

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 24, 1966

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Murtland and Cvitanich. Mr. Murtland arriving at 4:07 P.M. and Mr. Cvitanich at 4:10 P. M.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of a suggestion award to Ted Magnusson.

Mayor Tollefson presented Ted Magnusson with a \$100.00 award for his suggestion for improved procedures pertaining to Fiscal Agency Accounts in the Finance Department.

Mr. Magnusson was congratulated by Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Rowlands and members of the City Council.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by L. M. Haverly on the denial of the request for rezoning of property located at 908 So. Proctor St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

Mr. Haverly, petitioner, stated that he filed an appeal on April 14, 1966 and he felt the Planning Commission erred in its recommendation for denial. He added, only six objections from property owners within the 400 feet surrounding the site, had been made.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, stated four to six objections from possibly one hundred or more property owners would not in any sense comprise a majority of opinion, however, the applicant neglected to state that not one property owner spoke in favor of his request. A zoning request, such as submitted by the applicant is considered by the Planning Commission as spot zoning. The site lies in the center of a large area of single-family homes. The Commission contends that rezoning is not the answer for redevelopment in this single-family district. In viewing the entire neighborhood, the majority of the homes appear well kept and basically sound. The Planning Commission concluded that the evidence presented in support of the application disclosed no change in conditions originally contemplated when the zoning for that area was originally adopted. Such a rezoning would only serve as an economic advantage to the property owner involved and would tend to destroy the neighbors confidence in the integrity of the City's policies regarding sound zoning.

Mr. Haley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the request for the rezoning. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18717

Fixing Tuesday June 7, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the rezoning of the N. E. corner of Melrose St. and Union Ave. (petition of Alma Giles)

Dr. Herrmann 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. 18718

Fixing Tuesday June 21, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of Alder St. between So. 37th and So. 38th Streets. (petition of George R. Batey)

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

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

Resolution No. 18719

Fixing Tuesday, June 21, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of So. 70th and So. 72nd Sts. between Sprague Ave. and a point approximately 630 feet west of Sprague Avenue. (petition of Hillcrest Properties, Inc.)

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. 18720

Fixing Monday June 27, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4788 for paving on So. 40th from Pacific Ave. to A St. and other nearby streets.

Mr. Finnigan 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. 18721

Awarding contract to Feenaughty Machinery Co. for the furnishing of one Backhoe Loader on its bid of \$17,960.70 incl tax.

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. 18722

Awarding contract for L I D 4773 and W. O. No. 91112 to Woodworth & Co. Inc. on its bid of \$54,471.30 incl. sales tax.

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

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

Resolution No. 18723

Awarding contract for L I D 2369 to Morris Construction Co. on its bid of \$1,702.90.

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

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

Resolution No. 18724

Adopting the City of Tacoma's Beautification Program for 1966 which program is attached to Resolution No. 18549, adopted by the Council on the 21st day of December 1965.

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

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

Resolution No. 18725

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to lease to William Hocking and Robert Moriarty approximately 1800 square feet of space in the Municipal Dock Bldg. at a rental fee of \$50.00 per month incl. light and water for a period of five years, effective as of May 1, 1966.

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

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

Resolution No. 18726

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute for and on behalf of the City an agreement with the Wash. State Highway Commission for the relocation and rearrangement of storm and sanitary sewer facilities in the vicinity of the A Street Gulch area.

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

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

Resolution No. 18727

Approving and providing for the execution of a proposed demolition grant contract with the U. S. Government for Project No. Wash. M-1 (G).

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that federal officials deleted funds for administrative and inspection expenses from the City's original application. The deletion would make it difficult for the City to carry out the two-year demolition program because of the limited funds available locally. He added, he will contact officials in Washington D. C. during the coming week to determine if there might be any opportunity that some administrative expenses could be added to the grant.

Mr. Rowlands asked that this resolution be postponed for one week for that report.

Mrs. Price moved that Resolution No. 18727 be postponed for one week, until May 31, 1966. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18067

Amending the Pay & Compensation Plan by adding a new section 1.12.900 to the Official Code of the City relative to Post Entry Training Program.

Mr. Rowlands explained there is more competition at this time for qualified employees and felt that a post entry training program would be well worthwhile.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18068

Vacating the west 125 feet of the alley lying between 6th Ave. & So. 7th St. from Puget Sound Ave. to Warner Street. (petition of Zion Lutheran Church)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18069

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.083-3 to include property on the east side of So. D between So. 70th and So. 72nd Sts. in an "R-4-LT" District. (petition of Joseph Kotas)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18058

Amending Title 13 of the Official Code of the City by adding subsection 7 to Section 13.06.470 relative to zoning and platting and Resubmission of Application for Amendment. (Text Amendment)

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. 18065

Amending subsection 32 of Section 8.12.010 of the Official Code of the City relative to Public Safety and Morals.

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. 18066

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.130 (35) to include property located at the NW corner of California Avenue and So. 38th St. in a "C-2" District. (petition of Arthur Munson.)

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands remarked that the City's application for \$80,000 toward demolition of the old City Hall Annex and improvement of the Allied Arts Center had run into difficulty at the Federal level. He added, the Federal officials have declined to approve the grant as a community center, but have indicated they might consider it in terms of a neighborhood facility. They have suggested that the center be used to house a relocation office in connection with the downtown urban renewal program and for projects for youth and elderly persons financed with anti-poverty funds. ✓

Mr. Rowlands felt the City could comply with the Federal request but it may take a longer time than anticipated. 317

Mr. Rowlands asked L. J. Gillis, Division Chief of the Buildings Dept. of Public Works to explain the condition of the old City hall building as this time.

Mr. Gillis explained that the loose stone and metal work is a hazard to the people walking by the building and should be removed. He added, photographs are being taken by the staff before removing pieces of terra-cotta and other material found to be hazardous. ✓

Mr. Haley thought before anything is removed from the building the staff should take photos or make drawings or impressions so that it can be restored, if such a decision is ultimately made.

Mayor Tollefson agreed that pictures should be taken with preservation in mind, but the City must do whatever is necessary to eliminate any hazards from falling material. He noted that the City should also embark on an immediate survey to see what must be done on a temporary basis to prevent the building's deterioration and possibly launch a study to help the Council make an ultimate determination.

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Mr. Finnigan said he had reviewed the building and felt there was still hope for its repair, but thought the Council should definitely meet with committees that are interested in saving the building.

Mayor Tollefson remarked that interested groups would be invited to discuss the building's fate.

Architects Allan Liddle and Robert Evans contended that with a little mortar, much of the decorative stone could be saved.

Mr. Evans presented the Council with preliminary drawings he had made of the conversion of the building to a classical high school or a convention center.

Mayor Tollefson said the City will attempt to save as much of the building as possible until such time as a study can be made for the entire building.

Mr. Robert Creso, businessman, protested the city putting the public's tax money into a building which is not going to be used.

Mr. Rowlands said, a meeting can be held on Monday, June 6 at twelve noon to review the building and repairs that have been made.

Mr. Rowlands reported that a meeting with Mr. Frank Morris, President of the local NAACP, Mr. Frank Russell and Chief Zittel, was held Tuesday afternoon in regard to a number of cross burnings in Tacoma. Mrs. Baker was also present as the Baker's were involved in an incident last weekend.

Mr. Rowlands assured the group that the City abhorred burning of crosses as well as incidents against people and their property.

Chief Zittel explained that an investigation is being intensified on the matter, but it has been very difficult as there is no physical evidence. We must have someone that has knowledge of plans to come forward, but so many times they do not wish to become involved. The cases do not follow any particular pattern and have occurred in various parts of the city.

Mayor Tollefson remarked that there had been no previous threats before the incidents and none after the incidents, and no property damage involved other than the incident itself, as burning on the lawn. Investigations over a period of time indicated there is neither an organized group or an unorganized group perpetrating these incidents. All of the indications are, that these are individual acts. The records indicate pranks, cranks or individual dislikes. The City is asking that all of the people of Tacoma cooperate with us as we all abhor this kind of conduct, and anything that invades privacy or the peace and quite of one's home, is something we cannot tolerate, he added.

Mayor Tollefson noted, no one at any time should attempt to take the law into their own hands to perform illegal acts when they want to achieve a certain end, rather by abiding by laws of the land.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Assistant Secretary of State called and asked how many Council members would be attending the Governor's Conference on "Decisions for Progress". It is to be held on Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th, 1966. He outlined the program and asked that the Councilmen inform him whether they can attend, and he would make their reservations.

Mr. Rowlands stated that copies of a letter from Mr. A. E. Betz, Jr. had been submitted to the Council relative to Ruston Way Scenic Drive and the Old Tacoma Dock. He wished to inform the Council that there will be a dock constructed in the Old Tacoma section of town. The staff is working with the Old

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Tacoma Improvement Club on this project. The plan in the open-space development program does not show any contemplation of destroying the buildings or parking areas mentioned in Mr. Betz's letter.

Mr. Finnigan stated there has been a street obstruction on 11th Street in two lanes for the past two weeks. He felt this was very objectionable particularly since 11th St. is one of the prime arterials in the city. He suggested that in the future on any heavily traveled arterial that two shifts be employed to do the work, since time should be of great importance.

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Robert Anderson, City Engineer, stated this had been discussed and hereafter there will be two shifts working on downtown construction such as this. He added, in the construction mentioned by Mr. Finnigan, the delay has been due to relocation of telephone lines by the Telephone Company.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P. M.

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk

W.A. Jollyson
Mayor of the City Council