

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Wednesday, August 30, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent: 2, Steele and Easterday. Mr. Easterday coming in at 7:10 P. M.

Mr. Olson moved that the minutes of August 15, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date fixed for the vacation of a five foot strip of Sheridan Ave. from Center Street north 130 feet. Initiated by the City Council for Lester E. Magoon.

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Mayor Hanson stated it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that this vacation be approved.

Mr. Rowlands explained, this is part of the Urban Renewal program and has been cleared with the Utilities Department.

It was moved by Mr. Murtland to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an Ordinance be drawn vacating the property. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Motion carried.

b. This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition submitted by the Metropolitan Park District for the vacation of the alley located in the McKinley Playfield area.

Mayor Hanson stated it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that this vacation be approved.

Mr. Easterday coming in at this time.

It was moved by Mrs. Price to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an Ordinance be drawn vacating the property. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Motion carried.

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c. This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition submitted by Lief A. Pederson for the vacation of a triangular section of right-of-way on the SW corner of East 11th and Alexander Ave.

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Mayor Hanson stated it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that this vacation be approved.

Mr. Murtland asked for what purpose is the property being vacated.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, explained that on Alexander Avenue there is a 120' right-of-way and on East 11th, a 140' right-of-way

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so that the vacation will not affect the efficiency of the street pattern. Originally it was planned to use this triangular section for a railroad spur line track, but this is no longer needed. Therefore, the vacation would square the corner of the owner's property for his proposed development in that area.

Mr. Murtland asked if the other corners were to remain the same.

Mr. Buehler advised that they would at present, but in time they hoped that this will be resolved. There is a possibility of some factories moving in.

Mr. Cvitanich said the only thing that concerned him was in the event of any activity, whatsoever, there will probably be a build-up in this general area, and going back to World War II this street used to carry a lot of traffic.

Mr. Buehler said, as he explained before, we have 120' right-of-way on Alexander Ave. at the present time and 140' on 11th Street so that would be sufficient for all rail movements and cars and also for additional traffic on the two right-of-ways.

It was moved by Mrs. Price to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an Ordinance be drawn vacating the property. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication from Thomas A. Swayze, attorney for Allen and Sadie Ward requesting that the hearing on the appeal for the rezoning of property on the N. E. corner of 6th Ave. and Orchard Streets from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District be continued from Sept. 5, 1961 to Sept. 12, 1961.

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A letter was received from Mr. Tom Swayze, Jr. Attorney for the petitioners asking that the hearing be set-over until September 12, 1961.

Mr. Bott moved that the hearing be set-over until September 12, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16717:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to transfer the sum of \$47,747.18 or so much as may be necessary to the General Fund, Capital Outlay Classification of the Police Dept. and the Public Works Dept. respectively, for the payment of cars and trucks.

It was moved by Mr. Porter that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the appropriation had to be taken out of Account "B" and was inadvertently omitted from the previous Resolution.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, Ass't City Attorney, explained that the error was made in preparing the Resolution.

Mr. Porter moved that the Resolution be amended to conform

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with the substitute Resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Motion carried.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16718:

Awarding contract to Electric Construction Co. of Tacoma for L I D 6784 for Proposal #2 in the amount of \$7,300.00 including sales tax, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16719:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company for L I D No. 4688 on their bid of \$66,183.07 and on the supplemental bid of \$534.00 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16720:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a new lease of the Water Division lands to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club at the rental price of \$300.00 per year.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

Mr. Bott abstained from voting because he is a member of the Sportman's Club.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16721:

Authorizing the execution of a release and waiver of Interest of Easements with the State of Washington on the proposed new alignment of PSH #1 from East "C" St. to the East corporate limits of Tacoma.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16722:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with Ohio Ferro-Alloys Corp. for supplying power.

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

Mr. Benedetti, Acting Utilities Director, explained that this has been postponed for three 60 day periods while negotiations with the Ohio Ferro Alloys Corp. were being conducted. The agreement in no way changes the rate presently paid by the Corp. This is merely a tenure of contract that provides for rate adjustment changes and conditions of service etc. This is one of the six big power companies with whom the Utilities Dept. presently has power contracts which provides that the first rate adjustment date is July 1, 1962.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16877:

Amending Section 1.34.160 of the Official Code of the City by increasing the Working Fund Advance of the Dept. of Public Works Administrative Division from \$75.00 to \$100.00 Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16878:

Authorizing the condemnation of property near the intersection of Bridgeport Way and So. 48th St. for the purpose of construction, operating and maintaining the Bridgeport distribution substation. Read by title.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked if the City didn't own some property in that immediate area.

Mr. Benedetti said he was unable to answer that question so far as the other areas of City government are concerned, but he did not believe that the Utility Dept. owned any property in the area. This is a small sub-station site, approximately 150' by 180', and while there is authority for condemnation, it is felt that negotiations will be successful for the purchase of the property.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16876:

Amending Section 11. 14. 010 and 11. 24. 060 of the Official Code of the City and adding two new sections 11. 10. 340 and 11. 14. 190 in reference to the Traffic Code. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

a. MC-363 -Report on Parking Meter Revenues and Parking Violations.

Mr. Rowlands said this information was requested by the City Council at their last meeting. The MC points out that there has been increased revenues from parking meter collections since the parking fee of generally 10 cents an hour has been established. There has been a corresponding decrease in parking violations because of the 2 hour limitations. A breakdown showing the additional income that could be realized from the proposed installation of more meters is submitted. He did not know whether or not the Council would want to consider the previous MC 361, which spelled out the areas that were recommended for inclusion in the extension of parking meters; also the question which has been raised previously and never settled, as to the possibility of going to one of three alternatives: 1 - the use of the Duncan-Miller Meters, bumper to bumper parking - 2- the use of the Mark-Time Meters, bumper to bumper parking or -3- the use of the single post parking with the Mark-Time Meters. These points are all important from the standpoint of traffic control and consequently will have some reflection on the revenue as well. 146

Mr. Rowlands further added if the Council is of the opinion to proceed with the program, the next question would be to determine the type of meter to be installed.

Mr. Bott said he did not come prepared to act on the matter tonight and would prefer to have more time to consider the matter.

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Mr. Cvitanich said he would like to have information on how many meters could be used below the Police Station.

Mr. Rowlands said they have already begun to investigate that matter and the information would be available shortly.

b. Report on "Land Disposition Policy -Center St. Project Wash. "R-1"

Mr. Rowlands said inadvertently this was not spelled out specifically in the report to the City Council at the meeting last week, and this report is submitted to point out more accurately the policy regarding land disposition.

Mr. Bott leaving at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works and Director of Public Utilities presents the following Assessment Rolls for hearing.

L I D 4678 for permanent type pavement of the alley between South Tacoma Way & Washington St., from So. 47th to So. 48th Street.

L I D 5327 for cast iron water mains in No. 25th from Cheyenne to Orchard St.

L I D 5328 for cast iron water mains in So. 19th Street from Geiger to Jackson Ave. etc.

Mr. Easterday moved that Monday, Sept. 25, 1961 be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 4678, L I D 5327 and L I D 5328. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Finance Director for the month of July 1961.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Hanson announced that the members of the L I D Committee for the months of September, October and November would be Mr. Murtland, Mr. Porter and himself. The first meeting is to be September 11, 1961 at 4:00 P. M.

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Mr. Rowlands said a memorandum was sent to the City Council concerning the restrooms at the Old Town Dock. He said it will cost approximately \$4,000 to provide public restrooms. He thought the Council may want to see what the overall budget picture looks like before making any decision on this matter. 149

Mayor Hanson called the Council's attention to Mr. Miller's term on the Board of Adjustment which expires this month. He said Mr. Miller has been a very fine member of the Board, and at the outset of the next Study Session he would have a report for the Council on this matter and would welcome any suggestions the Council might have.

Mr. D. H. Ketler, Secretary of the Municipal Civil Service League explained that the time for adopting the budget is approaching and he thought the Council should consider establishing a policy as to which City Employees are to be under Civil Service. At the present time, he added, there are 78 supervisory City Employees appointed outside the classified service. Sometimes these non-civil service positions are created without the Council being aware of what is being done. He asked that the Council give some thought to establishing a policy in reference to these non-Civil Service positions before the 1962 budget is considered. There are several non-classified positions that should be under Civil Service, in the opinion of the Municipal League.

Mr. Hanson asked that Mr. Ketler furnish the Council with a list of positions to which he has reference and then a meeting can be arranged with the Council. The last time this matter was discussed approximately a year ago, Mr. Rowlands was asked to notify the Council when these non-classified positions were being created and to his knowledge, none have been so created.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest:


City Clerk