

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
March 20, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Sonntag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 13, 1973.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution No. 22117 Fixing Tuesday, April 17, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for vacation of East "E" from East 29th south to the F.A.I. #5 Freeway frontage road. (Urban Investors, et al.)
- Resolution No. 22118 Fixing Tuesday, April 3, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for rezoning the west side of Mildred Street between South 15th and 17th Streets extended east and being approximately 1,200 feet north of South 19th Street from an "R-P" to an "R-3-PRD" District. (Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company)
- Resolution No. 22119 Fixing Tuesday, April 3, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for rezoning the area approximately 950 feet west of Mildred Street between South 15th and 17th Street extended east and being approximately 1,200 feet north of South 19th Street from an "R-P" to an "R-3-PRD" District. (Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company)
- Resolution No. 22120 Fixing Monday, April 9, 1973 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5529 for water mains in Washington Street from South 15th to South 19th Street and in South 17th from Adams to Union Avenue.

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ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

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

LID 5515 - water mains and fire hydrants in South 58th Street from Ferdinand to Orchard Street and in Utility Easement on South 58th Street produced from Orchard Street to Custer Road and in Utility Easement from South 58th Street produced to approximately 380 feet south.

Fixing Monday, April 23, 1973 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of February 28, 1973.
- b. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of March 5, 1973.
- c. Monthly report, Municipal Court, Traffic Violations and Court Cases, February, 1973.
- d. Monthly report, Fire Department, February, 1973.
- e. Monthly report, Personnel Department, December, 1972.
- f. Dept. of Public Works filing Update Cost Estimate for UAB No. 8-1-128(37), No. 8-2-238(40) and No. 8-1-128(42).
- g. Light Division, Water Division and Belt Line Division, Annual Financial Report, December 31, 1972.
- h. City Planning Department filing Application for Second Year Funding of Program Management System.

Mr. Nalley moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 22117, 22118, 22119 and 22120 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of March 25 through March 31, 1973 as "Tacoma Opera Week".

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REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION:

Suggestion Award, George G. Thornhill.

Mayor Johnston presented a certificate of merit to George G. Thornhill for a suggestion which he had submitted.

City Manager Bill Donaldson presented Mr. Thornhill with a \$25 check.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19767

Designating that portion of Custer Road lying along the westerly City Limits from South 56th southwesterly to the southerly City limits at approximately South 62nd Street as Orchard Street West.

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Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag,
and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19768 Amending Section 6.03.030 of the Official Code relative
to licensing advertisements on bus benches.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19769 Appropriating the sum of \$154,922.00 or so much thereof as
may be necessary from the 1973 Federal Shared Revenue Fund
for the purpose of paying costs of operation of newly
created Human Development Department for balance of calendar
year 1973.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 2 - Nalley and Sonntag

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19770 Amending the pay and compensation plan to add certain new
positions relative to Human Development and Social Services.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the position of Direct Services Coordinator be
included in the classified service. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken
and carried.

Roll call was taken on the amended Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag,
and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19774 Authorizing the execution of agreement with State of
Washington Planning & Community Affairs Agency for Grant
Award Contract No. 889 and the transfer of \$2,100 to Fund
No. 573 and appropriating the sum of \$17,850 from said fund
for the purpose of continuing with the Technical Management
Development Project for calendar year 1973.

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Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19775 Appropriating the sum of \$51,400.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for the purpose of paying costs of repairing certain storm damage to facilities of Metropolitan Park District at Pt. Defiance Park.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19778 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8005 for paving along East "B" Street from East 45th to East 46th; East "F" from East 40th to East 43rd and other nearby streets.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19779 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8007 for paving along South 13th Street from South Fife to South Prospect; South Cushman Avenue from South 35th to South 36th; South 47th from South Asotin to South Sheridan Avenue and storm drain lines in South Prospect from South 12th to South 13th and South Cushman Avenue from South 46th to South 47th Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19780 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8011 for paving on Mullen Street from South 11th to South 12th Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19781 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 4983 for paving along State Street from South 15th to South 17th; Alaska from South 23rd to South 25th and Lawrence from South 68th to South 72nd Street; also alley between South 11th and South 12th from Adams to Proctor Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19776 (Continued from the meeting of March 13th)
Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Official Code by repealing Section 1.12.628 and reenacting the same as Section 1.12.626 and adding a new section to be known as Section 1.12.627 relative to Training Classifications.

Mayor Johnston announced that the administration has asked that this be continued for one more week.

Mayor Johnston moved to continue first reading of this ordinance for one week. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

First Reading was continued to March 27, 1973.

Ordinance No. 19782 Amending Chapter 6.60 of the Official Code relative to licensing of Dogs and Cats.

Bob Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that this is an amendment to a section which should have been deleted when a new ordinance increasing fines and penalties for stray dogs was passed recently. It is merely a housekeeping ordinance.

Archie Fidler, Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, answered questions of Council regarding the administration and results of the leash law and the new fines and penalties recently imposed for dogs off premises.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19783 Amending Section 1.12.570 of the Official Code by adding the position classifications of Solid Waste Route Supervisor, Assistant Solid Waste Operations Supervisor and Solid Waste Operations Supervisor.

Gilbert Schuster, Director of Public Works, advised the ordinance would provide for one new position, that of a Solid Waste Route Supervisor. The other positions merely have title changes.

Mr. Fred Van Camp, Business Representative of the Civil Service League, urged adoption of the ordinance.

After Mr. Schuster answered questions of Council regarding computerized systems in solid waste operations, the Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19784 Vacating the alley immediately west of Pacific Avenue and south of South 72nd Street except the north 75 feet thereof. (Roundup Properties, Inc.)

Russell Buehler, Planning Department Director, advised that all of the conditions set down by the Planning Commission have been fulfilled and everything is in order to proceed with the ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19785 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the west side of Puget Sound Avenue approximately 132 feet north of South 74th Street from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (Tacoma Outdoor Recreation)

Russell Buehler, Planning Department Director, advised that all of the conditions set down by the Planning Commission have been fulfilled and everything is in order to proceed with the ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19786 Appropriating \$15,413.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Joint County-City Public Health Pooling Fund for the purpose of administering Model Cities Homemaker Project for Second Action Year.

Earl Mittelstaedt, Finance Director, advised that this ordinance merely appropriates the funds to carry out the contract which has previously been authorized by Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22102 (Second Reading)
Authorizing execution of necessary documents for filing of grant application to the Washington State Department of Emergency Services in the amount of \$63,010.50 for updating of Tacoma's Emergency Services communications system.

The motion to adopt had been made at the March 13, 1973 meeting.

Mayor Johnston announced that as per rules governing grant applications, the resolution is on second reading tonight. There being no further comments, voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22109 (Continued from the meeting of March 13th)
Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Washington State Highway Commission for operation of ferry landing at Pt. Defiance for service between Pt. Defiance and Vashon Island.

Mayor Johnston announced that the staff had requested additional time.

Dr. Herrmann moved to continue the resolution for one week. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to March 27, 1973.

Resolution No. 22111 Awarding contract to L. C. Roth Construction Company, Inc. on its bid of \$51,162.84 for relocation of poles, etc. on South 64th Street from Yakima to Pacific, Improvement No. 4927, Unit B.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22112 Authorizing the execution of an easement granting certain rights and privileges to Department of Public Utilities for maintaining power lines over and under land on south side of South 63rd Street near Ainsworth Avenue.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22113 Authorizing the execution of a real estate contract for the sale of certain vacant land near North 42nd and Visscher Streets to C.D.B. Palzer for the sum of \$3,100.00.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22114 Authorizing the execution of a real estate contract for the sale of certain vacant land located on "C" Street between South 28th and Delin Street to Tacoma Teamsters Union Building Association for the sum of \$4,500.00.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22115 Authorizing the execution of a real estate contract for the sale of certain vacant land located on 25th Street N.E. between 53rd and 54th Avenue N. E. to J. H. and Bernice E. Epperson for the sum of \$4,500.00.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22116 Authorizing the purchase of sixteen (16) vehicles through the State Purchasing Office for the Fire Department.

Mr. Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Tony Mitchell, Deputy Fire Chief, answered questions of Council regarding leasing versus purchasing of the 16 vehicles.

Orris Bod, Services Chief for the Fire Department, answered questions of Council.

Chief Reiser reviewed the financial situation and answered questions of Council.

On questions of Council, it was established that there would not be any additional appropriation of funds needed to purchase these vehicles.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22121 Awarding contract to Tacoma Daily Index on its bid of \$2.48 per column inch for official printing for one year commencing March 1, 1973.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Bill Donaldson reported that the City Clerk has asked for a waiver of residence requirement for a Mr. Carey Robinson, Jr. whom he would like to employ as Property Insurance Supervisor in the City Clerk's Office. Mr. Donaldson recommended that the waiver be granted.

Dr. Herrmann moved to grant the request for a residence waiver. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Donaldson reported that he had received a letter from A. J. Benedetti, Director of Utilities, regarding reimbursement of relocation expenses for Mr. David Dow as per terms of the agreement under which Mr. Dow accepted the position of Manager, Data Processing Department of Public Utilities. Relocation expenses from Los Angeles amounted to \$1,401.00. The Utility Board has requested that the City Council approve reimbursement of this amount to Mr. Dow in accordance with Section 1.12.110 of the Administrative Code.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the expenses be reimbursed to Mr. Dow. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Donaldson reported that on January 27, 1972 the Council awarded a contract to Pacific Northwest Bell for parcel 8 in the R-14 Urban Renewal Project. They have now filed a letter indicating a change in the construction schedule. The new date set for completion of construction is December 1, 1975. He requested the City Council authorize an amendment to the agreement with the Pacific Northwest Bell to reflect this new schedule of construction.

Mayor Johnston moved that the amendment be authorized. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston asked that the administration bring to Council some recommendations in terms of when the City should be considering the process of obtaining new land fill sites for solid waste. He felt it would be a courtesy to property owners to have the knowledge in advance when a certain area is to be used as a land fill.

Mayor Johnston reported that on Monday, March 19, 1973, he served on a Channel 9 TV panel on the subject of revenue sharing. He learned that Tacoma is the only City which has not as yet established an overall plan for distribution of revenue sharing funds. He requested that the Council meet in a special study session to discuss revenue sharing and how the Council feels revenue sharing should be used. Mayor Johnston set next Wednesday, March 28, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 354 as the time and place for the special study session to discuss the use of revenue sharing.

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Mr. Schroeder reported that he has been working with the Planning Department on the improvement and beautification of the City. He suggested that a new, strong, active City Beautification Committee lead the entire community in a long range plan of beautification. He advised that he has suggested to the Planning Commission that such a committee be appointed by the Mayor and Council and that the Committee should serve under the City Planning Commission with one additional City staff member of the Planning Department appointed to work with the Committee full time. At the present time the City has three different organizations concerned with beautification-- The Arbor Committee, the Civic Arts Commission and the Beautification Committee. He pointed out that the Arbor and Beautification Committees have not been active and that the Civic Arts Commission has not addressed itself to the area he is speaking of. He recommended that the Planning Commission Chairman and the City Landscape architect be members of the Committee. He felt it very important that a staff member be permanently assigned to give continual direction and guidance to the Committee. The Planning Commission adopted the idea unanimously. The ideas will be refined and brought to Council for consideration within a short period of time. He asked that Council at that time come forth with their ideas and he urged their support.

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Mr. Nalley suggested not cutting down the natural berm at garbage disposal sites and other areas where buffers are constructed after the removal of the natural berm. He also inquired as to whether the housing code could in some form be made to protect some of the glorious old houses in Tacoma.

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Mr. Maule reported the Civic Arts Commission is in need of part-time secretarial and administrative help. There presently is remaining \$5,000 of the original \$16,000 appropriated for the Civic Arts Commission, providing the County pays their share on a dollar for dollar basis.

Mr. Maule moved to spend \$2,000, which is one half of the requested amount, for part-time help provided the County pays their share. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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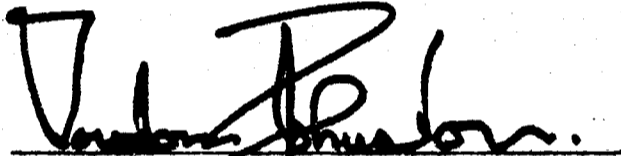
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Mr. Jarstad reported that the Department of Natural Resources in Olympia has unanimously approved the temporary permit for a commercial boat marina in the waterway. The marina is expected to be in by July. The area where the fishboats are presently moored is needed by the Port for dredging purposes. He also reported that a coalition meeting with the Port is set for Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Port Offices.

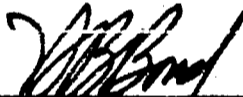
Mr. Sonntag commented on his request for \$200,000 for a Youth Employment Program for the summer. He felt it would be hard to consider youth items in the late spring when school is out. He hoped that this program could be considered on its merits rather than waiting until all other requests for revenue sharing are in when it might be too late to implement the youth program.

Mr. Sonntag reported that he received letters from 32 businessmen in South Tacoma concerning parking meters in that area. He asked for an investigation and report on what the problem is and what can be done to respond to the wishes of the businessmen.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:


H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK