

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Wednesday, January 2, 1963

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steels and Mayor Tollefson.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meetings of Dec. 11th and Dec. 18th, 1962 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Dr. Herrmann commented on the minutes that were submitted to the Council on the meetings of Dec. 11th and Dec. 18th. He stated he could see no reason for any Council member requesting verbatim minutes, as minutes are to reflect the gist of the meeting and action taken.

Mrs. Price said she had never requested verbatim minutes, however, she thought any Council member should have the privilege of requesting any minutes verbatim if he so desires, but she could see no purpose for such a request.

Mr. Bott remarked that the minutes could be abbreviated, and if a Council member wished the minutes word for word, he could listen to the recording. He thought minutes written verbatim were unnecessary as they took a great deal of time that could be used elsewhere.

Mayor Tollefson agreed, saying, that any Council member has the privilege of listening to the recordings as they are permanent records.

Mr. Kettler questioned his remarks on page (5) of the minutes of Dec. 11th, 1962. He said they did not reflect everything he had said.

Mr. Murtland moved to postpone the minutes of December 11, 1962 for one week, until January 8th, 1963, to enable Mr. Kettler to check the recording.

Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann moved to approve the minutes of December 18th, 1962 as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition submitted by Donald⁵⁵¹ James, et al for the vacation of portions of East 60th St. between McKisley Ave.⁴⁷³ and East "M" St. ⁵⁶⁻¹

Mr. Rowlands explained, this vacation is a portion of East 60th St. and reduces the street width to 60 feet which is sufficient for City purposes, as the land is not needed and will therefore be put back on the tax rolls.

Mrs. Price moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to vacate the property and that an Ordinance be brought in confirming the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Steels. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition submitted by Oscar Hokold ⁵⁵⁻⁴⁷³ for the vacation of So. Prospect St. to So. Tacoma Way. ₅₆₋₂

Mr. Steele moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the property be vacated and that an Ordinance be brought in confirming the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Report and recommendation of the Citizen's Committee for Tacoma's ⁵⁵⁻⁴⁴⁵ Future Development submitted by Roe Shaub, Chairman.

Mr. Shaub, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, summarized the report, stating that the total amount considered for the bond program for March of 1963 is \$5,842,600.

The general projects consist of Public Buildings, Sanitary Sewers & Storm Drains, Street & Bridges, Street Lighting & Transit. He explained if this bond program is approved, it would increase property taxes 2.46 mills, or would cost an average home owner less than \$5.00 annually. There would also be an annual savings of \$12,000 resulting from personnel, maintenance and operation costs to the City. He added that the Citizens' Committee was extremely cost-conscious, although the Planning Commission's recommendation for the first three-year period of the Six-year Capital Improvements Program totaled \$7,546,700. They recommended it be reduced to \$5,842,600.

He also pointed out that the 15th Street Bridge is not included in this bond program. However, the Committee recommended that it be studied carefully as more data becomes available, and that it be considered for inclusion in a 1964 Bond program.

Mayor Tollefson thanked Mr. Shaub and other members of the Committee for their splendid work on this program.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the minutes of the Committee meetings for the last four to five weeks have been sent to the Council members so that each member would be familiar with what was taking place. He suggested a review of this report at the next Study Session. The propositions as desired by the Council should be in Ordinance form for First Reading no later than two weeks from today, January 15, 1962.

Mr. Steele stated he was sure the Council members are informed on this matter from reading the minutes and attending various Committee meetings; he thought it would be in order to adopt the recommended program. Mr. Steele then moved that the program as recommended by the Citizens' Committee be adopted and that the proper Ordinances be prepared by the City Attorney for consideration by the Council. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands stated that discussion should be held on the propositions as he would like to know the wish of the Council on how this should be placed on the ballot. It was the opinion of the Committee that this be broken down in (5) separate propositions. After this meeting the City Attorney will be better prepared as to whether or not this particular grouping would be permissible.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17286:

Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$125,000 from the Local Improvement District Guaranty Fund to the General Fund to bear interest at the rate of 2 1/4% per annum until repaid.

