

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, December 18, 1962

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 0.

Mr. Murtland moved to amend the minutes of December 4, 1962, on page one, third paragraph, fourth line down, the word "jest" should read "gist". Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 1962 as amended. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

a. Petition submitted by George W. Kupka requesting the rezoning of property located at So. 27th and Yakima Ave. from an "R-2" to a C-1" District.

b. Petition submitted by H. E. [redacted] requesting the rezoning of property ⁵⁶⁻³⁶ located at So. 80th and C Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17264: (postponed from the meeting of Dec. 11, 1962)

Appropriating from the Equipment Rental Fund Account "B" the sum of \$4,105.45 or so much as may be necessary for the purchase of one four-door utility wagon and one concrete saw.

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

Mr. Lawlands said, information has been submitted to the Council explaining how the proposed utility wagon fits in to the type of work for which it is needed.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17266:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the St. Regis Paper Co. to furnish their supply of water.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Mr. Haley asked for an explanation of the Resolution.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, explained this contract was a (0) year contract which started in 1956 with the expiration date in 1966, and January of 1963 is the rate adjustment date period. The 1st rate adjustment increased the rates to the St. Regis Plant from \$21.50 per million gallons to \$33.24 per million gallons. This rate was established as a result of a comprehensive study in an effort to place the rates comparable to the other rates charged to both industrial and residential customers.

Mr. Benedetti further stated that St. Regis has been using approximately two million gallons per day more than they had anticipated when they put their new plant in operation. The present contract provided for 30 million gallons per day and the proposed amendment to the contract would allow a usage of 32 million gallons per day. The proposed contract would allow a 7 1/2 % variation in their daily usage without penalty and any usage beyond that would still be charged at double the contract rate; the 7 1/2% would allow the 2 1/2 million gallon daily variation without penalty, and the contract would be for 32 million gallons and the Company could use up to 34 1/2 million gallons without imposition of the penalty.

He continued, there was an \$18.24 ready to serve charge which was applied whether they used the 32 million gallons of water or not, and in the present contract the ready to serve charge would be increased by \$5.00 per million gallons to \$23.24 with a stand by charge of \$10.00 a million gallons for water used. He added that the total charge is still the same with the exception that the \$23.24 applies for water on the basis of 32 million gallons whether they use it or not, and if they should only use 20 million gallons per day, they would pay for the 20 million gallons at a rate of \$33.24 and would pay for the difference between the 20 million gallons and the 32 million gallons for the ready to serve charge of \$23.24. He said these charges have been discussed with St. Regis and it was agreeable to them.

He further explained there is one additional provision that between now and January 1, 1964, the Company would have an opportunity to readjust their demand downward to 30 million gallons in the event they are able to conserve water usage or reduce their water usage in the interim period.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17267:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to transfer the sum of \$164,051.00 from the M & O classification of the Dept. of Public Utilities, Light Division, 1963 budget to salaries and wages.

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. 17268:

Authorizing the sale of Salvage items to Pacific Iron & Metal Co. and to General Metals of Tacoma, Inc.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17269:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a real estate contract to Hugh Elam for the sum of \$925. 00 for vacant land located on So. 43rd St. near Hosmer 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.

Resolution No. 17270:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a real estate contract to Alf L. & Leona M. Hystad for the sum of \$402. 86 for vacant land on a side hill located on East Fairbanks St. west of Portland Avenue.

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. 17271:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a real estate contract to Raymond A. & Betty J. Pfington for the sum of \$1300. 00 for vacant land located near So. 74th and Wapato Street.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17272:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a real estate contract to Joseph & Jane McChee for the sum of \$535. 00 for vacant land on So. 52nd near Wilkeson Street.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17273:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a real estate contract to Arne & Elna Reyler et al for the sum of \$1,400 for vacant land located on the N. E. corner of So. 10th and Villard.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17274:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a real estate contract to Howard J. & Bernadette M. Lee for the sum of \$500.00 for vacant land located on So. 79th St. near So. "D".

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. 17275:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a real estate contract to Roy L. & Lila A. Frederick for the sum of \$1,000 for vacant land located on So. Puget Sound Ave. near 40th Street.

