

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, June 7, 1966

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 6: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 3: Bott, Haley and Price. Mr. Bott arriving at 4:11 P. M.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

"Suggester of the Year" award to Mr. Joseph R. Fortier.

Mayor Tollefson presented Joseph R. Fortier with the "Suggester of the Year" Citation, submitted by the National Association of Suggestion Systems.

Mr. Fortier earned this honor for his participation in the Suggestion Program of the City of Tacoma. He has submitted five suggestions and after the third, he was awarded a bonus.

Mr. Fortier was congratulated by Mayor Tollefson, John Sankovich, Assistant City Manager, and members of the City Council.

### HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the request submitted by Alma Giles for the rezoning of property located at the N. E. corner of So. Union and Melrose St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

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

b. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by James Lee Gray for the rezoning of the S. W. corner of So. 66th and Cheyenne Sts. from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

An appeal had been filed on May 31, 1966.  
Suggested date for hearing is July 12, 1966.

Dr. Herrmann moved that Tuesday, July 12, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the appeal of James Lee Gray for the rezoning of the S. W. corner of So. 66th and Cheyenne Sts. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18739

Fixing Tuesday, June 28, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of property located on the east side of So. Manitou Way in the vicinity of So. 56th Street. (petition of Western Finance Company)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Price.

Resolution No. 18740

Fixing Monday July 11, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4790 for paving on Ferry St. from So. 43rd to So. 48th St. ; So. 48th from Ferry to 550 feet west of Ferry St.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Price.

Resolution No. 18741

Settling the claim of Arnold R. & Dale C. Bledsoe in the sum of \$1200.00.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Haley and Price.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18073

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.051-3 to include property on all (4) corners of So. 31st St. and Union Ave. in an "R-3-T" District. (petition of R. B. Churchill)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Tacoma Police Department for the month of April 1966.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Sankovich, Assistant City Manager, reiterated the areas in which the old City Hall was in need of repair. He stated the roofs of the Clock tower and North tower were badly in need of shingles. The cornices, parapets and downspouts as well as the gutters need at least minimal repair to prevent further deterioration of the building.

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He added, Monday noon the Council members had toured the building and were able to ascertain the overall condition of the structure.

Mr. Sankovich asked for a directive from the City Council as to their wishes in regard to the disposition of this building.

Mr. Finnigan felt it might be well to obtain a few estimates for temporary repair of the areas that need immediate attention.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, stated it had been suggested that a City crew be used to take the old roof off, down to the sheeting. Then a contract could be let for a temporary roof, however, even with this type of repair, by the nature of expansion and contraction, it would eventually require a whole new roof.

Dr. Herrmann stated, if the building is to be restored, he felt it should be placed in a first-class condition. He could see no reason to just patch the building, and felt, perhaps, a bond issue for restoring the building should be submitted to the voters.

Mayor Tollefson remarked, the consensus after the last discussion of this matter was to make the building safe with the minimal repairs necessary to prevent damage, until such time as a survey group could determine what the situation was and the costs of restoring the building would be.

Mr. Finnigan stated he was under the impression that Mr. David Stevens of the Manager's office was also checking on this matter in regard to a federal grant that would be available for restoration. ✓

Mr. Stevens, Federal-State Coordinator, stated that there have been hearings in Washington in regard to the grounds around a historical site, but not for an actual grant for restoration of a particular building, and even if this would be approved, the monies would not be available for several months.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the City repair the building to a minimum condition and then contact interested parties to present a plan on further restoration and future occupancy of the building.

After further discussion, Mayor Tollefson asked the City Manager's staff to submit a report on the cost of minimal repairs to the old City Hall. He also requested that the Beautification Committee, Allied Arts and the local Architects be contacted regarding a meeting to determine what use can be made of the building.

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Mr. Cvitanich stated, that the Stadium Memorial Association was a dedicated group, and if any funds were available, he felt they should be assisted. ✓

Mayor Tollefson stated, the City has not been involved in that matter as the School Board is responsible for that piece of property.

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Mayor Tollefson appointed Mr. Bott, Mr. Murtland and Mr. Cvitanich to the Board of Equalization of Pierce County, which will have its first meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 1966 at 9:00 A. M. 5-8-27 ✓ 59-318

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Mr. Cvitanich wondered if the City was making any progress in its

negotiations with the railroads in regard to the Sperry Tunnel, since General Mills Inc. had transferred its operation.

Mr. Schuster stated the staff has been in constant contact with the railroad companies, but has not been able to obtain any positive information. ✓

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Mr. Finnigan stated, it was well over three months ago that the State Highway Dept. stated they would have a report for the City regarding the highway in the industrial area.

Mr. Schuster stated he had been informed that the District office of the Highway Dept. had sent its findings to the Headquarters office about three weeks ago. ✓

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Schuster to contact the State Highway Dept. to determine the status of the Tacoma industrial area highway.

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Mr. Bott informed the Council the Daffodil float will take part in the Portland Rose Parade on June 11th, 1966. ✓

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 5:08 P. M.

Sam Tollefson  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton  
City Clerk