Mr. Steele moved 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. 17287:

Transferring the sum of \$225,000 from the General Fund to the Tacoma Municipal Transit System Fund for the purpose of paying the existing deficits and obligations of the Tacoma Municipal Transit System Fund.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated, this is a grant from the General Fund to the Transit System as it is not anticipated they will have any money to repay the General Fund. He pointed out the deficit as of January 1, 1962 was \$83,580. Salary increases for 1962 were \$107,116. Pension costs over 1961 are \$37,700 which is a total of \$228,396, less increases in Revenue for 1962 of \$11,900, the estimated 1962 deficit is \$216,496. The subsidy of \$225,000 leaves an estimated cash balance on January 2, 1963 of \$8,504. There has been \$70,979 budgeted from the General Fund to subsidize the Transit System for 1963. In brief, he added, the cost of operation is more than the amount of income. Every attempt has been made to operate the Transit System as economically as possible, he added.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17288:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a Federal Aviation Agency Project Application for the Tacoma Industrial Airport, Project No. 2 to construct additional facilities at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

Mr. Cvitanich asked why this wasn't included in the application.

Mr. Rowlands said it had been anticipated that there would be some type of a building, however, at that time the exact nature of the building was not known. The funds for this have already been budgeted. he added. ...

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

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The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17289:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an amendment to the existing contract with Hooker Chemical Corporation for an extension of 60 days for the sale of electric power and energy.

Mr. Steele moved 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. 17290:

Authorizing the sale of a new 1500 KVA Transformer to the Tacoma School District #10 for use at the McIlvaigh Junior High School for the full purchase price of \$10, 311. 44.

Mr. Steele moved 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. 17291:

Fixing Tuesday January 22, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the alley between So. 16th to 18th from Puget Sound to Warner St. (Petition of First Assembly of God) ⁵⁵⁻⁴⁴ ₂₀

Mr. Haley moved 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. 17292:

Fixing Monday, January 28, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4718 for paving on So. 59th St. from Fawcett to D and other nearby streets.

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

Voice vote taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17293:

Fixing Monday, January 28, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5360 for Water mains on Bell St. from So. 60th to So. 64th and So. 60th and 63rd Sts. from Bell to A Street.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17294:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a local improvement assessment deed to Fred L. & Maxine C. Lakin for unimproved property located on So. 92nd and Park Ave. for the sum of \$25.00 .

Mr. Steele moved 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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17237:

Appropriating the sum of \$35,000 from the Tacoma Municipal Transit System Fund for M & O and \$20,000 for Salaries and Wages for the year 1962.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17238:

Amending Section 1.08.020 of the Official Code of the City regarding bonding positions in the Police Court.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

REPORTS:

MC 407 - Accomplishments in 1962 - Plans for 1963.

Mr. Rowlands said this is the year end report submitted by the various Departments. He stated he was proud of the work that had been accomplished by the various Departments, despite the difficulties encountered with the restrictions in the budget.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of Nov. 1962.
- b. Report from the Light, Water and Belt Line Division for the month of November 1962.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Stan Mullane of the Puget Sound National Bank, submitted a letter from the branch bank at the 38th St. location requesting a storm drainage along South Puget Sound Avenue adjacent to their property.

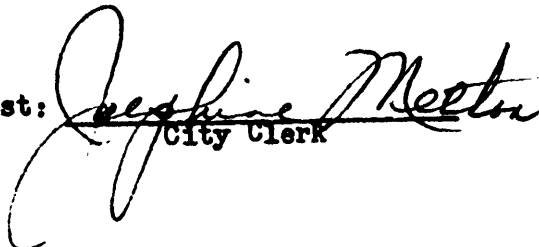
He explained in order to provide their customers with safe, suitable and convenient access to the drive-up window, it was necessary to construct a ramp driveway leading from So. Puget Sound Ave. & So. 38th Street at approximately the intersection. This ramp driveway receives its structural support from a large rock riprap bulkhead or wall. Since the wall was constructed it has washed out on three different occasions and in each instance the failure followed a heavy rainstorm. The matter was checked into and it was the conclusion of the contractors, architects, and the Assistant Maintenance Supervisor of the City that the absence of a storm drainage system along So. Puget Sound Ave. adjacent to the property as well as So. 38th St. was the contributing factor to the wall failure. It was further determined that until such time as a storm sewer is installed along this point, no guarantee can be given against further failure.

Mr. Mullane stated, he was present to request that an L I D be instituted to install a drainage system at this location.

After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Steele that a Resolution be brought in setting up a date of hearing on the L I D. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 
City Clerk