

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
May 13, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Sonntag.

Mayor Johnston advised that the City administration has asked that Resolution No. 23356 be considered at the outset of the Council meeting. Dr. Herrmann moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 23356. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23356 Accepting a proposal to purchase the \$1,500,000 limited tax levy General Obligation Bonds, 1975 Series A. (Bicentennial Pavilion)

Bill Donaldson, City Manager, advised that the Northern Trust Company and Associates of Chicago were the low bidders at 6.735 percent overall. There were six bids submitted. He urged that the low bid be accepted.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution accepting the bid of the Northern Trust Company and Associates of Chicago be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of May 18 through May 24, 1975 as "Insurance Women's Week" in Tacoma, Washington. He also proclaimed the week of May 18 through the 24th as "Tacoma Public Works Week".

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C O N S E N T A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 1975.

PETITIONS:

Phillip F. and Louise M. Jacobs requesting the rezoning of the property located approx. 130 feet south of 6th Ave. between Circle Way and Walters Road from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District.

For Referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23354 Fixing Tuesday, May 27, 1975 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a public meeting for consideration of the Preliminary Plat of Easton Addition located approx. 203 feet east of East "I" between East 66th and 68th Streets.

Resolution No. 23355 Fixing Monday, June 9, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5556 for construction of water main and fire hydrant in South 83rd from Sheridan Avenue to approximately 350 feet east.

APPEALS:

American Plywood Association appealing the audit-assessment of the Tax and License Department dated April 2, 1975.

Suggested date for hearing is Tuesday, June 3, 1975 at 5:00 p.m.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Human Relations Commission meeting of April 24, 1975.
- b. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of April 23, 1975.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma Model Cities Program Land Use Review Board meeting of April 21, 1975.
- d. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of April 28, 1975.
- e. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of April 7, 1975.
- f. Monthly report, Traffic Division, February, 1975, Police Dept.
- g. Monthly Towing Report, May, 1975, Bill's Towing & Garage, Inc.
- h. Quarterly Financial Report, December 31, 1974, Tacoma Industrial Airport.
- i. Quarterly Report, Model Cities Division, April, 1975, Community Development Department.
- j. State Environmental Policy Act - Second Draft Proposed Guidelines, April, 1975.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 23354 and 23355, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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R E G U L A R A G E N D A

PRESENTATIONS:

A suggestion award was presented to Police Officer Bruce C. Norton for his suggestion concerning the implementation of a vehicle information file system. He was honored with a framed certificate and a check for \$50.00.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Legislative Report to the City Council by Mel Gaumer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

Mel Gaumer reported on various bills in the State Legislature of concern to the City. The Council took the information under advisement with no formal action taken.

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- b. Planning Commission advising that on April 21, 1975 they voted to recommend the removal of the condition placed on the rezone of the northeast corner of South 56th and Yakima Avenue from an "R-2" to a "C-1" and "C-2" District. (Gerald J. Gettmann)

Mr. Warnick moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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HEARINGS - COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Hearing on nomination of Rev. Jose A. Vega for appointment to the Human Relations Commission.

Mayor Johnston advised that Rev. Jose A. Vega was celebrating a special mass and could not attend the meeting.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20431 Appropriating the sum of \$40,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for the purpose of establishing and operating the Youth Coalition Project and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the United Way of Pierce County.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20432 Amending Sections 1.24.320, 1.24.330, 1.24.430, 1.24.470 and 1.24.830 of the Personnel Rules relative to class specifications, employee oaths and discrimination and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Odd A. Lund, Personnel Director, advised that the amendments were submitted by the Civil Service Board and are being made to bring the Personnel Rules in compliance with State Law.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20433 Apporpriating the sum of \$50,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for the purpose of establishing and operating a Dust Oil Sealing Program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20434 Amending Chapter 12.12 of the Official Code relative to establishing bus fares for connection with METRO and for senior Citizens and handicapped.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23360 Appointing Rev. Jose A. Vega to the Human Relations Commission for a three year term expiring on May 13, 1978.

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

Resolution No. 23353 (Second Reading)
Amending Rules 5 and 10 of the City Council Rules of Procedure concerning hearings on appointments to boards, commissions and committees.

Motion to adopt was made at the previous meeting by Dr. Herrmann and Mrs. Egan.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 2 - Hudson and Sonntag

The Resolution was declared adopted.

~~Purchase~~ Resolution No. 23357 Awarding contract to (1) Brazier Lumber Company on its bid of \$16,253.51 for lumber; (2) Hanson Excavating Company, Inc., on its basic bid of \$22,379.18 and supplemental bid of \$2,006.55 for L.I.D. 3757 and (3) General Aviation Electronics on its bid of \$1,709.80 for two-way radios for the Industrial Airport.

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

Resolution No. 23358 Authorizing the purchase of a "stake out alarm - TAC II Alarm System" from Bell & Howell Communications Company for approximately \$6,654.00 and waiving the requirement for competitive bidding.

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

Resolution No. 23359 Authorizing the sale and removal of approximately 540,000 board feet of timber in the Green River Watershed to St. Regis Company on its bid of \$78,783.71.

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

Resolution No. 23361 Accepting an offer from Tacoma Telco Federal Credit union to purchase certain properties within New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-14.

Mr. Hudson excused himself from the meeting due to a possible conflict of interest. He left the Council Chambers.

Gary Sullivan, Community Development Department Director, reviewed the area of the proposed purchase.

Mr. David F. Olson, Jr., Tacoma Federal Credit Union, spoke and answered questions of Council regarding the parking lot.

After discussion, Mr. Nelson moved to continue the Resolution for four weeks. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting in Ayes: 1 - Mr. Nelson. Nays: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Moss, Nalley, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Hudson. The motion was declared failed.

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

Resolution No. 23362 Authorizing execution of an agreement with Battelle Human Affairs Research Center for technical assistance in the Technical Integration Into City Operations Program.

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

Resolution No. 23363 Designating the Seymour Conservatory as a City of Tacoma Historic Landmark.

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

Resolution No. 23364 Establishing the Police Records Program as a special project and authorizing execution of an agreement with Pierce County.

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

Resolution No. 23365 Authorizing the execution of a contractual agreement for Probationary Services between Pierce County District Court #1 Probation Department and the Municipal Court of Tacoma.

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

Resolution No. 23366 Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Public Library to provide and establish a Books-by-Mail program for the handicapped for a sum not to exceed \$6,733.60 for calendar year 1975.

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

Resolution No. 23367 Authorizing the Director of Public Works to sign and execute for an on behalf of the City any and all collateral documents in connection with projects under the Federal Highway Safety Act.

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. 23368 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to file an application with the Washington State Department of Highways for funds to eliminate roadside obstacles in the form of unprotected, non-breakaway light standards.

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. 23369 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute Supplement No. 1 to agreement GM 13 with the State of Washington deleting the City's responsibility of operating and maintaining movable span bridges on State Highways within the City.

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

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution 23371. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23371 Authorizing the purchase of one (1) cab and chassis for the Traffic Engineering's new aerial ladder for the total sum of \$9,307.86 and waiving the requirement for competitive bidding.

Mayor Johnston moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.
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Mrs. Egan moved to reconsider Resolution 23352 to correct the legal description as it was discovered that the State had sold part of the property at the time this resolution was adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mrs. Egan moved to delete that portion of the property as delineated in the communication by Mr. Bernie Gayle, Property Management/Insurance Manager. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Bill Donaldson requested a waiver of the residence requirement for Rondell Williamson, the City's new Purchasing Agent. Mr. Sonntag moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston reminded council members of the special Council meeting at the auditorium in the Public Utility Building on Wednesday, May 14, 1975 for recognition of Police Officers and citizens.

Mr. Moss referred to an article in the newspapers which outlined the selection procedure of the new Director of the Bicentennial Commission. He felt the process was not in conformance with good government procedures. He felt that the procedure of bypassing the three finalists could leave the City open to legal action, and requested that a report by the Chairman of the Bicentennial Commission be made and


forwarded to the Council on the unusual appointment procedure. He requested that the City not give its approval of the hiring of the individual until a report is submitted and the City is satisfied that the process was acceptable.

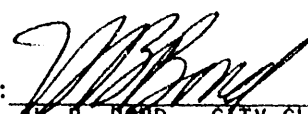
Mayor Johnston said he would write a letter to the Chairman of the Bicentennial Commission requesting the information.

Mr. Warnick commented on the state of disrepair and damage to the building occupied by Mr. Perrow next to the Old City Hall and felt it would be in the best interest of the City if it were offered for bids or a negotiated sale.

In answer to Mr. Warnick's question regarding the Schuster Parkway opening, Mr. Anderson reported it would be open for traffic on May 28, 1975.

Mayor Johnston moved to recess the meeting into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m. and upon proper motion adjourned at 7:36 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK