

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, July 30, 1963**

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1, Haley.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of July 16, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson said Mr. L. R. Bonneville, representing the Citizens Committee for Tacoma's Future Development, has requested to speak before the Council at this time.

Mr. Bonneville submitted a letter to the members of the Council from the Transit Subcommittee of the Citizens Committee and signed by T. B. Murphy, Chairman. The letter noted that the General Fund has been forced to subsidize the Transit System and the subsidy for 1963 will total approximately \$190,000. The Transit Subcommittee has reviewed possible ways and means of alleviating the financial problem and has recommended that the transit fares be increased from 20¢ to 25¢ straight fare, increasing the student fare from 15¢ to 20¢ and increasing the school fare from 12-1/2¢ to 15¢. The proposed fare boosts would bring a total of \$250,000 to the City, assuming the number of riders remained the same. They indicated it is quite normal for a fare increase to result in a 4 to 5% drop in revenues. The letter stated that the Committee concluded that very minimal savings would result from further cutbacks in service.

Mr. Bonneville stated, it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that there be no further reduction in service unless management could prove it was absolutely necessary. At the present, he added, they are down to a minimum of service or next to no service at all on many lines.

The letter further stated, in view of the difficult financial problems confronting the City of Tacoma currently, the members of the Transit Subcommittee recommend to the City Council that the proposed fare changes become effective as soon as possible.

Mayor Tollefson thanked Mr. Bonneville for his presentation.

Meeting with officials of the State Highway Dept. relative to access Report No. 1, Primary State Highway No. 5.

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Mr. Kerslake, District Engineer, for the Washington Dept. of Highways stated, on July 2, 1963 a report was submitted to the City Council pertaining to the route of Primary State Highway #5, in the vicinity of Pacific Avenue

Interchange and 38th Street. This route is necessary to complete operation of the Pacific Avenue Interchange. If this route is approved by the City, it will then be referred to the State Highway Commission for review and the final report will be given to the City.

Mr. Finnigan asked how long it would take to complete this segment.

Mr. Kerslake said it would take approximately three years.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, if there were any houses that were left without egress and ingress.

Mr. Schuster explained that there are two houses in the area that would have to be moved.

Mayer Tollefson asked the City Council if there was any reason why the Council could not give tentative approval, since it has the approval of the Public Works Dept.

A communication from the Assistant Director of Utilities was read which stated that the Light Dept. has a number of Light & Water facilities which will have to be relocated to accommodate the construction as proposed. There are also a number of instances in which additional rights-of-way will be necessary, outside of those included in the present report, in order to properly relocate utility structures.

Mr. Steele requested that a Resolution be brought in approving the Plan.

COMMUNICATION:

Letter and Resolution from the Planning Commission--Finding the Urban Renewal Plan for the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Area, Project Wash. No. R-14 as being in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan of the City.

Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17567:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Oregon-Washington & Union Pacific Railroad Co., over the tracks in Cleveland Way for Light Division purposes.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 17568:

Appropriating the sum of \$517.00 or so much as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for the purchase of one Spirit Duplicator Machine for the General Services Division, Finance Dept.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 17569:

Awarding contract to Morris Construction Co. for the construction of L I D 2350 on its bid of \$23,059.68 including sales tax which bid is determined to be the lowest and best.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 17570:

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. for L I D 4718 & 3562 on its bid of \$100,600.45 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid and also on its supplemental bid of \$9,285.12, both bids including tax.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

Resolution No. 17571:

Awarding contract to J. D. Shetwell Co. for Improv. 4533 and W. O. #90034 on its bid of \$49,385.65 which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Cvitanich left at this time.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Finnigan asked Mr. Schuster what procedure is followed when a contractor does patch work, which later proves unsatisfactory. He asked if the contractor is held responsible for re-patching of the street.

Mr. Schuster explained there is a one year guarantee on all contracts that are let. He added, it is very seldom that a patch job does not settle. In many instances the City does the patch work after the contractor has done the job.

Mr. Finnigan asked how many men are employed by the City to do this work.

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Mr. Schuster replied there were two crews of four men. One crew patches small jobs for which the City is paid and the other crew does patching for the City which is charged to the General Government.

Mr. Murtland said he would like to have a meeting with the officials of the Asphalt Institute and Portland Cement Association, to discuss the virtues of the two types of material. Then after this meeting is held the City could set a policy as to what material would be the better. Mr. Murtland said as he understood from Mr. Schuster, that the principle reason for using blacktop is that it is inexpensive but he feels that concrete makes a better, safer and lighter street.

Mr. Rowlands said if the Council wishes, Mr. Schuster and he could make a treatise on the pros and cons of both types of street surfaces. He said from the standpoint of aesthetics he agreed that a concrete street was more attractive.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Rowlands if he would like to set up a meeting to discuss this matter.

Mr. Rowlands said he would make arrangements for such a meeting if the Council wishes.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Cvitanich.

Resolution No. 17572:

Fixing August 20, 1963 as the date for public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan for the New Tacoma Project No. Wash. R-14.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Cvitanich.

Mayor Tollefson left at this time temporarily.
Dr. Herrman, Deputy Mayor, resumed the Chair.

Resolution No. 17573:

Fixing Monday, August 26, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6833 for modern lights on ornamental standards on So. 8th, Oakes to Pine St. and Alder St. from 6th Ave. to No. 9th Street.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

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

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Resolution No. 17574:

Fixing Monday, September 9, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 2354 for grading and oil mat surface on 41st Street N. E. from 300 ft. west of 49th Ave. N. E.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17405:

Amending Ordinance No. 17390 to correct an error in Section 4 to change 40th Street N. E. to 30th St. N. E.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17406:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.160-7 to include the west side of Wilkeson St. between ¹⁸² So. 25th St. & Center St. in an "M-1" Light Industrial District. (petition of ¹⁸⁹ Cutine Taylor)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17398: (as amended)

Re-enacting and amending Chapter 6.48 of the Official Code of the City relating to Licenses and Taxes on Small Loan Companies.

Mayor Tollefson returned and assumed the Chair.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance as amended:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

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Ordinance No. 17399:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2298 for grading and oil-mat on No. 45th St. from Whitman to Frace Sts.; on Whitman from No. 42nd to No. 45th Sts.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17400:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4595 for paving on No. 21st from Stevens to Huson Sts.

Mr. Rowlands stated, he would like to have this Ordinance continued until such time as the water improvement comes in for the same area.

Mr. Steele moved to postpone the Ordinance until September 10, 1963. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17401:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6830 for modern lights on So. 58th St. from "A" St. to Pacific Avenue.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17402:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6796 for street lighting on Puget Sound Ave. from So. 50th to So. 52nd Streets.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17403:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6799 for lights on No. 26th from Highland to Pearl; on No. 36th from Adams to Procter Streets.

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Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17404:

Repealing Ordinance No. 17368 which provides for the improvement of L I D 5374 for construction of water mains in No. 21st St. from Stevens to Orchard Sts. , passed on June 18, 1963.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Public Utilities Director & Public Works Director present the following Assessment rolls for hearing:

- a. L I D 5348 for water mains in George St. from Roosevelt Ave. to 400 Feet east and in Roosevelt Ave. from George St. to East 38th St.

Dr. Herrmann moved that Monday, August 26, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 5348. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

- b. L I D 6795 for street lighting from So. 84th to So. 96th between So. D to Park Avenue.

- c. L I D 3547 for storm drains on So. Washington from So. 15th to So. 17th Street.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, September 9, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 6795 and L I D 3547. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- a. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of June 1963.
- b. Report from the Tacoma Fire Dept. for the month of June 1963.
- c. Report from the Finance Dept. for the month of June 1963.
- d. Land Utilization & Marketability Study New Tacoma Project.
- e. New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project Planning & Design objectives.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Light, Water & Belt Line Division for June 1963.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said the City has received the seal of approval for the 1962 financial report from the Municipal Finance Officers' Association. It was the unanimous decision of the special review Committee for the award of certification of conformance, that the excellent report prepared by Tacoma substantially conformed with the high standards for financial reporting established by the MFOA and the National Committee on Governmental Accounting. He said Tacoma is the 164th governmental unit to receive this award for distinguished financial reporting. There were three other cities in the State that have been recognized, from the 1200 annual financial reports that were submitted. He stated, Mr. Gaisford and his staff are to be congratulated for gaining this award.

Mr. Rowlands said he received a telegram from Mr. Patrick Healy, Executive Director of the American Municipal Association congratulating Tacoma as being chosen to receive the best single entry award in the annual public relations competition of the American Municipal Association in population category. Official presentation will be on August 13th in Houston, Texas. This award comes as the result of the efforts of the Citizen's Committee for Tacoma's Future Development and the teamwork which made possible the bond program last spring.

Mr. Murtland asked how the program was progressing relative to the Dock situation.

Mr. Rowlands said he had sent a memo to Mr. Schuster, Mr. Gillis and Chief Reiser, requesting they investigate and recommend a proposal to be reviewed by the City Council concerning this matter. He said, information had been sent to Mr. Stan Erdahl, Port Commissioner, relative to the type of material, etc. that would prevent any such mishap as occurred several weeks ago. The City has offered its assistance in any way possible on this matter.

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Mr. Murtland asked if the fire prevention regulations were being carried out in other areas of the City.

Mr. Rowlands said it is a matter of constant negotiation between the City and the property owners. Progress has been made in the last three or four years as some 300 buildings have been eliminated which were substandard.

Mayor Tollefson said, Mr. Metzler, Attorney representing the Pierce County Taxation Bureau, who circulated referendum petitions against Ordinances 17373 and 17376, requesting that these Ordinances be referred to the vote of the people, is present tonight for an answer from the City Council on this matter.

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Mayor Tollefson informed Mr. Metzler that the City Council discussed this matter at a study session and it was the consensus of the City Council

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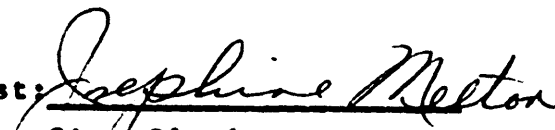
to rely on the interpretation of the law by the City Attorney, that the petitions are ineffectual as there were insufficient signatures filed prior to the expiration date. The City Council has decided to take no formal action at this time, he added.

Mayor Tollefson read into the record communications from the Pierce County-Tacoma City Employees and the Tacoma Central Labor Council, supporting the City Council regarding these revenue raising measures.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk