

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, June 19, 1962

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Steele and Haley.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of June 5, 1962 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes be corrected on the last page, 4th line down, to read, Mr. Steele instead of Mrs. Steele. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

Moved by Mrs. Price that the minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition submitted by Payson ²⁰¹ Jeynes, etal, for the vacation of air rights in the alley between No. 30th and No. 31st Street from McCarver to Carr Streets.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Buehler if he would explain the proposed vacation.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained the request was for the vacation of air rights over a portion of the alley between North 30th and North 31st Streets from McCarver to Carr Street. The petitioner plans to utilize the proposed vacation to allow construction of a four story building with an overhanging sun deck. On one side of the proposed site is a gas station, and an antique shop on the other.

Mr. Bott asked if the petitioner has requested that the alley be vacated.

Mr. Buehler said the alley has not been requested to be vacated because they expect to use the alley for access to the garages.

Mr. Bott asked, since the alley is not improved, would it have to be put in under an L I D, and if so, would the Railroad Co. be in favor of the improvement inasmuch as they are the abutting property owner.

Mr. Buehler said, if the Railroad Co. were not in favor of the improvement, the developer would then have to bear the expense of the L I D.

Mr. Rowlands suggested that a change be made in the recommendation submitted by the Planning Commission under "Recommended Conditions for Approval" Item 1, where it states, "A 15 ft. vertical clearance be left between the alley grade," that the words "to be established" be inserted after alley grade. Then it would be understood for the record that the establishment of this grade would be paid by the petitioner.

Mr. Bott asked if these requirements could be inserted in the Ordinance, as in some instances, there are certain stipulations that are required that cannot be put in the Ordinance.

Mr. Murtland said he thought Mr. Bott had reference to certain restrictions in zoning that Mr. Hamilton, Assistant City Attorney, said could not be put into the Ordinance. He further suggested the cost of establishing the alley grade be borne by the petitioner be included in the recommendation.

Mr. Bott asked if the petitioners are in agreement with these requirements.

Mayor Tollefson said, they are in agreement as he understands from the recommendations imposed upon them by the Planning Commission; these are the conditions under which the Planning Commission would recommend to the City Council that this air space be vacated, 15 feet above the grade to be established. He added, grades are not established until the Engineering staff determines whether the alley street should be raised or lowered compared to what it is at the present time.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the proper Ordinance be drawn. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Mr. Murtland said, in line with Mr. Rowland's recommendation, he would move to amend Dr. Herrmann's motion to include in the Ordinance to show how the grade is to be established, and also the cost to be borne by the petitioners. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Voice vote was taken on the motion as amended. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17099:

Fixing Monday, July 23, 1962 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6803 for street lighting on East #, F and G Streets from East 45th to 49th Sts. and vicinity.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17100:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell 3 each of 1000 KVA transformers to the Elmhurst and Loveland Mutual Companies valued at \$750.00 each.

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

Voics vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 17101:

Authorizing the proper officers to execute supplemental agreements with (6) contract power customers.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mayor Tollefson explained, this contract is with the six prime power users which is negotiated from time to time, generally on a five year program. At this time, there was no increase in rates and a supplemental agreement was recommended which would not in effect carry the contract over for another fixed period of time, but would give the Light Department the opportunity to renegotiate within the period of time set forth in the Resolution. In the event that any change took place in the next year or two, they could re-negotiate.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17102:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase land adjacent to Alder Reservoir for the sum of \$5600.00.

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

Mayor Tollefson said this is a matter of purchasing land, rather than building a road for a property owner. Acquisition of the land is \$5600.00; the cost of building an access road would be approximately \$9500.00.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17093:

Condemning property in the vicinity of Marine Hill Estates, Federal Way, King Co. Washington for the purpose of acquiring an easement for the construction, maintenance and operation of a pole line.

Mayor Tollefson said a pole line has run across this property for over twenty years, and in checking the records it was found that the City did not have this right; therefore, they could not negotiate a price so the City has to condemn the property.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 17094:

Repealing Chapter 1.28 of the Official Code of the City relating to real property index.

Mr. Rowlands said this Ordinance has been on the books since 1913 and is outdated. This Ordinance will merely establish an up to date procedure for keeping records in the Finance Department relative to names of owners of all real property in the City and will also authorize that a charge be made when private individuals request information.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17095:

Amending Sec. 7.04.010 of the Official Code of the City to indicate that the City Jail is situated in the County-City Building between So. 9th and So. 11th, between So. Tacoma Ave. and So. Yakima Avenue.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17096:

Amending Sec. 1.20.040 and 1.20.060 of the Official Code of the City relating to paying salaries and wages of employees of the City to reflect the change from semi-monthly payment to bi-weekly payment.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17097:

Amending Chapter 6.25 of the Official Code by adding two new sections 6.25.035 and 055 of the Official Code of the City relating to licenses and hotels.

Mr. Rowlands explained this Ordinance requires that each hotel shall have a manager on the premises at all times, and it also clarifies that only members of the immediate family may occupy the same room when they are of opposite sex, whereby making it easier to police the premises.

Mr. Bott suggested that in Section 6.25.035 in the 4th line, where it states, "any hotel shall have a manager or person in charge of said hotel present on the premises of said hotel at all times," be changed to read, "said hotel should have the manager reside at the hotel." He thought it would be a physical impossibility to have a man present at all times.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Rowlands if any of the hotel managers have been consulted regarding this Ordinance.

Mr. Rowlands said they had not. He added, the point that Mr. Bott raised would be investigated before the next meeting.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17098:

Amending Section 2. 14. 090 & 100 of the Official Code of the City relating to the Elevator Code regarding installation permits.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance deals only with the installation of permit fees which will yield the City approximately \$600.00 more a year.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17084:

Appropriating the sum of \$500.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of purchasing additional recreational equipment for the Metropolitan Park Board. Read by title.

Mr. Murtland said he was in favor of the Ordinance and for the purpose in which the money is being spent. However, he added, in the event an emergency Ordinance is submitted in the future, he would like the reason for the emergency stated in the Ordinance.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nay 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17085:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2344 for an oil mat surface on So. 9th St. from Orchard to Villard and from Shirley to Winnifred St.; also on Mullen from So. 19th to 250 feet north. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17086:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6794 for street lights with underground wiring on Fawcett Ave. from So. 4th to Jefferson; 6th Ave. from St. Helens Avenue to Fawcett Street. Read by title.

Mr. Bott asked if the Utilities Department will be installing underground wiring from now on, or is it only for the downtown area.

Mayor Tollefson explained that it is just for the downtown area, unless some property owners, themselves, wish underground wiring and are willing to pay the extra expense.

Mr. Rowlands said in many communities where poles are installed, they try to run them in the alleys instead of in front of the streets.

Mayor Tollefson, said perhaps, the Planning Commission, Utility Board and the City Council could have a meeting to discuss this matter for new developments to have lines either underground or at the rear of the property.

Mr. Rowlands said he felt that was a good suggestion and a step in the right direction.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17087:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6795 for street lighting on existing poles in the area of So. 84th St. to 96th and from So. D. to Park Ave. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17088:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6799 for street lighting with underground wiring on No. 26th from Highland to Pearl; No. 36th from Adams to Proctor St. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17089:

Approving and confirming the Assessment roll for L I D 3505 for sanitary sewers in the vicinity of 96th St. between Sheridan and McKinley Avenue. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17090:

Approving and confirming the Assessment roll for L I D 4669 for paving on Manitou Way from So. 66th North 1100 feet, also So. Lawrence from So. 56th to 58th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17091:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4688 for paving on North Adams from No. 24th to 27th; North 28th from Proctor to Monroe; North 15th from Jackson to James; Harmon from No. 13th to No. 17th; Shirley from No. 30th St. approximately 500 ft. south. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17092:

Approving and confirming the Assessment roll for L I D 5332 for water mains in Mildred St. from No. 17th to No. 24th; Lexington from No. 17th to No. 23rd; No. 23rd from Lexington to Mildred St. and No. 24th from Mildred to Hawthorne Drive. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Steele.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

State Examiners report for the Belt Line Div. for the period covering January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961.

Placed on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment for L I D 5342 for cast iron water mains in Bell St. from So. 74th to 76th St.; So. 76th from "A" to Pacific Avenue.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, July 23, 1962 at 4:00 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 5342. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands announced that the 27th Annual Institute of Government will meet at the University of Washington in Seattle on July 11th and 12th, 1962. The topic will be, "Washington's Crisis-Governing the Urban Area." He asked how many Council members plan to attend so that reservations can be made for the luncheon. On July 12th, there will also be a conference in Tacoma with the Citizens Committee discussing Planning and Development; there will be some outstanding speakers in the field of Urban Development attending.

Mr. Rowlands said the position of an Airport Manager should be filled in the near future. Someone is needed to work on a full time basis to get everything in readiness for the opening. To date there have been eight or nine applications submitted for the position, Mr. Rowlands added, if it is agreeable with the Council he will bring in an Ordinance next week amending the Compensation Plan providing for this position. This matter was discussed last year by the Council members and at that time it was felt that the Airport should be a separate department of the City Government. The Airport Manager would be an appointive position under the City Manager and would work with the other Departments. Depending upon the weather conditions and without any mishap, perhaps, the Airport will be opened at the end of the year.

Mr. Murtland asked if the Council is going to adopt the name of the airport as "Tacoma Industrial Airport. It has been called by that name but insofar as he knew no name had been chosen officially.

Mr. Rowlands said that was correct. The name had been discussed about a year ago but no definite decision had been made. In checking with FAA officials, "Tacoma Industrial Airport" was acceptable if there was no conflict with any other airport.

Mr. Murtland said at the time it was discussed there was some controversy over the name and it was decided to put it off until a later date. He added, if a name is chosen, it should be adopted.

Mr. Finnigan suggested that inasmuch as the new Council members were not on the Council when this was discussed, he would like a review of what transpired so they can proceed in an orderly manner in selecting a name.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would gather this information so that the Council members will have an opportunity to review the material.

COMMENTS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Murtland said an article appeared in the Editorial of the News Tribune stating that Tacoma was given an Award of Excellence from the American Automotible Association. He said there was only one other City

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in the same bracket receiving the commendation. He stated when the award is given, he wanted it brought to the attention of the Council so more publicity can be given to it.

Mr. Rowlands said the presentation will be given in August by the National Safety Council and all of the Council members will be invited to participate.

Mr. Cvitanich said he wanted to thank Mr. Finnigan for his assistance in obtaining material for the salmon cookers and donating his time.

Mayor Tollefson said the AMA conference will be held in Philadelphia ²⁸² on August 25th through 29th and the theme will be "City-State Relations". He asked if the Council had examined their schedule to determine who could ²⁸⁹ attend. He stated he would like to submit the names to AMA for reservations and also the names will be available to the staff of the Municipal Association for the possibility of being appointed on a particular committee. He asked which two Council members would like to attend.

Mr. Bott said this would fit in with his schedule and felt he would gain a lot.

Mr. Murtland said he would like to attend, however, some consideration should be given to the other members.

Dr. Herrmann said he would like to go, however, he would defer because he thought an experienced person should attend.

Mayor Tollefson said, sometimes, an inexperienced Council member brings back something an experienced one wouldn't see.

Mr. Finnigan asked how many should attend.

Mayor Tollefson said the Manager, Mayor and two Council members would be sufficient.

It was mentioned that Mr. Steele had indicated he would like to go.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Mayor, City Manager and two of the three Council members, Bott, Murtland or Steele attend the convention. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson said the general expenses are paid by the City, such as transportation, hotel room and only those functions dealing with the meeting. Other expenses are paid by the persons, themselves.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P. M.

W. M. Tollefson
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

Josephine Melton