

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 22, 1962

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Haley, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson.

Mrs Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 1962 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

a. City Beautification Committee presenting a trophy award to the City of Tacoma for first place in the State Wide Century "21" Beautification Contest.

Mayor Tollefson said the first matter on the agenda is the presentation of an award to the City of Tacoma for first place in the State wide Century "21" Beautification contest. Mayor Tollefson introduced Mrs Garrison, Chairman, of the Beautification Committee, who presented the Award to the City.

Mrs. Garrison introduced her Committee and stated they have worked over a year on the project of beautifying the City of Tacoma together with Tacoma businessmen, Garden Clubs, and the assistance of the City, in achieving the honor of being selected for first place in the State wide Century "21" Beautification Contest. Mrs. Garrison then presented the trophy award to Mayor Tollefson.

In accepting the award, Mayor Tollefson said the credit should be given to the Beautification Committee and former Mayor Hanson who diligently worked on this project. He congratulated Mrs. Garrison and her committee on their fine accomplishment in beautifying the City.

Mr. Murtland moved that a Resolution be prepared commending the Beautification Committee of the City of Tacoma for their fine achievement. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. Presentation of suggestion awards to Joe Fortier & R. H. Sugrue.

Mr. Rowlands presented a suggestion award of \$25.00 to Joe Fortier, employee of the Public Works Dept., for his suggestion for mounting a flashing light on the City's mowing machines.

Mr. Rowlands said, Mr. Fortier, will also receive a \$25.00 bonus for submitting his third award winning suggestion.

Mr. Robert Sugrue, employee of the Public Works Dept., received a \$25.00 award for his suggestion of placing flashing lights on asphalt trucks so that they will be visible from the rear when the box is raised.

Laura Bauerle, employee of the Administrative Division of the Public Works Dept., received a \$25.00 award for her suggestion to use disposable cups to replace the community cups now being used by many City employees during coffee breaks. Mr. Rowlands said, since Laura Bauerle is on vacation, her check will be mailed to her.

Mr. Rowlands added, suggestion awards have been made to 37 employees of the City within the past 3 1/2 years amounting to \$1300 to \$1400. However, there has been a saving to the City in the neighborhood of thousands of dollars.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date fixed for hearing on the vacation of So. 13th Street between Pearl and Highland Streets. (Petition of Fred Berto) 177
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No one was present to be heard.

Mrs. Price moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the proper Ordinance be drawn vacating the property. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17060:

Fixing Tuesday, June 19, 1962 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of air rights in the alley between No. 30th & 31st St. from McCarver to Carr Streets. (Payson Jeynes) 244

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

Voice vote was taken .

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17061:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. for L I D 4696 on their bid of \$114,986.11 .

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

Voice vote was taken.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No 17062:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a local improvement assessment deed to Helen B. Stafford in the amount of \$10.00 for property located on No Mildred St near No 50th

Mr Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted Seconded by Mrs Price

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman

Resolution No 17063:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an assessment deed to Kenneth M. Braga for the sum of \$20.00 for property located near So 51st and Junett St

Mr Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted Seconded by Mrs Price

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No 17065:

Vacating property on So. Warner St between South 18th and 19th and alley between So 18th and 19th from the west line of Warner to west line of Lawrence Street (Petition of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church) ⁵¹⁻⁵⁷³ ₂₁₉

Mr. Rowlands remarked that the hearing on the vacation was held some months ago and the conditions have now been met by the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, so the Planning Commission recommends that the vacating of the property proceed.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No 17057:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2341 for grading and oil mat surface on So. 75th from Yakima Ave to So. 1 Street

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman

Ordinance No. 17058:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2343 for grading and oil mat surface on South "C" from South 68th to 225 feet south

Mrs. Maebelle Thomas, owner of the property at 231 So. 70th St., protested the L I D 2343 for grading and oil mat surface on South "C" from So. 68th to 225 feet south, stating it would not benefit her property.

Mr. A. Burnett, owner of 137 feet of property in the area, said he was in favor of the improvement as he has no access to his property.

Mrs. Olson explained that at the L I D Committee meeting there was a question of whether or not this cul-de-sac would benefit Mrs. Thomas' property.

Mr. Steele said, as one of the Committee members, he was in favor of approving the L I D for the reason it would, in his opinion, be of benefit to all abutting property owners, because there would be access to their properties.

Mr. Steele was excused at 7:45 P. M.

Mrs. Olson asked the cost of the entire improvement.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, said the total cost of the improvement is \$4,614.75 which will be divided among the eight property owners.

Maps were distributed to the Council members pointing out the area in question.

Mrs. Olson asked, if the cul-de-sac were not touching Mrs. Thomas' property, would she be assessed?

Mr. Schuster explained that according to State Law, property owners are assessed on the assumption they will be benefited. However, the further away they are from the improvement, the less they have to pay. He then quoted the estimated cost of assessments of the property owners in the immediate area whose assessments were Willard Hughs, \$765.05; Mr. Burnett, \$1125.20; Mrs. Thomas, \$472.00; Mr. Barardi, \$625.65; Mr. Bennett \$602.00; Winnifred Hughs, \$422.85; and Mr. Rogness \$602.00.

Mrs. Olson moved that the Ordinance be postponed for one week until, May 29, 1962, so that the Council members may have an opportunity to look at the area. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland said he would like for the Public Works staff to submit to the Council a report on the procedure of determining the radius for the property involved outside the cul-de-sac.

Mayor Tollefson said he thought perhaps the cul-de-sac could be moved back so as not to effect Mrs. Thomas' property.

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Mayor Tollefson explained that the Ordinance has been set over for one week, until May 29, 1962, to allow the Council members an opportunity to check the area

Ordinance No 17059:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4710 for paving on No. 24th from Hawthorne to Mildred; Mildred from No. 23rd to 24th; also on 23rd from Mildred to Vassault and from Vassault from No. 23rd to No. 26th St

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17060:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5348 for cast iron water mains in George St. from Roosevelt Ave. to approximately 400 feet east and in Roosevelt Ave. to East 38th Street

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17061:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6796 for ornamental lights on So. Puget Sound Avenue from So. 50th to So. 52nd Street.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No 17062:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3518 for sanitary sewers in Mt. Tahoma Meadows and in So. 74th from Adams St. 1/4 miles West

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17063:

Approving and confirming the Assessment roll for L I D 6776 for street lights at intersections of So. 42nd to So. 54th from Ferry to Warner Street.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman

Ordinance No. 17064:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6784 for street lights on So. 54th from Pacific Ave. to So. G and So. 53rd from Pacific Ave. to South D.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 4; Absent 1, Steele
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

a. MC-390 City Hall Improvements.

Mr. Rowlands explained that MC-390 regarding the cost for proposed improvements to the Old City Hall building was submitted to the Council members; also a copy of a letter from Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works dated March 16, 1959, pointing out that the building was damaged extensively during the earthquake of 1949 and it was doubtful if the tower structure would withstand another earthquake of like intensity. In the MC each improvement is listed separately, including the estimated cost. Mr. Rowlands added, very little has been done to the building regarding the upkeep in the last few years since it had not been determined if the building were to be kept or demolished. If the building were to remain, a reasonable amount of work should be done to prevent further obsolescence.

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Mrs. Price said she understood that Allied Arts were taking care of repairing the clock.

Mr. Evans, Allied Arts President, said the clock has been repaired, although the hands have not been replaced and they hope to be able to hook up all the bells to an automatic system as he has been starting and stopping the clock manually each day. The Delphinium Garden Club has been Allied Arts' financial backers for the refurbishing of the clock. He asked that the City help out by making new cedar hands and repaint the four sides of the clock. Mr. Evans read a letter from Arthur R. Anderson,

Structural Consultant, dated May 22, 1962, who had examined the building stating that the towers are carried on very heavy masonry walls, and careful inspection reveals this portion of the structure to be in excellent condition. No evidence was found anywhere to indicate cracks or damage due to seismic loads. Mr. Anderson indicated he was amazed that no cracks were found in the tower where earthquakes would cause the most severe loading. When plans can be developed for eventual utilization of the building, the exterior masonry should be preserved intact. Since an entirely new and fireproof interior structure would be required, he could see no need to be concerned with maintenance of the old wood interior. He further pointed out, it would be appropriate to remove that portion of the old fire escape, also the windows should be protected by suitable screens where necessary.

Mr. Haley suggested that the City Council co-operate with Allied Arts regarding the clock and chimes. He suggested the City staff do some work at a minimum cost to keep out vandalism. The other repairs suggested, be postponed, and be considered at the time of the preparation of the budget. Mr. Haley then moved: 1. That all canvas awnings be removed. 2. That all the blinds be rolled up or taken down. 3. Remove lower sections of the fire escape. 4. Refurbish the clock faces. This work to be accomplished at this time. Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Mrs. Price asked Mr. Evans if they have received any other donations toward the repair of the clock and tower.

Mr. Evans said they have not received any other donations for that purpose.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Rowlands if the City Light Dept has been contacted regarding the illumination of the tower, and if so, have they made any offers.

Mr. Rowlands replied that they have been contacted and have not made any offers to illuminate the tower, however, they have submitted an estimate of the cost for lighting the tower. Mr. Rowlands said, perhaps Mayor Tollefson could approach the Utility Board members to ascertain if they will illuminate the tower as their contribution.

Mrs. Price asked if Mr. Evans would contact the Utility Board members regarding the lighting of the tower.

Mr. Evans declined, saying, it would be best to have either the Council members or the Mayor intercede.

Mayor Tollefson asked for a voice vote on Mr. Haley's motion. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson suggested that the staff inspect the building to determine what steps should be taken to prevent vandalism at a minimum cost, and also that the City Council set a schedule for the hours that the clock should chime. Suggestions were made and it was determined that the chimes ring between the hours from 8:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M.

Mr. Haley then moved that the chimes ring between the hours of 8:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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b L I D Committee recommending that L I D 3520 for sewers in Locust and Linden lane and 6th Ave to South 12th Street be continued until May 28, 1962

c L I D Committee recommending that L I D 2319 hearing on the assessment roll for grading and oil mat surface on 29th Avenue NE to 53rd Ave and also New Beeler Flat, be continued until May 28, 1962.

Mrs Olson moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the L I D Committee to continue L I D 3520 and 2319 until May 28, 1962. Seconded by Mr Haley Voice vote taken Motion carried

d L I D Committee recommending that L I D 5349 for cast iron water mains in East "T" Street from Sherman to East 38th Street be abandoned since there were 61 7% protests filed against the improvement

Moved by Mrs Olson to concur in the recommendation of the L I D Committee to abandon L I D 5349 , according to State Law as 61.7% protests had been filed Seconded by Mr Haley Voice vote taken. Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

- a. L I D 3515 for sanitary sewers in So. 9th to 14th and from Orchard to Shirley.
- b. L I D 3521 for sanitary sewers in Highland & Winnifred from So. 12th to So. 19th St
- c. L I D 3523 for sanitary sewers in Vassault & Whitman from No. 37th to No. 46th Streets.
- d. L I D 3531 for sanitary sewers in So. 96th from So. L to Sheridan Avenue.
- e. L I D 3534 for sanitary sewers in So. 17th from State to 150' east of Prospect
- f. L I D 6783 for street lights on wooden poles on No. Carr from Yakima Ave to North 26th Street

Moved by Mrs Price that Monday, June 25, 1962 be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment rolls L I D 3515, 3521, 3523, 3531, 3534, and 6783 Seconded by Mr Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of April 1962.
- b. Report from the Finance Dept. for the month of April 1962.

Mayor Tollefson requested that the City Clerk notify the members who are to serve on the L I D Committee for the months of June, July and August.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

Mr Rowlands commented on his trip to Colorado this past week. He said the State of Colorado is also faced with the same type of problems from the standpoint of finances as the State of Washington. One of the panelists who is head of the Economics Dept., said for the last 10 years throughout the country, the expenditures for services have outstripped the sources of revenue at the Municipal level. They also took the position, very strongly, that the State Legislature had a real responsibility to make it possible for local communities to properly finance the services which are close to the people. The State of Colorado is similar to Washington, approximately 74% of the people now live in Urban areas.

COMMENTS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Cvitanich said he has received numerous phone calls from residents living in the area of North Stevens St., regarding the work that was done by the contractor on that particular project. He said many of the property owner's lawns were dug up. They were promised by the contractor that their lawns would be filled with good top soil, instead their lawns were filled with hardpan and asphalt chunks. He added that several of the property owners have gone to the expense of hiring gardeners to put their lawns back into shape. He felt the contractor had been neglectful in his end of the bargain.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Public Works Dept. has an understanding with the contractor relative to what has to be done before the project is approved. He said the project will not be finally approved until the contractor has lived up to the agreement.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

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