

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 26, 1964**

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 11, 1964 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of a Suggestion Award to nine employees of Treatment Plant #1.

Mr. Rowlands presented a suggestion award amounting to \$25.00 to nine sewer utility employees who participated jointly in the award. The suggestion was for an improved method of taking laboratory samples of raw sludge at the Treatment Plant.

PETITIONS:

a. Lundberg Bros. requesting the rezoning of property on the east side of Orchard in the vicinity of So. 46th St. from an "R-2" to a "C-2", "M-1" and "M-2" District.

b. Weyerhaeuser Properties Inc., requesting the rezoning of property at the N. W. corner of So. 19th & Geiger Sts. from an "R-1" to a "C-1" District.

Petitions (a) and (b) referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17886

**Fixing Tuesday June 23, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of So. Ferdinand from Center to So. 28th Street.
(Petition of Walter Hogan)**

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Mr. Murtland 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. 17887

Fixing Monday June 22, 1964 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6848 for ornamental street lights on So. 34th from Thompson Ave. to So. J and on Tacoma Ave. from Wright to So. 35th Street.

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. 17888

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a written contract to provide cost estimates for the New Tacoma Project Wash. R-14, said services not to exceed \$1300.00 .

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

Mr. Rowlands said the name was left blank for the Council to decide what firm name to insert.

Mr. Murtland moved to insert the name of Donald L. Hansen. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Resolution No. 17889

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a local improvement assessment deed to Alf L. Hystad for consideration of \$25.00 for unimproved property located on the east side of Ferry St. between So. 23rd and So. 25th Streets.

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

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

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Resolution No. 17890

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with 64th and Yakima Inc. providing for the construction of various streets and rights of way in the area abutting west side of Yakima Ave. between So. 64th and So. 66th Streets.

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

Mrs. Price said it has been over a year since this property was considered. However, by the time it was rezoned many people who were interested in locating there backed out.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the Traffic Engineer had checked the ingress and egress of the area.

Mr. Bushler, Planning Director, said that the traffic pattern had been checked.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17614

Vacating So. 48th St. from the east line of So. Junett to the west line of So. Pine St. (Public Works Dept.) 215

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17585 (Re-consideration)

Amending Chap. 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.065(35) to include property between Warner & Alder Sts. extended from City limits to a point approximately 380 feet south of So. 76th St. (Application of R. S. Scott and G. M. Betts) 272

Mayor Tollefson said the opponents and proponents are being represented by their attorneys who are present this evening. He stated he would allow each attorney an opportunity to present his argument.

Mr. Ron Thompson, Attorney representing Mr. Scott and Mr. Betts, reiterated what had transpired before the Planning Commission and the City Council. Mr. Thompson said the proposed home parks cannot be separated because extension of a sewer line from South Tacoma Way to the Betts' property is unfeasible without the Scott development. He stated that no mobile home park has yet been developed in Tacoma under the rigid standards set forth in the 1959 ordinance. He stated that the petitioners will have to apply for a special permit which will enumerate specific condition if the rezoning is approved by the City Council.

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Mr. Mocerl, Attorney representing the opponents of the area, stated that access into the proposed mobile home park is inadequate and would work a hardship on the residents. A large group of the residents in the area felt that a mobile home park would be suitable on the Betts' property south of the City flume line which follows a ridge through the area, but not on the property north of the flume line which is adjacent to the residential area.

Mayor Tollefson remarked that he is still of the position that the mobile home park would be suitable on the Betts' property because of the natural terrain of the area but not on the Scott property.

Dr. Herrmann said in practically every neighborhood the residents resist changes but in regard to the access into the area it would be the same if it were developed into single family homes.

Following a discussion by the City Council, roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 3; Bott, Cvitanich and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17612

Vacating Gove St. between Center St. and So. 28th St. , also So. 28th St. from the east line of Mullen St. to a point 93.07 feet east of Gove St. (Petitioner Joe Iverson) ²⁷¹

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17613

Repealing Ordinance No. 17414 passed August 13, 1963 creating Sidewalk Construction Fund #63.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson, temporarily.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

Minutes of the Transit Subcommittee of the meeting of May 18, 1964 with attached letter from A. B. Comfort, Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Rowlands stated the Transit Subcommittee recognizes that some form of subsidy is absolutely essential to keep the Tacoma Transit System operating. He stated that the staff is still gathering information on possible ways and means of affecting a subsidy, which will be submitted to the Council when it is compiled.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested a cut in fares and within an area institution of a zone system to raise additional revenue.

Mr. Lee, Director of Transit, stated the zone system was tried during the street car days and was unsuccessful. He added, the mechanics are too complex and Tacoma isn't laid out in a manner conducive to such a system.

Dr. Herrmann asked why Spokane's privately owned bus system makes money while Tacoma's publicly owned system loses money.

Mr. Lee stated that Tacoma pays \$205,000 more per year than Spokane for wages and employee fringe benefits.

Dr. Herrmann asked about the possibility of more financial aid from the school district.

Mr. Lee said the school officials have been very cooperative in doing everything they can, legally. He said the special school run buses pay their own way.

Mr. Rowlands said the possibility of running buses from one location to another within an area is being reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

L I D 4713 for paving on J St. from So. 49th to 61st Sts. and other south end streets.

L I D 6824 for street lighting on So. I from 6th Ave. to D vision Ave.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, June 22, 1964 be set as the date of hearing for the assessment rolls on L I D 4713 and 6824. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Fire Prevention Bureau & Fire Alarm report for the month of April 1964.
- b. Tacoma Police Dept. report for the month of April 1964.
- c. Personnel Report for the month of April 1964.
- d. Traffic Division report for the month of April 1964.
- e. Director of Finance report for the month of April 1964.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Tollefson explained that Dr. Henry Minton was present tonight and would like to talk to the City Council in regard to the demolition of the City Hall annex.

Dr. Minton, representing Allied Arts of Tacoma, explained that A. N. Heath has pledged \$10,000 toward the demolition of the old City Hall annex. He said the building is a rat-infested and burn-infested building. If the structure were razed it would make room for approximately 40 parking spaces which are sorely needed. Furthermore, by installing parking meters, the City could reap some \$5,000 a year toward amortizing demolition costs, he added.

Mr. Rowlands explained that it would cost approximately \$20 to \$25,000 for razing the building which would include the filling in but not paving the site, and would not replace the old wall which it currently shares with the Allied Arts Center. Mr. Rowlands added, in the event the City would want to install meters in the area after the demolition, the law would first require that the space be advertised for possible private leasing.

Chief Assistant City Attorney, Robert Hamilton, explained that Seattle had a similar problem and it was the decision of the Court that first-class cities were required to call for bids on the operation of off-street parking facilities before they were allowed to undertake the operation themselves.

Mr. Haley, Mr. Johnson and Dr. Herrmann spoke in favor of the early destruction of the building.

Mr. Rowlands distributed a letter from L. S. Schmitt, President Adult Advisory Board of the Tacoma Youth Center to the Council members.

Mr. Rowlands said that Mr. Gellenbeck, a member of the Advisory Board was present to give a progress report on the building.

Mr. Gellenbeck pointed out various items that were constructed, such as a reinforced bond beam under the new roof which brought the building up to code regulations, a new fire place and brick chimney alterations. He added, the new millwork, doors, cabinets, etc. and other materials for both inside and outside of the building, including the steel work for the new fire escape and material for painting both inside and outside and the glass to re-glass the building have already been promised and will be donated by both wholesalers and retail business firms in the city. He also stated that the various labor unions have already rendered much assistance. He said with the cooperation of both business and labor, they hope to get the building completed by fall. He remarked that they currently have a 500 student membership in the center at present.

Mr. Ketler, representing the Joint Labor Committee, asked the City Council to consider giving the City employees Friday off preceding both Memorial Day and July 4th, which falls on a Saturday.

Following comments made by several Council member, Dr. Herrmann stated that nothing could be done at this time for this particular holiday.

Several Council members remarked that this matter should be considered at the time the budget is prepared.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P. M.

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J. A. Tolleson
Mayor of the City Council

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