

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, November 9, 1965

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

Mayor Tollefson moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 1965 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of Safe Driver Awards:

Charles Zittel, Chief of Police, stated that a Certificate of Achievement was received by the Tacoma Police Dept. for excellent rating in a National Police Safety Contest sponsored by the United Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Safety Council. The Police fleet, composed of 53 vehicles, drove over a million miles during the period between June 1964 and June 1965 with only an accident record of fifteen which was much lower than the national average.

Mayor Tollefson congratulated Chief Zittel on their achievement. He felt the City should have a Trophy room as the City has received so many certificates of achievement which should be on display to visitors.

Eighteen Firemen and Policemen who have driven City cars for the last five years without an accident were presented with Safe Driver Awards.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and Mayor Tollefson congratulated the recipients on their awards.

Presentation of Suggestion Awards:

Mr. Joseph R. Fortier, of the Public Works Dept. was awarded \$25.00 for his suggestion regarding the use of Tanker Trailer #1803.

Mr. Lyle J. Porter, of the Public Works Dept., was awarded \$25.00 for his suggestion regarding the use of a template to facilitate the marking of STOP Sign Posts.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and Mayor Tollefson congratulated the recipients for their suggestions.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

(a) This is the date set over for hearing on the petition submitted by Forrester Realty & Mortgage Co. for the rezoning of property located at the N. W. corner of So. 72nd and Portland Ave. from an "R-2" & "C-1" to a "C-P-N" District.

Mr. Sides, who owns the extreme property to the north of the rezone stated that his property is presently zoned "R-2". He added, that Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, had suggested that it be rezoned "R-4-L" along with this rezone.

Mr. Buehler explained that Mr. Sides' property was not included in the petition for the "C-P-N" rezone and that a hearing had not been conducted by the Planning Commission to expand the area.

Mayor Tollefson explained, that the petition for a "C-P-N" rezone was for the N. W. corner of So. 72nd and Portland Ave. only, which was heard by the Planning Commission. He added, if in the future, the nearest property owners wished to request their property to be rezoned it would no doubt be done.

Mr. Sides felt, his property would go down in value because of this "C-P-N" zone.

Mayor Tollefson stated at this particular time it is not the province of the Council to make this decision. It is up to the parties involved in the rezoning if they wish to purchase the adjacent property.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the proper Ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

(b) This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by M. A. C. Realty Co. et al. for the vacation of a 10 foot wide sidewalk easement located between 55th St. N. E. & 58th St. N. E. from Beverly to Frances Ave.

No one appearing and no protests being made Mrs. Price moved that an Ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

(c) This is the date set for hearing on the "Recreation and Open Space Plan for Tacoma, Washington from 1965-1975".

Mr. Erling Mork, Associate Planner, explained the Recreation and Open Space Plan for Tacoma from the year 1965 to 1975. He stated that 2,000 acres of land are involved in this plan.

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Mr. Buehler explained that the land acquisition is the first step to be carried out.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the North 30th and Ruston Way tunnel could be taken care of since Sperry Mills are not in operation at the present time.

Mr. Rowlands said the right-of-way is held by the N. P. Railway Company and meetings have been held with the personnel just recently.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, stated they have been checking to determine what is to become of the mill, however the Sperry Company owns very little of the property involved.

Mr. Cvitanich felt that "eminent domain" should be exercised if it were legally possible as it pertains to the future development of the community.

Mr. Schuster stated if two lanes were constructed at the present level, the mill would have to be removed. A plan had been discussed to erect one lane above street level at the approximate grade of the existing unloading tracks and one at the present street level and change the loading area of the mill. He added, it would be possible to construct two lanes on the street level, but the money has not been available.

Mr. Rowlands stated, the purpose of having the plan adopted by the City Council is that it will then be a part of the Comprehensive Plan. The Puget Sound Governmental Conference is to serve as a clearing house, as the requests for funds are made to the Inter-Agency Committee of Washington State and to H.H.F.A. The petitions will be prepared and submitted from the four-County areas.

Mr. Buehler stated, that this plan, according to State regulations must be up-dated within five years.

Mr. Rowlands stated this will also be discussed by the Citizen's Committee under the sub-committees of Urban Renewal and Open Space.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if, after the land is acquired by the City, can the City Council determine what is to be placed thereon.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the City Council and the Park Board, working together can determine exactly what can be placed on the property.

Mr. Johnson moved that a Resolution approving the Recreation and Open Space Plan for Tacoma, Washington from 1965-1975 be prepared and submitted at the next Council meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Petition submitted by William A. McPhee, M. D. requesting the rezoning of the N. E. corner of 56th & Fawcett from an "R-2" to an "R-2-TM" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18495

Fixing Tuesday, November 23, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the rezoning of property located on the south side of So. 72nd St. between D St. and Pacific Ave. (Petition of Associated Grocers.)

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

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

Resolution No. 18496

Awarding contract to Tom Tonnesen on its bid of \$7,036.00 incl. tax for L I D 3608.

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

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

Resolution No. 18497

Agreement with the Tacoma Elks Lodge No. 174 for the re-alignment and improvement of So. Cedar St. from So. 19th to Center St. in the area of the Tacoma Elks Bldg.

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

Mrs. Price asked when the work would begin on this realignment.

Mr. Schuster stated the bids would go out this coming Friday, November 12, 1965 and they will be opened on November 22, 1965.

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

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Dr. Herrmann moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 18498. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18498

Appointing Karel Pokorny, M. D., as Acting Director of Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.

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

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

Mr. Haley asked that a Resolution be submitted commending Dr. Fargher for his years of service with the City and that it be sent to his family.

Mayor Tollefson stated, this would be done.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17959

Amending Chapter 8.30 of the Official Code of the City relating to Nuisances.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Mr. Cvitanich left at 5:05 P. M.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17955

Vacating all of the alley right-of-way located within the block bounded by So. 55th, So. 56th, G & Park Ave. (Petition of Safeway Stores, Inc.)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mr. Haley felt that landscaping a parking lot would enhance business for any concern as so many parking lots do absolutely nothing for the surrounding neighborhood.

Ordinance No. 17956

Vacating the southerly portion of Waterview St. between McIntosh & Dale; west portion of Dale between Waterview & Forrest Sts. and the alley lying between Waterview & Forrest Sts. (Petition of Public Works Dept.)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17957

Vacating a portion of Ruston Way approximately 250 feet east of Orchard St. (Petition of Public Works Dept.)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Public Works Director presents the assessment roll for the cost of improvement for L I D 4745 for paving on No. 14th from Proctor to Union and other nearby streets.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, December 13, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date of hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 4745. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

a. Report from the Municipal Court for the month of October 1964 and 1965.

b. Report from the City Planning Dept. for the month of October 1965.

c. Report from the Employees Retirement System for the month of October 1965.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands asked if there were any Councilmen who did not want the Agenda left at their homes on Friday night, even though they were not at home. If not, other arrangements can be made. They all indicated the agendas could be left at their homes. ✓

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Mr. Finnigan wished to commend the Fire Dept. for the marvelous work that has been done at the recent fires on the Tide-flats.

Mr. Rowlands stated if each of these buildings would add a sprinkler system to their equipment, it has proven it would cut these disasterous fires to a minimum. Perhaps, a national grant could be obtained by working with the insurance agencies to determine why there isn't a greater reflection on rates between the buildings with sprinklers, and those without.

Mr. Haley requested that Mr. Rowlands submit a report on the activities of the Police and Fire Departments in regard to patrolling the tideflat area because of the numerous fires that have occurred in recent months. 73

Mr. Kinville, representative of the Local Union #120 of the County-City Employees, asked, since the County is giving their employees a day off for working Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1965, if the City Council intends to do the same for the City employees.

Mayor Tollefson stated there is an agreement with the employees of the City that states what holidays they receive.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated, the City Compensation Plan specifically lists the holidays that are allowed. The fact that a day is a holiday for State employees does not necessarily mean that City employees receive the same holiday. It depends entirely upon what the Compensation Plan provides.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

AM Tollefson

Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

Josephine Melton

City Clerk