

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
November 12, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Wernick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Dr. Herrmann.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Sonntag.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of November 11, 1974 as "Military Appreciation Week". Mayor Johnston advised that in observance of Military Appreciation Week, the Armed Forces are represented on the Council dais. Each Council member introduced his counterpart representing the Armed Forces as follows: Jerry E. Brooks, Technical Sergeant, Air Force; Bob Jensen, Airman First Class, Air Force; James Thompson, Specialist 4, Madigan; Phillip Funk, Specialist 5, Madigan; William L. Cox, Staff Sergeant, Marines; Richard E. Brown, Radioman First Class, Navy; Paul A. Petersen, Staff Sergeant E6, Army; Jill E. Stocks, Private First Class, Army; Michael S. Webb, Specialist 4, Army.

Mayor Johnston proclaimed November 15, 1974 as "Frank Russell Day".

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 6, 1974.

APPEALS:

Sun Coast Properties, Inc. appealing the Planning Commission's decision to deny their request to rezone the West side of Portland Avenue and approximately 450 feet North of East 72nd Street from an "R-2T" to a "C-P-N" District.

November 4, 1974 was the last day to file an appeal and an appeal was filed.

Suggested date for hearing is December 10, 1974.

ASSESSMENT ROLL:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for the following:

LID 8015 - permanent paving on South "D" Street from South 76th to South 78th; South "I" from South 76th to South 78th; South "J" from South 76th to 78th; South 78th from South "I" to Yakima Avenue. Also, storm drains only in South 76th from Fawcett to South "D"; South 78th from Fawcett to South "D"; South 78th from South "J" to South "I".

Fixing Monday, December 9, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Board of Administration of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System meeting of September 26, 1974.
- b. Minutes of Board of Adjustment meeting of October 10, 1974.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma Model Cities Program Land Use Review Board meeting of October 21, 1974.
- d. Monthly report, Workload for Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment, September & October, 1974.
- e. Monthly report, purchases and sales of investments during October, 1974, Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.
- f. Monthly towing report, October, 1974.
- g. Report on Mr. Hugh Wild's October 25, 1974 presentation concerning the need for a computer study of a Climatological Dispersion Model for the Tacoma/Pierce County/Port area at the meeting of County Advisory Planning Coalition.
- h. Quarterly Program Report, July, 1974, through September 30, 1974, Program Management System.
- i. Summary Status Report of Revenue Sharing Programs, Program Management System.
- j. Report of Accounting and Management Review, June, 1974, Tacoma Employees' Retirement System by Knight, Vale & Gregory.

Mrs. Egan moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION:

Ellida Kirk, Chairman of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, presented to each Council member a Bicentennial Calendar, which has been endorsed as the official calendar of the City of Tacoma for the next two years by the Washington State American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission. She advised that the calendars were paid for through Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. She also presented to each Council member a publication entitled "Back Home in Pierce County", which will come out in four issues plus a map.

Suggestion awards were presented to Agnes Crandall & Howard Lucas of the Police Department and to Jack Miller, Ronald Hohn and Joseph Sharek of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Hudson moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 23095 and 23097. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23095 Appointing Dr. Leroy Ostransky to the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission for a term expiring November 30, 1977.

In accordance with the procedure set forth in Resolution No. 23082, the appointee was present for questions. Dr. Ostransky reviewed his background and said he wanted to serve on the Commission as he felt with his experience in the arts he could contribute to the Commission.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23097 Appointing Willard Leffler to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring on February 4, 1978.

Mr. Leffler reviewed his background and said he wanted to serve on the board as he felt he could contribute.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20244 (Continued from the meeting of November 6th)
Amending Chapter 5.20 of the Official Code relative to refuse rates.

Mr. Hudson moved to adopt Proposed Alternate One. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Roll call was taken, resulting as Ayes: 3 - Hudson, Warnick, Mayor Johnston Nays: 4 - Egan, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag Abstaining: Moss Absent: Dr. Herrmann. The motion failed.

After further discussion, Mr. Nelson moved to reconsider Mr Hudson's motion to adopt Alternate One. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston moved to consider Alternate One. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 4 - Hudson, Nelson, Warnick, Mayor Johnston Nays: 4 - Egan, Moss, Nalley, Sonntag. Absent: Dr. Herrmann. The motion failed.

After further discussion, Mr. Nelson moved to continue final reading of the ordinance for one month. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Ordinance was continued to December 10, 1974.

Mr. Moss asked that the raw materials used in determining rates based on new equipment and maintenance of old equipment be furnished to Council members.

Mrs. Egan asked that another study session be scheduled prior to December 10, 1974.

Mr. Sonntag moved to suspend the rules to hear Archie McLean of McLean and Company. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. McLean explained that \$770,000 or 30 percent of the increase would cover a deficit period between now and 1977 and would not be for the purchase of new equipment. The amount of \$ 250,000 is now owed to the General Fund.

Mayor Johnston requested Mr. Donaldson to schedule a study session prior to the time the ordinance comes to council for final reading.

Ordinance No. 20250 Appropriating the sum of \$3,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Contingency Fund for the purpose of obtaining certain expert services relative to the management of the Broadway Plaza, declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Herrmann

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20251 Appropriating the sum of \$19,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for remodeling and reconstruction costs for consolidation of the City of Tacoma and Pierce County Jails and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Herrmann

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20252 Repealing Sections 7.04.010 through 7.04.040 and reenacting Sections 7.04.010 through 7.04.030 of the Official Code relative to consolidation of the City and County jail facilities and to remove from the Chief of Police of the City of Tacoma the responsibility of being in charge and supervising a City jail.

Mr. Hudson moved to continue the Ordinance for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. Final reading of the ordinance was continued to November 26, 1974.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23090 (Continued from the meeting of November 6, 1974) Authorizing extension of agreement with Bruce Vanderhoof for an additional ninety-day period commencing on November 7, 1974 for certain expert services relative to management of the Broadway Plaza.

Mr. Nalley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23095 (See page two)

Resolution No. 23096 Authorizing the negotiated sale of a parcel of surplus property located at 2716 South Wilkeson Street to Paul DeWitt, Steven DeWitt and David Selm for \$18,250.00 cash.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 23097 (See page three)

Resolution No. 23098 Designating the Union Station as an historical landmark.

Mr. Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

Mrs. Pat Sias, representing the Landmarks Preservation Commission, urged adoption of the Resolution.

Mr. Harry Berry, representing the Burlington Northern Railway, asked that a correction be made on page two, line seven, where it states Burlington Northern Railway Company, that it be corrected to read Burlington Northern, Inc.

Mr. Warnick moved that the amendment be made. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken on the amended resolution and carried. The Resolution as amended was declared adopted.

Mr. Hudson moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 23099. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23099 Amending Rule 5, subsection 6, of the Council Rules of Procedure to add hearings concerning City Council appointments to boards, commissions and committees.

Mr. Nelson moved to strike the words "City Council" on line 24. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Resolution was set over for second reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

This is the date set for hearing Planning Commission's request to amend Title 13 of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma revising the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Commission and establishing a hearings examiner for application of land use regulatory controls.

Mrs. Alberta Wilcox, Chairman of the Planning Commission, advised that the Planning Commission is in favor of the Hearing Examiner System as they would then be relieved of the time consuming hearing process and could devote their time to planning efforts.

Joe Quilici, Planning Department, presented slides which illustrated the present and proposed procedures. He enumerated the many interested governmental and private organizations which had a part in developing the proposal and answered questions of Council.

Marjorie Wicks, Chairman of the Pierce County Planning Commission, spoke in favor of the proposed change.

Mr. Moss moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Donaldson asked Council's approval of setting Monday, November 25, 1974 as the date for the study session on the refuse rates. Council members approved the date.

Mr. Donaldson requested a temporary waiver of the residence requirement for Rebecca D. Craig, attorney, who the City Attorney's office wishes to employ.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

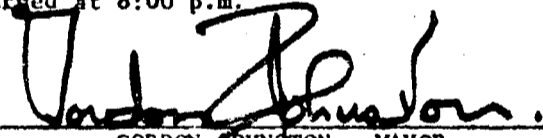
Mr. Warnick inquired of Mr. Donaldson the status of the Old Bon Marche Building. Mr. Donaldson advised that this subject will come to Council at the next Council meeting.

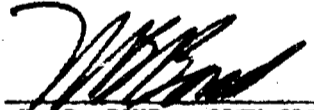
Mr. Hudson reminded staff of his request for the redrafting of the political sign ordinance. Mr. Hudson commented on Mr. Mel Gaumer's report to Council and said he would like to see placed in a future report the subject matter discussed and whether or not there was any impact on Tacoma.

Mr. Sonntag made reference to an article which appeared recently in the newspaper regarding the dismissal of an employee in the Department of Human Development due to the problem of being overweight, and said he had investigated and found the City does have certain liability problems and the Personnel Department will bring in any ordinance to Council which will respond to this type of situation.

Mr. Nelson commented on the request made recently by Metro for the payment of an additional \$5,000 and felt the City should seek a refund since Metro is not operating at the present time due to a strike.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK