

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Wednesday, September 16, 1964

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Dr. Herrmann and Mr. Haley. Mr. Haley arriving at 4:30 P. M.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the minutes of the meeting of September 1, 1964 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by the National Oil Co. for the vacation of that portion of Hood Street between the ~~east~~ line of the alley between Fife & Prospect Streets. 365  
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No one appeared to protest, therefore, Mrs. Price moved that the proper Ordinance be drawn approving the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for 1965.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the City Council adopt the Preliminary Budget for 1965. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. 58-1

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18017

Awarding contract to Rogers Construction Co. on its bid of \$10,386.79 for Improv. No. 3586 and W. O. 90045 which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

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

Resolution No. 18018

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a permit granting the St. Regis Co. the right and privilege to cross East 11th Street.

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

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

Resolution No. 18019

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line Railway for the negotiation of rates of pay and work rules.

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

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, explained this adjustment is in regard to the inequity of holiday pay for those working a six day week as compared to those working a five day week.

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

Resolution No. 18020

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a Quit Claim Deed to Lawrence and Elaine Beckman for the purpose of clearing title to property between So. 138th and So. 141st Streets, approximately one mile west of Pacific Ave.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3: Herrmann, Haley and Bott, temporarily.

Resolution No. 18021

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to acquire from the Estate of Mike and Mary Mitchell property located in the area of No. 42nd St. near Pearl St.

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

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

Resolution No. 18022

That the City Council of the City of Tacoma vigorously opposes the opening of Tacoma's Green River Municipal Watershed or the watersheds of any other municipality in the Pacific N. W. because of danger to the public health of the citizens of these communities.

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

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

Mr. Haley arriving at 4:30 P. M.

Mr. Rowlands said there is another resolution to be taken up that does not appear on the agenda.

Mr. Johnson moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 18023. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18023

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the general state election on Tuesday, November 3, 1964 a proposition for the levying of millage sufficient to raise the sum of \$353,000 for the purpose of purchasing machinery, equipment and supplies.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution is for a special levy for City vehicles and equipment for the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments, in the amount of \$353,000, to be placed on the November ballot. He stated that the City's cost of sharing the November ballot would be considerably less than the cost of a special election next spring.

Mr. Rowlands said the passage of this levy would help to balance the 1965 Budget which is currently \$151,000 in the red which does not include the prospective \$188,000 transit deficit. Currently there is approximately \$89,000 for vehicles and equipment placed in the 1965 Budget, and it could be deleted in the event they are to be financed through this levy. He said additional equipment is needed over and above what is budgeted, and if this passed it would decrease the amount spent to maintain old vehicles. He added, this Resolution would have to be approved today to meet the deadline for the November ballot.

Mr. Finnigan wondered why this was brought before the Council the last minute. He said it would have been better if the Council had had a little time to study the matter.

Mr. Rowlands said the Budget had been out for only a week and he was sure the Council was aware of the situation. He added, a levy had been proposed in a general way in the Budget message. He said this Resolution was prepared

hurriedly since the Park Board declined to put a millage on the ballot.

Mr. Johnson said the equipment is needed and he thought the people should have the opportunity to vote on it.

Mrs. Price stated she didn't feel this was any surprise to the Council members in the replacing of equipment as the cost of maintaining the present equipment is excessive.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would reluctantly approve the referral, but since the equipment is in deplorable condition, his feeling is that this should take preference over Ball Parks and Airports in the regular Budget.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 6; Nays 2, Finnigan and Haley, Absent 1, Herrmann.

Mayor Tollefson left at this time, 4:45 P. M. and Mrs. Price took over the Chair for the balance of the meeting.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 17683**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new <sup>404</sup> section 13.06.051-1 to include property at the southeast corner of So. 11th and Ainsworth in an "R-3-T" District. (petition of Harris & Reed)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 17632 (reconsidered)**

Authorizing the condemnation of property lying north of the Public Utilities Parking lot on So. 35th St. required for parking space.

Mr. Benedetti said he would like to request that the Ordinance be postponed until a full Council is present.

Mr. Johnson moved to postpone the Ordinance for one week. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Roll call was taken on the motion to postpone. Ayes 3, Nays 4, Bott, Haley, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 2; Herrmann and Mayor Tollefson. MOTION FAILED.

Mr. Benedetti, outlined the reasons the Utilities Dept. needs the space, stating that this property is needed for a parking lot to replace the area which will be taken up for the construction of a new warehouse, south of the Utilities Building. He pointed out on a chart and also presented photographs of the area used for parking which also showed the equipment adjacent to the parking lot which is exposed to the weather that would be stored in the new warehouse. He said that both the Light and Water Departments are expanding as business increases and it is felt that the sooner the industrial property is acquired, the less expensive it will be for the City.

