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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
July 9, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Egan, Hudson, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 2 - Herrmann and Moss. Dr. Herrmann and Mr. Moss arrived at 5:07 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Egan.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 2, 1974.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System meeting of May 23, 1974.
- b. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of June 3, 1974.
- c. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, report of purchases and sales of investments, June, 1974.
- d. Tacoma Emergency Services filing Personnel & Administrative Claim for May, 1974.
- e. Personnel Report, May, 1974.

Mr. Nelson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Johnston presented a proclamation to Mr. Stan Barker commending him and Mr. Stan Johnson for establishing a building fund for Mr. Mike Kuse, a citizen of Tacoma who has suffered severe hardships in the last few months.

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

Planning Commission submitting Shoreline Management Permit Application of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific R. R. Company for Rail-Barge Transfer Landing Facility.

Mrs. Egan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20157 Authorizing execution of EEA Grant 53-2-0008 in the sum of \$426,100 to continue operation of the Public Employment Program.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20158 Accepting a grant for \$583,100.00 from the U.S. Department of Labor under authority of Title II of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 for a Public Service Employment Program.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20160 Granting a franchise to Buffalen Woodworking Co. for two spur tracks across Taylor Way north of Lincoln Avenue.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20161 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a contract with Washington State Law and Justice Planning Office for federal funds in the amount of \$10,307 for the purchase of portable radios and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20162 Appropriating the sum of \$7,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the County-City Public Health Pooling Fund, for the purpose of administering certain programs for the balance of 1974.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20163 Authorizing changing the name of Highland Street to Bantz Boulevard from the north line of existing Bantz Boulevard north of South 10th Street to the south line of 6th Avenue.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20164 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the southeast corner of No. 3rd & J Streets in an "R-5-T" District. (Dr. Huish, et al)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20165 Amending Chapter 6.89 of the Official Code relative to gambling taxes, declaring an emergency making necessary the taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20166 Appropriating the sum of \$1,494.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund, Account #001-253-313, for the purpose of reimbursing members of the Fire Department for tuition paid for the Fire Command and Administration Program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20167 Amending Section 1.12.530 of the Official Code relative to rate of pay for Fire Battalion Chief.

Mayor Johnston explained that through inadvertance, the salary for Battalion Chiefs of the Fire Department was \$4.00 less than that of Police Captains. Traditionally, over the years these positions have been on a parity.

William Donaldson, City Manager, stated it is the staff's feeling that the difference in salary, while minor, arose out of the collective bargaining process and if there is a remedy, it should come out of the same process and not through the City Council.

Council members expressed their views on the ordinance, with Mrs. Egan requesting that copies of the arbitrators' opinion be made available to Council. Dr. Herrmann left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

After further discussion, the Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20168 Vacating the area between the easterly line of the Puyallup Waterway and the westerly line of vacated Sitcum Avenue from East 11th Street to the inner harbor line. (Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific R.R. Co.)

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 22908 Awarding contracts to:  
1. Howard-Cooper Corp. on its bid of \$16,692.68 for Bituminous Distributor for use by Public Works Maintenance Division;  
2. Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$59,949.80 for L.I.D. 8031 & W.O.'s 91186 and 91187.  
3. Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$348,391.55 for L.I.D. 8019 & W.O. 91188;  
4. Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$134,282.30 for L.I.D. 3729;  
5. Art Pearson Electric & General Contractor on its bid of \$81,177.70 for W.O. 57945.

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

Resolution No. 22909 Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$150,000 from the Arterial Street Fund to the Garbage and Refuse Fund.

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. 22910 Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to negotiate a contract with Robert B. Price & Associates, Architects, for preparation of plans and specifications and associated bid documents for the construction of the Tacoma Bicentennial Pavilion.

City Manager Donaldson explained the differences between the Bicentennial Pavilion and the Civic Center Project in 1972.

Mr. Bill Adams, 2204 North 28th, spoke.

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

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 22911. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 22911 Appointing nine members to the Broadway Plaza Advisory Committee.

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

- a. This is the date set for hearing Harman Management Corporation appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to deny their request for a Special Use permit for an off-street parking area between Pacific Avenue and Bell Street approximately 150 feet south of South 54th Street. (5-20-74 Planning Commission denied the request for the permit 6-0, 1 absent)

Rod Kerslake, Planning Department, explained the Planning Commission's reasons for denying the request, stating that it was felt the parking lot would be an intrusion on the neighborhood residents.

Ron Hone, Harman Management Corporation, stated that since the Planning Commission's decision, the petitioner has met with neighbors in the area and has proposed several amendments to the original request which seem to be more favorable to the surrounding property owners.

Alison Hoffman, 5413 South Bell, stated that the interested citizens in the neighborhood are satisfied with the amendments proposed by Harman Management Corporation and feel they are sympathetic to neighbors concerns and have been most cooperative.

Edwin Beck, owner of a parcel of property in the area, spoke in opposition to the Special Use Permit.

Mayor Johnston expressed his concern regarding maintenance of the landscaping to be done on the property and suggested that this be a condition of the permit.

Mr. Nelson moved that the matter be referred back to the Planning Commission for consideration of the amendments to the permit as suggested by the petitioner. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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- b. This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning the property located on the northwest corner of South 45th and Warner Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District. (6-3-74 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0, 1 absent) (Paul M. Schwebke)

Rod Kerslake explained the circumstances surrounding the proposed rezone, and the reasons for the Planning Commission's approval of the rezona.

Mr. Schwebke, the petitioner, was present but did not speak.

Mayor Johnston requested the Planning Department to make available to Council a plot of the general area from 38th to 48th Streets and from the Tacoma Mall to Union Avenue, and spot on that plot the areas that have been zoned R-3 and R-4 to give Council an overall picture of the zoning in that area.

Mrs. Egan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

- c. This is the date set for hearing the Text Amendments to the Tacoma Zoning Ordinance relating to the definition of church and also to the definition and regulation of setbacks for group buildings. (6-3-74 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0, 1 absent)

Mr. Kerslake pointed out the proposed amendments would add a definition of "church" to the Zoning Ordinance and would clarify the section of the ordinance dealing with setbacks. He advised that the language proposed in the definition of "church" was provided by the Legal Department.

Mr. Robert Ellener, 3303 Gay Road East, spoke and expressed his concern regarding the effects of topography on property setbacks.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. Egan made reference to a legal opinion from Mr. Barker which referred to a rezone file of Agnes & R. H. Peterson. Mr. Barker recommended that the file be closed.

Mrs. Egan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sonntag, that the rezone file be closed. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mrs. Egan made a motion that North 30th Street between McCarver and Starr be paved with bricks and that funding be limited to \$9,500. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Nelson expressed his concerns regarding the possible acquisition of Thun Field by the County and the possible loss of general aviation business to the Tacoma Industrial Airport. He felt the lines of communication should be left open between the Port, the County and the City so if any decisions are made they are made with the City's knowledge and perhaps some input.

Mayor Johnston advised that at the last meeting of the Planning Coalition, it was reaffirmed that an update of plans for air travel in the County would be made with a representative of the City staff, County staff and Port staff, working in conjunction with the Federal Aviation authorities.

Upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
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GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK