

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, April 26, 1966

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1, Finnigan. Mr. Finnigan arriving at 4:40 P. M.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of suggestion awards to L. G. Belanger, Ted Magnusson, Eugene C. Rattke and Harold T. White.

Mayor Tollefson presented L. G. Belanger of the Public Works Dept. with a \$25.00 award for his suggestion regarding the welding of handles to existing pipe caps on spray bar ends of street sweepers. A \$25.00 award was presented to Ted Magnusson of the Finance Dept. for his suggestion of a special breakdown of the Local Improvement Districts and Sidewalk Construction Funds in the Finance Dept. A \$25.00 award was presented to Eugene C. Rattke of the Fire D.pt. for his suggestion relative to the installation of an indicator light in the cab of Fire Trucks having a tillerman steering the rear tractor. A \$25.00 award was presented to Harold T. White of the Police Dept. for his suggestion regarding the installation of a night duty status board in the Police Dept. Complaint Center.

The participants of the awards were congratulated by Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Rowlands and members of the City Council.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by Piggly-Wiggly Enterprises, Inc. for the vacation of the alley between K and L Streets from So. 9th to So. 10th Streets.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mrs. Price moved that the proper ordinance be drafted approving the vacation. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing on the Text Change Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. (Resubmission of application for amendment)

Stan Wiley, Assistant Director of Planning, explained that this amendment provides for a time period after a rezoning has been denied or denied in part by the City Council, that the petitioner may not resubmit his application for a period

of one year from the effective date of final action, except that an application for amendment may be resubmitted not less than six months after the date of final action upon a finding by the City Council that sufficient change of circumstances warrant a reconsideration. He added, the Planning Commission felt such a provision would provide a reasonable time period prior to rehearing a previously denied reclassification request.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mr. Haley moved that the proper ordinance be drafted approving the Text Change Amendment. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c. This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by A. W. Bullis, et al on the denial of the request for the rezoning of property located in the area bounded by Pearl St., Defiance St., Westgate Blvd. and No. 22nd St. from an "R-2" to a "C-P-N" and an "R-4-L" District.

Mr. Neil Hoff, attorney representing the petitioners, stated that the Highland Hill complex will not in any way affect their proposed zoning as the proposed Narrows freeway will wall off householders in the area from Highland Hill and other 6th Avenue shopping facilities. He added, a survey was taken and 400 residents of the area had signed a petition in favor of the rezone.

Mr. Norton Carlson, site developer for the A & P Food Stores, explained their feasibility study had indicated it would be economically feasible as it was a sufficient trade area for this development. He added, traffic seems to be a problem and if there was anything that could be done to alleviate this situation they would do it.

Mr. Wiley, explained there will be a freeway overpass at Pearl St. and planners fear the rezoning would start a chain reaction for commercial development, which would result in traffic congestion on Pearl and 21st Streets. There are two large commercial districts already established in this area within a one-mile radius. The staff was also concerned with the proposed apartment zone back off the arterial. A high speed arterial street has limited access points whenever possible and it was felt that a commercial development at the location proposed, would generate too much traffic.

He added, the proposed apartment fronts on a residential street and would be located directly across from a potential single-family development and this is also not good planning.

Mr. Jack C. Miller, residing at 1840 No. Winnifred, Mr. George Busch of 1830 No. Winnifred, Carson May of 2120 No. Winnifred, Richard Rose of 1433 No. Bennett and Harold Prescott of 5315 No. 8th, all spoke against the rezone. Mr. Miller had presented a petition with 286 signatures protesting the rezone. They felt the children attending Truman Junior High School would be in jeopardy as the traffic created by a development of this size would be hazardous. Mr. May was assured by the realtor when he bought his house that this would always be a residential development. Furthermore, a high-rise apartment would definitely affect their view of the Olympic Mountains. He felt there were other areas in the City zoned commercial to accommodate this development.

After further discussion, Mr. Haley moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the request for the rezoning of No. 21st and Pearl St. submitted by A. W. Bullis, et al. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Ayes 6; Nays 3, Bott, Murtland and Price; Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

PETITIONS:

a. Petition submitted by Charles E. Delauro requesting rezoning of property located at the east side of Pacific Ave. and south of So. 88th St. extended from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

b. Petition submitted by James Lee Gray requesting the rezoning of property located at the S. W. corner of So. 66th and Cheyenne St. from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18686

Fixing Tuesday, May 10, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of property located on the N. W. corner of So. 38th St. and California Avenue. (Petition of Arthur Munson)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18687

Authorizing the acceptance of an easement from the American Smelting and Refining Company for the construction of the interceptor sewer line in connection with the Mason Gulch Treatment Plant.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18688

Awarding contract to Caldwell Machinery Co. on its bid of \$14,382.73 incl. tax and freight plus optional equipment, in the amount of \$250.00 for an aggregate spreader.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote. Ayes 8; Nays 1, Finnigan, Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18689

Appointing John Bozich, Jr. to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a 5 year term terminating on February 4, 1971, to replace Palmer Peterson.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18690

Policy statement for acquisition of land pursuant to the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18054

Amending Sections 1.12.510, 520, 530, 590 and 640 of the official code relative to the pay and compensation plan to reflect the rate changes approved by the City Council for the Electrical Workers Agreement.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18055

Authorizing the condemnation of property located in the vicinity of So. 78th St. between South Tacoma Way and Bridgeport Way to acquire easement rights for the Southwest Substation.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Tacoma Police Dept. report for the month of March 1966.
- b. Fire Dept. report for the month of March 1966.
- c. 25th Annual report of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, 1965.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Neighborhood Youth Corps is to be commended as 31 of these youths have been placed in private employment since the inception of the program.

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Mr. Rowlands stated the Downtown Urban Renewal Project was approved and it is hoped that the Legal Dept. will bring in the Resolution next week for processing.

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Mr. Rowlands said the Pierce County Commissioners were informed by their legal advisors that they could not contribute funds toward the transfer of the Robert Joffrey Ballet Co. to Tacoma, as it would be illegal.

Mrs. George C. Gilman and Mrs. R. T. Corsi, patrons of the Ballet, asked that the City Council donate as much money as possible for the purpose of bringing the Robert Joffrey Ballet to Tacoma, as it is an excellent opportunity to have someone of national prominence in Tacoma as both parties will benefit.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained in his opinion it was legal to contribute to Allied Arts for the carrying on of their activities and completing their program, since an amount was stipulated in the 1966 budget.

Mr. Johnson felt that the Council should support activities of this nature.

Mr. Haley agreed with Mr. Johnson and felt it was an important step for the City of Tacoma. He felt, if the City contributed, it may influence other organizations that it was a worthwhile project.

Mrs. Price asked if she was correct in assuming that the \$3000 voted by the Council for Allied Arts, was for maintenance of the building.

Mr. McCormick stated that was a different proposition, it was to help carry on the general services and to keep the organization going, as such. He felt they did not specifically earmark the funds for any particular item.

Mr. Murtland asked why the Council couldn't earmark this for the Ballet.

Mr. McCormick felt it would not be legal, as there is a difference, of bringing in one dancing troupe, and helping and aiding in a cultural organization which has been recognized as having a generalized program.

Mr. Finnigan thought that the \$25,000 is being granted on a regional basis, and it is the feeling of the people who are backing the cultural program, that they will try to raise the money in Seattle and Tacoma. He added, this was Mr. Evans' suggestion, to keep it more under control. He felt that the City Council should abide by the Resolution that was proposed last week for \$7500 instead of the motion made tonight for \$2500, as it would be more profitable to the organization.

Mayor Tollefson stated, he felt the resolution made last week indicated a support of the Council for the project and did not necessarily mean \$7500 would be forthcoming from the City budget. He felt, perhaps, the \$2500 stipulated now would stimulate monies forthcoming from other sources. He added, there are two alternatives, the resolution last week for \$7500 which was attached to Pierce County's donation and this one, a specific resolution for a smaller amount.

Mr. McCormick felt the resolution would have to be worded to include more than one particular group.

Mr. Johnson moved that the City of Tacoma grant to the Allied Arts Commission the sum of \$2500 provided that the said Arts Commission raise from other sources, which together with this grant, will be sufficient to carry on the proposed program including participation in area programs such as the Joffrey Ballet group. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

It was understood that this motion will supersede the motion made at the City Council meeting last week in respect to the joint participation by the City and County in this activity.

Voice vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked that the Public Works Dept. check the traffic signal light situation on 6th Ave. and Olympic Blvd. as the cars are backed up to the Narrows bridge when traffic is heavy, particularly on a Sunday or Holiday.

Mr. Rowlands stated this would be checked.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked if the overall cost of the asphalt plant exceeds the cost if the City were to call for competitive bids.

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Mr. Rowlands stated the Public Works Dept. is checking the costs again. The City Council received a report about two years ago and the staff will be bringing it up to date shortly.

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Mr. Finnigan felt there is not enough attention being paid to the traffic situation in the industrial area from 7 to 8 o'clock in the morning and 4 to 5 P. M. A logging train crossed St. Paul Ave. in the area of 15th St. and held up a considerable amount of traffic this morning. The 15th Street bridge has been closed from 9 to 3 P. M. the past week, and this also caused more traffic congestion. He hoped this situation would be alleviated.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M.

*W. J. Sullivan*  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Metton*  
City Clerk