Mr. Finnigan left the meeting at 4:45 P. M.

Mr. Benedetti added, the Department anticipates acquiring all of the property north to South 34th St. and east to Union Ave., as the volume of business increases.

Mr. Haley asked if the appraisal was determined by the value of the land plus the improvements to the land.

Mr. Benedetti stated that was correct, also it is taken into consideration whether it is business property or homes.

Mr. Murtland said he did not see the need for additional parking for the employees. He thought it would be five or six years before the property would be needed for building sites.

Mr. Cvitanich left the meeting at 4:30 P. M.

Mrs. Price said she viewed the area and was amazed at the amount of equipment that was stored out in the open that should be under cover. Normally any business or industry establishing in a new area will buy enough land to provide for parking for their employees, particularly in an isolated area that does not have adequate transportation for employees.

Charles and Ike Rembert and Sig Bassi, owners of the property, stated they were not adverse to considering reasonable offers for their property, but the City's offer was too low and the City will not continue further negotiations.

Mr. Bassi said he did not think it was fair for the City to make him hire a lawyer to defend himself in a condemnation suit.

Mr. Haley said he didn't think the City officials had used all avenues of approach on the matter and that condemnation was not intended to be used in this manner as the property owners are not unwilling to sell at a reasonable offer. He thought this Ordinance should be voted down until the Utilities Dept. have exhausted all avenues.

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

Ayes 0; Nays 5: Bott, Haley, Johnson, Murtland and Price. Absent 4: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann and Mayor Tollefson.

The Ordinance was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17680

Amending Section 1.12.600 of the Official Code of the City relating to the pay and compensation plan creating two new positions in the Fire Dept.

Mr. Kettler, Secretary of the Civil Service League, stated they feel that the Fire Marshall should be classified as a Civil Service position, but not the Training officer. He explained the chain of command in the Department as to whom would be next in line to handle emergencies in the event the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief were not available.

James Reiser, Fire Chief, said the duties of the Fire Marshall had been upgraded and thought the position should be appointive. He explained the duties of the Fire Marshall and the Training Officer.

Mr. Rowlands said he thought four appointive positions for a Department

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of approximately 300 employees is a small number and felt this is a very reasonable request.

After some discussion, Mr. Haley thought that this should be given further study.

Mr. Haley then moved to postpone the Ordinance until Sept. 29, 1964. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 17681**

Amending Title 11 of the Official Code of the City relating to Traffic.

Mr. Rowlands stated there has been a change made in Section 11.24.080 of the Ordinance and presented a substitute amendment to the Ordinance.

Mr. Haley moved to accept the substitute Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann and Mayor Tollefson  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

**Ordinance No. 17682 (as amended)**

Amending Title 11 of the Official Code of the City relating to parking zones.

Mrs. Price stated, Dr. Herrmann who is not present at today's meeting has requested that this be postponed until next week so that he will have the opportunity to vote on the Ordinance.

Mr. Haley moved to postpone Ordinance No. 17682 for one week, until Sept. 22, 1964. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:**

- a. Report from the City Planning Commission for the month of Aug. 1964.
- b. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of July 1964.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Rowlands stated that a communication has been received from Wm. P. <sup>358</sup> Hauser, President of April Enterprises, requesting the withdrawal of their appeal on the denial of the rezoning of property located between So. 92nd to 96th and So. I to J Sts., which will be on the agenda for next week's meeting. Mr. Rowlands asked authorization to withdraw their appeal. 399

Mr. Bott moved to accept the withdrawal of their appeal on the denial for rezoning and that the parties be notified. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mr. Rowlands stated the new Fire Station will be dedicated on Friday, Sept. 18, 1964 at 10:30 A. M. He invited the Council to attend.

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Mr. Sam Kinville, representing Local No. 120, stated their Union was not a member of the Joint Labor Committee. He stated Local No. 120 represents clerical, machine operators, stores, etc., in various classifications. He stated Local No. 120 wants to be included in the meetings held with the staff and unions. He stated they would like to be informed when the labor and management meetings are held so that their proposals can be presented to the Council.

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Mr. Rowlands said when the City-wide labor management meetings are held all of the unions are asked to sit in. Minutes of these meetings are taken and submitted to the City Council.

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There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

*Sam Jollyon*  
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Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Patton*  
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City Clerk