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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
October 13th, 1970.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 7 P. M.

Present on roll call 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Absent 1: Corsi (excused).

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Billett.

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Mayor Johnston asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the Council minutes being submitted for the meeting of September 22nd and the special meeting of September 29th.

Mr. Finnigan moved to approve the minutes of September 22nd and 29th as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set over for hearing for vacation of So. 16th to So. 18th from Union to Lawrence; vacation of alleys between So. 16th and So. 18th from Union to Puget Sound and between So. 16th and So. 17th from Warner to Lawrence Sts. (Submitted by First Assembly of God)

Stan Wiley, Asst. Planning Director, explained the vacation is being requested to allow for the consolidation of the church property for the development of the proposed apartment building. The second item, which is the rezoning of the property, would allow construction of a 160-unit apartment house for elderly persons, which will include both dining and recreation facilities as well as parking areas.

Mr. Wiley explained that several hearings had been held by the Planning Commission and objections have been filed by residents along Lawrence Street. Alterations have been made in the plans which are submitted to the Council. He added by altering the plans, the location of the 7-story apartment tower had been moved to the extreme westerly portion of the property and the access will be limited to Puget Sound Avenue only.

Mayor Johnston stated the petition for vacation would be discussed first and then the rezoning.

Mr. Harold Gray, president of the Corporation formed by the church, who are developing this facility, said he felt they had now satisfied 90% of the residents in the neighborhood who had signed the original petition. He added this is a government-financed project and therefore have no financial profit to any organization or individual, but the motive is to serve elderly people. There are income limitations for the occupants and the apartments are for low-income persons, 62 years of age or over.

Mr. Jarstad asked if the Corporation had intentions of applying for tax-exempt basis and if the City would be able to collect any revenue from the project.

Mr. Gray said Washington state law provides that any home for the elderly on a non-profit basis may be granted a tax-free exemption. Therefore, a tax exemption may be granted not because it is sponsored by a church, but because of the nature of the operation and they would be governed accordingly. Mr. Gray explained other similar non-profit homes for the elderly operate on a similar tax-exempt basis.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the construction will be open for bid or negotiated with an individual firm.

Mr. Gray advised that there can be either a negotiated contract or sealed bids according to the Dept. of Urban Development. In the event of a contract, the Dept. of Urban Development places a ceiling on the amount that can be paid. That determination has not yet been made.

Mr. Moss said inasmuch as there is such a building slump in the local area, if any certain contractor had yet been considered.

Mr. Gray said the project had not yet been funded, but that the church had borrowed \$3,000 in order to proceed only to this point.

Mr. Moss inquired if they would be considering local developers and local contractors.

Mr. Gray said they have had a comprehensive site survey by a local firm, Sitts & Hill, and some soil testing by the local representative. He said they plan to serve Tacoma people and Tacoma businesses as much as possible.

Mr. Maule asked if the facility would be open to everyone. He was advised the occupancy would be on a first-come, first-serve basis for those who qualify on income and age, but there would be no ceiling on the financial holdings a person may have to be eligible, but his income must be \$4600 a year or below.

Mr. Gray explained the rent is subsidized according to a person's income and also those who are on public assistance may have his rent subsidized as low as \$35 or \$40 a month paid by public assistance. He added one-third of the occupants could fall into this category. The ceiling rent will be \$125 or \$130 for one-bedroom apartments and \$85 for bachelor apartments. Mr. Gray pointed out he thought the facility would be a real service to the community.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

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b. This is the date set over for hearing for the rezoning of the area bounded by Warner Street, So. 16th, Lawrence & So. 17th St. from an "R-2" to an "R-5" District. (Submitted by First Assembly of God)

Mr. Vaughn Cole, one of the residents in the area, objected to the placement and height of the proposed building and reiterated his objections and requested a change in the position of the building to face the opposite direction and the height be reduced.

Dr. Herrmann asked how many stories did the residents feel would be acceptable. Mr. Cole said four stories would not be as objectionable as seven stories.

After some comment, Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 7 ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Nays 1: Billett. Motion carried. Absent 1: Corsi (excused)

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PETITIONS:

United Mutual Savings Bank requesting rezoning of the southwest corner of 80th and Pacific Ave. from an "R-4-L" to a "C-1" District.

Referred to the City Planning Commission.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Johnston mentioned that a communication was received from James H. Lively, a citizen, and that the matters will be taken up by the City Manager.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20882 (Continued from the meeting of September 22nd)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County providing for sewerage service by the City of Tacoma to the University Place North area of Pierce County.

Mr. Finnigan moved to continue this matter for another two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Roll was taken on the motion as follows: Ayes 3: Finnigan, Jarstad and Moss. Nays 4: Billett, Maule, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Absent 2: Corsi and Herrmann(temporarily). The motion failed.

Motion by Mr. Billett that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Maule.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Billett, Finnigan, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 2: Corsi and Herrmann(temporarily).  
The resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20915

Approving the proposed parking rates established by the New Tacoma Parking Corp., as set forth by the Corp, on Sept. 2, 1970, as 35 cents for the first hour of parking and 25 cents for each subsequent hour, with a daily maximum of \$2.00 and a monthly rental of \$21.00.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Billett.

Mr. McCormick, Acting City Manager, explained a study session was held today at noon and the resolution is in conformity with the agreement and the lease which the City had heretofore entered into with the New Tacoma Parking Corporation.

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, a Tacoma resident, asked if by establishing the parking garages would that eliminate parking on the streets as originally proposed some time ago.

Mr. Gary Sullivan, Director of Urban Renewal, explained that agreement, leaves this matter to the discretion of the City Council at a future date. He stated the City Attorney had previously given the opinion that the City could not contract away its rights, in advance, to remove parking control in the City and it would be a matter of Council policy at the time the garages are completed.

Dr. Herrmann explained according to the discussion at the study session, Col. Donald MacGrain, Exec. vice president of the New Tacoma Parking Corporation, had indicated that 75% of the revenues would be derived from the validation of parking tickets under a local business participation program and the other 25% would be from customers on a monthly or hourly park-and-shop basis, which would not be involved in the validation program.

Mrs. Shackelford inquired if the 35¢ hour rate for the first hour had been set to be competitive with other public garages. She also asked for some clarification on the air rights as discussed at prior meetings.

Col. MacGrain replied the rates had been established after due consideration of the other local rates and are midway between the lower and the high monthly and hourly rates being charged elsewhere in the downtown area. He pointed out the rates are to be held at a level which will insure proper service on the bonds sold by the parking corporation.

Mayor Johnston asked if the corporation planned to take unfair advantage of any of the competition in the central business area on the basis of rates.

Col. MacGrain explained, as the Council recalls, all local parking operators had been invited to submit proposals or exert influence over the rates, but none had chosen to do so. The rates now being submitted for approval are the same as those presented in September, 1969, when the corporation had asked the Council to concur in selling additional bonds to purchase and to construct the garages.

He further added the Parking Corporation does not own the air rights. They had purchased the property and built the garages and then deeded the property back to the City as a gift in turn for a 35-year lease so that they could use the revenue from the parking to pay off the bonds to build the structures. Therefore, he asserted the Parking Corporation does not own the air rights. He added another and separate company had purchased the property and the air rights from the City in a separate transaction. In response to an inquiry from the City Attorney, the Local Development Company, Inc., had written a letter which indicated that the City owns the structures and the Local Development Co. owns the air rights and that neither the City nor the owner can do anything without the other's approval. The Local Development Company would be willing, anytime the City wishes, to build additional parking on top of the present ones and to give the air rights back to the City. The Development Company had also pointed out that perhaps the only way additional parking could be provided on top of the existing parking would be the same as the present structures were built, i. e., through private capital.

Mrs. Shackelford said her question was whether the ownership could be transferred if other businesses wish to build above the garages. She said in New York, they are building businesses on top of schools, etc. and using air rights for a wide variety of uses. She thought the air rights should be clarified now, before going any further.

Mr. Larry Ghilarducci, attorney for the New Tacoma Parking Corporation, said the whole project had been debatable as to whether the garages would promote more business in the downtown area or whether more business was needed before building the garages. The decision was made to build the garages to promote more business and the premise was that they would be a catalyst for added business in the central area. The feasibility study previously made indicated that the present commercial garages would be filled and that eventually more would be needed.

Col. MacGrain said the study had been made prior to the planning for the construction of the new National Bank of Washington building and it was found there would be a deficit of 110 parking spaces in the central area without removing any of the present parking meters.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20916

Awarding contract for the demolition of site clean-up of buildings and construction of temporary walkways in the New Tacoma Project Wash. R-14 to K. W. Rhine Company on its bid of \$31,710.00.

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

Mr. Gary Sullivan, Director of Urban Renewal, explained the Council in early May, 1970, had approved the less-than-fee acquisition of improvements located on the property in question and under the contract, the Council had authorized the purchase of the buildings only and to be demolished by the City. Pursuant to that, in compliance with the terms of the contract, the City submitted the demolition project for competitive bidding. Six bids were received and the demolition must be completed by the first of December, 1970. The Board of Contracts and Awards now recommends the present bid as well as the City Attorney's staff, Dept. of Urban Renewal and the Dept of Housing & Urban Development.

Mr. Chuck Lane, 1124 No. 27th St., a citizen, stated that the bid forms for demolition of City projects do not specifically provide for the control of the disposition of waste materials, nor for the priority use of such material on other publicly funded projects. He said in several sections where federal laws are applicable, these regulations are made part of the contract text, except for the disposal of rubble, which causes blight in one form and may be even more objectionable and harder to rectify. As an example he referred to the Shell service stations at Alder and Ruston. He asked if the waste fill dirt from the demolition project in question could be used to improve the Old Tacoma Park.

Mrs. Becky Benfield, residing at 4302 No. Lexington, commented on the resolution asking if the building in question was the one for which the City had paid \$35,000 last year and is now paying \$31,000 to be demolished. She said she would like to know if the City plans another parking lot on that location. She wondered if this is in the best interest of the City.

Mr. Jarstad asked what the plans were for the fill material.

Mr. Sullivan said it was to be used on some private property on the Tide Flats. It will not be dumped into the bay and whatever burning is done will be in accordance with the Pollution Control regulations.

Mr. Jarstad further asked if the Dept. of Urban Renewal has any definite procedures that could be recommended for the general protection of the shoreline in the future. Mr. Sullivan said he had checked the matter with the City Attorney's staff and it was determined that any dumping should be confirmed with the U. S. Corps of Engineers. He said the resolution could contain a specification as to dumping, but that would raise the bid price, if the dumping were to be included. He added he would investigate and report to the Council at a later date.

Mr. Jarstad said he would like to follow the latter suggestion and have it brought back to the Council later.

Mr. Lane further advised if the City were to reject this bid and then re-submit a bid providing for preventative pollution, the City would then know the cost of the preventative pollution and also the amount of the cubic yards of fill material available. He said he had inquired at several of the offices at the port of Tacoma to determine the amount of fill involved. It was estimated it would be approximately 30,000 cubic yards.

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

Ayes 6: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 2: Jarstad and Moss. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 20917

Authorizing the proper officers to execute legal instruments relinquishing and abandoning an easement for sidewalk and pedestrian use and rededicating to the City for street, sidewalk and related purposes the westerly 9 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet of Court C from the south line of So. 11th. St.

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

Mr. Sullivan, Director of Urban Renewal, explained this was a housekeeping resolution to remove a cloud on the title of the property near the Crystal Palace Market.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20918

Abolishing all standing committees heretofore created by the Council and rescinding Resolutions Nos. 20537 and 20745.

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 1: Jarstad. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20919

Rescinding Resolution No. 20473 which adopted certain policies with reference to submission of applications, reports and surveys by the City to the U. S. Government or the State.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad.

Mr. Schroeder asked for a more detailed explanation of the provisions of the resolution.

Mr. Finnigan, who had requested the resolution, explained he felt there is no further need for the former resolution No. 20473, as the City Manager and his staff is capable of determining the various programs that the City is endeavoring to establish. This is the reason he has requested that the resolution be rescinded.

Mr. Jarstad said he had seconded the motion in order that the resolution could be discussed. He added he did not think there had been too much time involved by the various departments, as he thinks any reports that are sent out, should go through the Mayor's office so that he would be informed. The Mayor could then bring it to the entire Council for a discussion if he deemed it necessary.

Mayor Johnston said he thought that arrangement would be satisfactory. However often times certain programs are introduced at the last minute and the applications filed with the City Clerk, this sometimes delays matters up to two weeks. Many times there are requests for funds at a time when the matter is very critical and operating funds have been expended. Therefore, he is strongly in favor of the resolution.

A motion was made and seconded to continue the matter for two weeks and a roll call taken. Motion lost.

Roll call was then taken on the motion to adopt the resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas 4: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 4: Jarstad, Maule, Moss and Schroeder. Absent 1: Corsi.  
The resolution was then declared lost by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20920

Awarding contract to George Madsen Co., Inc., on its bid of \$3,495.00 for O. No. 74080.

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

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained this resolution will provide for construction of the floors of the training center for the Fire Department which have sunken because the towers were placed on piles in the waterfront area.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.  
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20921

Reaffirming the City Council's support for the Model Cities Program.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Billett.

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, 1105 No. L St., commented on the wording of the resolution which stated "the Council has recently undergone a substantial change in membership". She said she would like to inquire if the new members had read both the Demonstration City Bill and the application and all of the reports that have come from the various task forces, in order to familiarize themselves with the Model Cities Program, and if they are fully aware of what they are voting on.

Mayor Johnston explained, the question before the Council had been suggested by HUD to determine if the Council, as now seated, reaffirmed the Model Cities Program.

Mrs. Shackelford stated she did not believe a group of new members could reaffirm their intention, but would rather be only affirming it.

Mr. John Zelenak, 5414 South "J", asked if it is the policy of the newly seated Council to have the public aware of the progress of the Model Cities Program. He said he has inquired previously, but had been turned down and had to write to Washington, D. C., to have Secretary Romney set up an appointment to talk with the local Model Cities Director, Mr. Walker. He thought this was ridiculous. He had been advised by Mr. Walker, he would be notified of all meetings, etc., but this had not been done.

Mr. Moss pointed out that Mr. Herman Walker was in the audience and that anytime any public citizen wanted information, it could be obtained. He said he feels strongly that it is a citizen-participation program.

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

Yeas 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20922

Fixing Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing for the renumbering of the East side of Park Avenue approximately 100 feet north of So. 38th St. from an "R-3" to a "C-2" District. (Submitted by Robert R. Warren)

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20923

Fixing Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the alley between Yakima and "I", between So. 12th and So. 13th Sts. (Tacoma School District No. 10)

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

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 20924 which does not appear on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 20924

Expressing gratitude and thanks to Allan R. Billett for the services performed by him and on behalf of the City of Tacoma and its citizens, for his work and efforts in assisting the City Council through most difficult days.

Mayor Johnston moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

Dr. Herrmann asked if Mr. Billett's resignation had been accepted yet and if the Council could vote at this time.

Mr. Hamilton explained that any time a public official indicates his intention to resign and does in fact submit a letter of resignation, the body from which he is resigning has no authority to hold him in further servitude, whether it is accepted or not.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the acceptance of Mr. Billett's resignation would preclude him from being reappointed.

Mayor Johnston replied this could be done, as far as he knew.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19218

Appropriating the sum of \$16,885.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of holding a special municipal election held in the City of Tacoma on the 15th day of September, 1970.

Mr. Clar Gaisford, Finance Director, said the total cost of the September primary election had been \$93,000 and the City's share for the recall movement and the eleven propositions on the Charter, totaled the \$16,885, which is approximately 18% of the total cost.

The Ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

Ordinance No. 19219

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding two new sections 13.06.065-93 and 120-60 to include property on the south side of So. 88th St. between Pacific Ave. and C Street in an "R-4-L" and "C-1" District. (Petition of Ray Pochel)

The Ordinance was placed in order for final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19214

Fixing the amount of the ad valorem tax levies for the year 1971 for the City of Tacoma.

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

Ayes 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19215

Appropriating \$2,500.00 or so much thereof as necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of operating a partial day care center.

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

Ayes 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19216

Creating a fund known as Stadium Trust Fund.

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

Ayes 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 19217

Amending Sections 2.01.050 and 5.46.110 of the official code relative to dangerous buildings and minimum housing by changing "registered mail" requirement to "certified mail".

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

Ayes 8: Billett, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 1: Corsi.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Jarstad asked the City Attorney if he had concluded what the Stadium Fund moneys could be used for if approved.

Mr. Hamilton replied he had written his opinion, but apparently it had not been submitted to each Councilman yet. He explained the latest amendment was one amending an existing statute creating the stadium fund concept for King County only in its inception, and the amendments, as adopted, authorized the joining of one or more governmental entities in the construction, operation and maintenance of a facility, should the legislative bodies of each entity decide to enter into a cooperative effort of that nature. ✓

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Dr. Herrmann asked how the Council plans to proceed with reference to obtaining and receiving applications for a new City Manager, in view of the fact that Mr. McCormick does not wish to retain the position permanently. He indicated he did not think the matter should be delayed too long.

Mayor Johnston replied he had assembled material for proceeding.

Mr. Finnigan commented he thought the Council should establish a program and then notify the general public so as to inform them. He did not feel they were in a position to discuss it at this Council meeting, but stated he knew Mr. McCormick and Mr. Hamilton of the legal department would assist in any way they could in establishing the exact method to be followed in designating qualifications, advertising, etc. ✓

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Mr. Finnigan asked if the Council thought it advisable to eliminate "Item 11, Committee Reports", from the agenda in the future inasmuch as the committees were abolished by Resolution No. 209818 this evening.

Mr. Hamilton advised that inasmuch as the committee system had been established under one of the Council Rules, the rules would have to be amended to delete this item.

Mr. Finnigan requested that a resolution be drafted to this effect.

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COMMENTS BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Moss commented that he is very much interested and cautiously concerned in the Model Cities Program as he feels it is one of the last possible joint ventures between City government and federal government which is designed to aid people who really need help. He is concerned that some people have legitimate complaints, but yet do not have an adequate voice in the matters. He urged the public to voice their opinions to the Model Cities staff and not only to the Council, and also to become involved in the program themselves if they wish to help change people's lives for the better. He urged the Council to hear the voice of the people.

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mayor Johnston asked if Mr. George Goe was present as he had asked to speak to the Council. Mr. Goe was not present; therefore, he did not speak.

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William Buell, 32 California St., addressed the Council with reference to the street traffic lights on 38th St. at Pine, M St., Yakima Ave. and at Lawrence St. where the Post Office Annex is located, stating when traffic is proceeding west in the later afternoon, it is exceedingly difficult to see the traffic lights. He suggested that a shield be placed behind the lights so that the colors could be seen.

He also referred to police regulations which govern the restriction of police control occurring on private property in personal emergency situations, and recommended some study be given to changing the rules so that the City police could come to aid private citizens and not limited only to public offenses occurring on private property.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of regular meeting Board of Park Commissioners, October 5, 1970.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma Board of Adjustment, September 10, 1970.
- c. Minutes of Public Utility Board, October 6, 1970.
- d. Minutes of Civil Service Board Meeting, September 21, 1970 .
- e. Monthly report of Tacoma City Planning Dept., September, 1970.
- f. Monthly report of Citizens' Information and Service Bureau, September, 1970-- Public Information & General Services.

Placed on file.

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Mr. Finnigan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

Attest: Josephine Melton  
Josephine Melton - City Clerk

Gordon N. Johnston  
Gordon N. Johnston - Mayor