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. 17276:

Fixing Monday, January 14, 1963 as the date for hearing on L I D 6808 for Street lights on East 64th to East 72nd St. and on East 65th and 66th Sts. from McKinley Ave. to "I" ; also on East 68th from McKinley Ave. to East "L" Street.

Mr. Bott moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17277:

Appointing Dr. Homer Humiston as chairman of said Kokura Sister City Committee for a one-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1963 and ending Dec. 31, 1963.

Mr. Steels moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

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Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17278:

Approving the re-appointment by the City Manager of Mr. Leo Seiwerath and the appointment of Robert E. Christensen to the Dangerous Buildings Appeals Commission to serve a term of three years expiring July 29, 1965.

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. 17279:

Approving the appointment by the City Manager of John Rue to the Air Pollution Board of Appeals for a five-year term terminating on the 28th day of July 1967.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17280:

Approving the re-appointment of Mrs. Lloyd Sass & Mr. Tom Takemura to the Executive Board of the Kokura Sister City Committee for a one-year term commencing on the last day of Jan. 1963 and ending on the 31st day of Dec. 1963.

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.

Mr. Steele moved the Rules be suspended to consider Resolution No. 17181. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17281:

Fixing Monday, January 14, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3547 for storm drainage on So. 15th from Adams to Washington; Washington from So. 15th to So. 17th and alley east of Adams from So. 15th to So. 17th St.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Mr. Murtland said, since this Resolution is not an emergency, he did not think it was necessary to suspend the Rules to consider the Resolution.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17235:

Appropriating the sum of \$600,000 or so much as may be necessary from the Current Fund of the Light Division to the M & O Classification for the purpose of paying for purchased power in the year 1962.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17225:

Amending the Administrative Code providing for certain re-organizations in the Utility Dept.

Mrs. Price asked if this Ordinance would have any bearing on the next Ordinance No. 17226 in regard to the Compensation Plan. She said, if they are compatible she would like to have both Ordinances held over for a week, until December 26, 1962, so that she can obtain more information regarding the Ordinances.

Mr. Benedetti thought it preferable to adopt both of them at the same time. He explained that this Ordinance sets up the Comptroller Division in the Administrative Code as contemplated by the reorganization plan, and also eliminates the Community Relations Division and the Administrative Division.

Mrs. Price then moved that Ordinance No. 17225 be postponed for one week, until December 26, 1962. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17226:

Amending the Compensation Plan to establish the rates of pay made necessary by the re-organization in the Dept. by the Utility Dept.

Mrs. Price moved that the Ordinance be set over for one week, until Dec. 26th, 1962 to obtain more information. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17227:

Amending Compensation Plan providing for certain changes in fringe benefits and reflecting certain adjustments in salaries as provided for in the budget or by Utility contracts.

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Mr. Rowlands said there are two changes in the Ordinance that have been discussed by the City Council. The change is on page 5 where it reads 'Transit General Shop Foreman'. The title has been changed to read, 'Superintendent of Equipment'; also on page 6 there has been added the position of Housing Improvement Agent.

Mr. Bott asked if any thought has been given to employ another weights and measures inspector. At present, he added, there is one man doing the job that two have been doing.

Mr. Rowlands said they had not contemplated replacing anyone at the moment in that position. He pointed out that the additional responsibilities to the General Fund from various sources makes it incumbent upon Management next year, if it is to balance, to reduce further additional personnel to the extent of 20 to 25 positions if the City ends up in the black at the end of 1963. The positions that are being eliminated are people retiring in the Police and Fire Dept. and other departments of the General Government. At present, he added, 27 positions have been eliminated this year. It is impossible to absorb \$300,000 additional burden and not feel the impact up and down the line. He agreed with Mr. Bott they could use another one or two additional personnel on this job, but there isn't the money. There has been no increase of revenues to relieve the General Fund of these additional burdens.

Mr. Bott said that one man in the weights and measures Dept. to cover all phases in the City was not justified and thought they should cut corners somewhere else and employ another man to aid on this job.

Mr. Rowlands said he did not know where any further money could be obtained.

Mr. Bott suggested that a charge be made for all services they conduct for example, like when checking Gas pumps or scales, that a minimum charge be made which would help.

Mr. Rowlands said there is a license schedule set up but no minimum charge for inspection.

Mr. Cvitanich said, in regard to the newly created position of Housing Improvement Agent, he thought it would be wiser to coordinate the reports from the Fire, Police, Health Inspectors, rather than hiring another individual here as Housing Improvement Agent, to go out and do a job that is already being done.

Mr. Rowlands said there will be an Inspector on the temporary assignment from different areas of health, building, fire, etc., then as these people change or retire they will gradually be replaced by a Housing Improvement Agent; this position will be paid somewhat less than in these.

Mr. Ketler, said by changing the name from the Transit General Shop Foreman to Superintendent of Equipment doesn't change the duties of the position, therefore, he thought that it should not be an appointive position.

Mr. Rowlands said there are approximately 188 employees in the Transit System with three top management positions. He thought Mr. Lee, Supt. of Transit should have the privilege of choosing these three positions as they all will be working very closely together.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Ketler if he thought the Transit Administrative and Accounting Officer and the Superintendent of Transit should also be classified and not appointive.

Mr. Ketler said when the City took over the Transit System they had gone along with these positions, being appointive.

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Mr. Finnigan agreed that Mr. Lee should have the opportunity to appoint the three top men in his organization.

Mr. Murtland said, referring back to the Housing Improvement Agent title, he would ask where the money would be coming from for the new position.

Mr. Rowlands said it will have to come out of the General Fund Operation. He further added, in order to qualify for Federal Aid for re-certification of the City's Workable Program for Urban Renewal, it is essential to set up a Housing Improvement Agent Inspector to do the job throughout the City. They will not recognize the other inspectors from the Fire, Health, Sanitation, etc. This position will not be filled however until a decision is handed down by the Supreme Court.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Ordinance be amended to include Housing Improvement Agent title and change the name of Transit General Shop Foreman to Superintendent of Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance as amended resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 2, Bott and Cvitanich; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17228:

Authorizing the condemnation of property in the area bounded on the north by So. 30th St., on the south by So. 48th St., on the west by Orchard St., and on the east by Mason Ave. for a Sanitary Land fill site.

Mayor Tollefson said a letter was received from Mrs. Baker opposing the area as proposed as a garbage dump as she owned five acres that she wished to retain for future development.

The letter was placed on file.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17229:

Naming new streets in various parts of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Bott thought there may be some confusing in the naming of McKinley Way since there is a McKinley Avenue.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that notices were sent out to the residents of the various areas and also to the different departments and no protests had been received.

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. 17231:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4707 for paving on No. 9th from Proctor to Adams; So. 17th from Mason Ave. to Tyler; Cedar from 6th Ave. to No. 7th; Washington from No. 8th to No. 9th and Highland from No. 14th to No 18th Streets.

Mr. Rowlands said letters had been received from the residents in the area of South 10th and So. 11th Streets from Mullen to Verde withdrawing their protests, thereby reducing the amount of protests from 54% to 41 1/2%.

Mayor Tollefson stated at the time of the hearing the L I D Committee had informed the residents they make recommendations to the City Council, however, the Council makes the final decision concerning the L I D and that the improvement could be changed.

Mr. Haley then moved to include in L I D 4707 the area of So. 10th and So. 11th from Mullen to Verde, also the storm drain line on Mullen St. from So. 10th to So. 12th Street. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

It was requested that the City Clerk notify the property owners affected.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17232:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3539 for sanitary sewers on South side of 6th Ave. from Fernside to Jackson and the south side of Vista Drive from Jackson to 150' west.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17233:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4693 for paving on No. Stevens from No. 11th to No. 35th St.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 17234:

Approving and confirming the Assessment roll for L I D 6791 for street lights on No. M St. from Division to North Steele.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Planning Dept. for the month of November 1962.
- b. Report from the Municipal Court for the month of November 1962.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands informed the Council Members that the Executive Committee of the Citizens Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 10:30 A. M. and if everything moves along as per schedule by the end of this week the report may be compiled.

Mayor Tollefson asked that the Council Members read the reports they have received from the Committees, especially the reports where there has been a great difference of opinion so the Council can be in a position to act speedily.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the next Council meeting will be on December 26th , Wednesday at 4:00 P. M.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk

W. M. Tollefson
Mayor of the City Council