

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
August 21, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Moss, Nalley, Schuur, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Jarstad. (One Council Vacancy) Mr. Jarstad arrived at 7:18 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Sonntag.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 1973.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Personnel Report, June, 1973.
- b. Work Report, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, June, 1973.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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Mayor Johnston introduced the following out of town guests: Mrs. Eugene Green, mother of Councilman Moss, who is visiting from Detroit. Mr. Napoleon B. Johnson, National Director of Labor Advancement & Education Program, and Miss Ruth Sema, National Staff, both of the National Urban League from New York.

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REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning of property approximately 950 feet west of Mildred Street between South 15th and 17th Street extended east and being approximately 1200 feet north of South 19th Street (west parcel) from an "R-P" to an "R-3-PRD" District. (6-18-73 Planning Commission recommended approval 7-1, 1 absent) (Planning Commission)

Mayor Johnston advised that Council would be considering the west parcel and the east parcel under the same discussion.

- b. This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning the west side of Mildred Street between South 15th and 17th Streets extended east and being approximately 1200 feet north of South 19th Street (east parcel) from an "R-P" to an "R-3-PRD" District. (6-18-73 Planning Commission recommended approval 8-0, 1 absent) (C.H.G. International & Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company)

Russell Buehler, Planning Department Director, explained the restrictions set forth by the Planning Commission and advised that Weyerhaeuser has accepted the deed restrictions.

Mr. Jarstad arrived at 7:18 p.m.

Helmut Wallenfel, attorney representing Weyerhaeuser, reviewed the history of the two parcels of land, including an additional adjoining parcel which now contains an apartment complex. He advised that they have modified their original plans to include a 60 foot buffer strip which will be a green belt overlooking the houses on McArthur Street.

Allen Norris, Director of Planning of John Gray and Company, read a resume of the requisites considered in land use planning and Weyerhaeuser's efforts for sale of the property.

Dennis Rebe, C.H.G. International Construction Contractors, described the proposed apartment complex for the two sites.

Harry Berry, of Seifert, Forbes & Berry, described the buildings to be constructed on the west parcel. He advised that the representatives of Weyerhaeuser have met with residents of McArthur Street and also with representatives of Tacoma Community College.

Harold Allen, Real Estate Broker, advised that the area had been analyzed for the impact the proposed apartments would have on the neighborhood. Their opinion is that the plan would have no adverse effects on the abutting property.

Bill Anderson, representing United Homes, which manages the College Lakes Apartments, advised that in their research, they feel this property would best be suited for residential as opposed to a research park.

Dan Brown, American Plywood Association, advised that they do not oppose the proposed rezone.

Dr. Richard Falk, Assistant to the President of Tacoma Community College, advised that the college has no objection to the rezone.

W. H. Mundy, Land Economist with Weyerhaeuser, answered questions of Mr. Sonntag regarding the 100 letters sent to residents of the area calling for meetings.

Those speaking in opposition to the rezone were: Thelma Darso, 1531 South McArthur, who explained why most of the residents did not attend the meetings; Terry McArty, 1537 South McArthur; John Peschek, 1656 South Gieger; and Dr. George Brain, 1732 South Meyers, who gave reasons for opposing the rezone as congestion of families, traffic, overcrowded schools, and devaluation of the price of their property.

He also advised that during his research he found the project is in violation of the City Comprehensive Plan and that no environmental impact statement has been made by Weyerhaeuser. He pointed out that the State Law provides that a statement should be prepared.

Mr. Sonntag requested of the City Attorney, a written statement on an opinion of the State Attorney General regarding whether an environmental impact statement is required for this project.

Mrs. Egan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission on item a. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Schuur, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 2 - Nalley and Sonntag

(One Council Vacancy)

The motion was declared approved.

Mrs. Egan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission on item b. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schuur, Sonntag, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

(One Council Vacancy)

The motion was declared approved.

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Mayor Johnston moved for a five minute recess. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting recessed at 9:35 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Moss left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Dr. Herrmann moved to reconsider the rezone request of Stephen R. Anderson, which had been denied at last week's meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried, with Mr. Sonntag dissenting.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Stephen R. Anderson, petitioner, reported that during the past week he has visited with the neighbors and has found that their primary fears are of traffic problems. His observation was that there definitely is a traffic problem.

Speaking against the rezone were Bob Bignal, 7248 South Wapato; Pete Ambrose, 7035 South Prospect, who spoke of the traffic problems and suggested a four way stop be installed between Wapato and Fife Streets.

Roll call was taken on the motion to concur, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 5 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Schuur and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 2 - Nalley & Sonntag

Absent: 1 - Moss (One Council Vacancy)

The motion was declared approved.

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Mr. Nalley left the meeting at 10 p.m.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19888      Establishing Public Service Employment Program as a Major Federal Aid Project and the position of Technical Writer. Creating Fund No. 568 and authorizing loan of \$3,000 from General Fund to Fund 568 and appropriating \$7,925 from Fund 568 for the purpose of carrying out this program.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Schuur, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Moss and Nalley (One Council Vacancy)

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19889      Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 5533 for water mains and fire hydrants in McKinley Avenue from East 84th to East 86th Street and in East 86th from McKinley Avenue to East "C" Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Schuur, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Moss and Nalley (One Council Vacancy)

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19890      Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 5509 for constructing water mains in East 66th from East "J" Street to the East line of Easton Addition.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Schuur, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Moss and Nalley (One Council Vacancy)

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19891      Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 5507 for constructing water mains in East 66th Street from East "I" to East "J" Street and in East "J" from East 66th to East 68th Street.

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Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Schuur, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Moss and Nalley (One Council Vacancy)

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Mrs. Egan left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19892      Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the Southwest corner of So. 23rd and Union Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-4-T" District. (Blyth-Tauscher)

Mr. Buehler advised that Council has held a hearing on this request and all the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission have been met and everything is in order for final approval.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19893      Authorizing the acceptance of grant award No. 760 from the Washington State Law and Justice Planning Office in the sum of \$10,000, creating a new fund to be known as Logging Recorder Fund, transferring the sum of \$3,350 from Acct. 001-691-856 to the Logging Recorder Fund and appropriating from said fund the sum of \$13,350 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of providing logging recorders for the Computer Assisted Complaint/Dispatch Radio Communications System.

Police Chief Smith advised that this ordinance would be for the purpose of accepting the money to proceed with the recorders for the Radio Communication System.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19894      Authorizing the transfer of \$69,311.50 from the General Fund Acct. No. 001-691-856 to the Emergency Services Communication Grant Fund Acct. No. 532-661-644 for the purpose of matching funds for Tacoma Emergency Services Department.

Mr. Mittelstaedt advised that this is merely a housekeeping ordinance transferring the funds to the communications project.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19895      Vacating South Manitou Way r/o/w between So. 54th and So. 56th Streets and east of Mason Avenue. (Dept. of Public Works)

Mr. Buehler advised that Council has held a hearing on this and everything is in order now for final approval.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 19896

Repealing and reenacting Chapter 1.14 of the Official Code relative to election precincts.

Bud Bond, City Clerk, advised that the County Auditor has drawn new boundary lines for voting precincts within the City and this ordinance reflects those changes.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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Mr. Jarstad moved to suspend the rules to consider a request of A. J. Benedetti, Director of Utilities, regarding Resolution 22349, which had been continued to September 25, 1973. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Jarstad reported that Mr. Benedetti has asked that the date be changed because he has prior commitments on September 25th and suggested the date of October 2, 1973.

Dr. Herrmann moved to continue hearing on Resolution 22349 to Tuesday, October 2, 1973. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to October 2, 1973.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22353

Authorizing the execution of an application for a grant under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 in the sum of \$46,507 for the purpose of continuing the Police community relations project from June 30, 1973 through December 31, 1973.

Police Chief Smith advised that he would like to have the Resolution amended in the third paragraph, third line, to strike the words "period above indicated" and insert "year 1974."

Dr. Herrmann moved to make the amendment. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Chief Smith asked that the Resolution be further amended on the last line of the last paragraph, to change the words "June 30, 1973" to read "January 1, 1974" and change the words "December 31, 1973" to "December 31, 1974."

Mr. Sonntag moved to make the amendment. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston announced that under the rules set forth by Council, the application for a grant must have two readings. The Resolution was set over for second reading next week.

Resolution No. 22354

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Knight, Vale and Gregory for the conducting of an audit of Minority Contractors of Pierce County and the Property Rehabilitation Employment Program in conformance of CDA letter No. 8 for a fee of not more than \$4,500.

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

Resolution No. 22355 Authorizing the utilization of the budget review process as a means of evaluating the City's 1974 General Fund Budget and to include in this review a community element of not more than fifteen persons.

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

Mr. Sonntag moved to amend the Resolution by striking the words in the first paragraph, last sentence, "not exceed 15 persons in number" and add the words "not more than 15 persons in number to be appointed by the Mayor and Council." Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Jack Creighton, Planning Department, called Council's attention to an error in the last paragraph, third line. He asked that the word "less" be changed to "more".

Mr. Sonntag moved to make this amendment. Seconded by Mr. Schuur. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken on the amended Resolution and carried. The amended resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 22356 Expressing the intent of the City Council to permit Mail Centers, Inc. to connect to Tacoma Sewer System certain premises located outside the City limits of Tacoma.

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

City Manager, Bill Donaldson, advised that the property owner has requested permission to connect to a sewer line which is immediately adjacent to his property on 19th Street. The Public Works Department reports that capacity is available, and it is recommended that Council allow this connection under the standard procedure that he indicates willingness to annex to the City if that is feasible.

Mr. Buehler pointed out an error in the legal description in the Resolution, third line, 580 feet should be changed to 680 feet and on the fourth line, change 580 feet to 680 feet.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the amendment be made. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken and carried on the amended Resolution. The amended Resolution was declared adopted.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

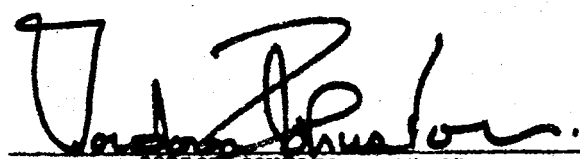
Mr. Sonntag commented on an ordinance that is in the process of preparation regarding taxi cab stands. He asked the City Manager that the ordinance be given to Council members prior to being placed on the agenda in order that a determination can be made as to whether a study session will be necessary.

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Mr. Jarstad commented on the controversy regarding the Library Board and the possible election of Fred Crisman as Chairman. He said he had voted for Mr. Crisman's appointment on the Library Board and feels that it is the worst vote he has ever made. He hoped that the Library Board will look into Mr. Crisman's background before making a decision to appoint him as Chairman.

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Dr. Herrmann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

  
GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK