, but did miss Representative Thor C. Tollefson. He said he attempted to reschedule the appointments he missed on Thursday due to his late arrival, but found that he could only reschedule them for Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Mayor Hanson said on Friday the new Federal Aeronautics Administrator was confirmed by the Senate and he was able to confer with him at 4:00 P. M. to outline the City's position as to the Airport and to assure him that the City's position has not changed.

Mayor Hanson said he was assured again by an expert of the FAA that they analyzed all of the possible sites and this was the only site that could be approved. He also pointed out that he felt this was the last chance for Tacoma to get an Airport conveniently located.

He said a number of items were discussed during his visit in Washington, D. C. He said he received much information on what the City would have to face with reference to the California inter-tie legislation that will come up before Congress in the very near future. Methods of protection were discussed, should this inter-tie go through and also the matter of the policy that should be followed and its effect on the power situation in the Northwest. He said he was not prepared to discuss fully at this time his feelings on this matter but thought the City should be prepared very soon to take an official position with reference to the inter-tie.

Mayor Hanson said while in Washington he had the opportunity of discussing several proposed bills: Bill No. 987 relating to funds for the retraining of people who are displaced because of the advancements in technology, etc. He said our vocational school here in Tacoma will be very interested in this Bill as it makes reference to vocational programs. Also discussed was Bill No. 986 relating to Federal Assistance up to 45% for State and Local public works improvements, the

Youth Conservation Corps Bill, which is being sponsored by both Senators Jackson and Magnuson, which would be along the lines of the one proposed in the Legislature although the provisions are not precisely the same.

Mayor Hanson said, all in all, he considered his trip as being very worthwhile.

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Mr. Cvitanich said he noticed that the Association of Washington Cities favors the Wheel Tax for Cities. He asked what the City of Tacoma's stand was on this bill.

Mayor Hanson said he presented the matter to the Council recently and no action was taken. At that time he stated that if no action were taken, it would indicate no position.

Mr. Bott asked on what authority does the Association of Washington Cities favor this tax?

Mayor Hanson explained that in matters that arise, in which it is impossible to call a full meeting, there is a Legislative Committee that has a certain area of authority and usually the policy is that if it merely gives enabling legislation, the AWC endorses it with the idea the individual Council members will use discretion in relation to the matter.

Mr. Bott said when the article appeared in the paper that Seattle and Tacoma were sponsoring this bill, there was a great deal of objection from the public at large. Personally, he said, he thought it was discriminatory and would not want to be placed in the position as favoring the bill.

Mayor Hanson said he was not recommending one way or the other. Rather than opposing the bill, he felt the City should not take a stand, because if this is the method of solution found best by the City of Seattle, they should be given an opportunity to at least present themselves to the Legislature without the Tacoma City Council intervening.

Mr. Bott said the objection was that Tacoma was listed as co-sponsor of the bill.

Mayor Hanson said he thought this could be clarified by stating that Tacoma is not a co-sponsor.

Mr. Porter said that was evidently an error in reporting.

Mayor Hanson explained that he had told Mayor Clinton of Seattle he would present this matter to the City Council which he did at a previous Council meeting. He said he thought he made it clear, that Seattle would like to have us join them in advocating this bill, but when he detected a certain amount of reluctance he suggested rather than opposing the bill, the third alternative would be to take no action. Whatever action the Legislature takes there will not be an automatic imposition on any governmental body, he added.

Mr. Bott said he was not objecting to Seattle sponsoring this bill but to the hearsay that Tacoma is associated with them in this venture.

Mr. Cvitanich, Mr. Easterday, and Mr. Bott all indicated they were opposed to this tax.

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Mayor Hanson announced that he wishes to appoint a new L I D Committee for the months of March, April, and May, and he would designate Mr. Cvitanich,

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Mr. Easterday, and Mr. Steels as the new Committee members. The next meeting will be March 13th at 4:00 P. M., he added.

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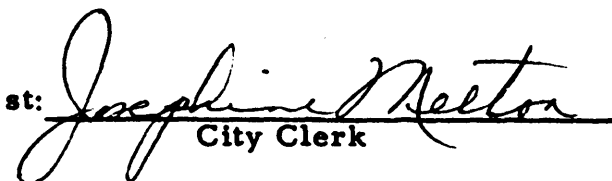
Mayor Hanson said, inasmuch as he has been gone a week, he would like a week's postponement in appointing a new Chairman for the Sister City Program. 108

Mrs. Olson moved that this appointment be delayed for one week. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk