

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
March 11, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Egan, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Dr. Herrmann. Dr. Herrmann arrived at 5:22 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Hudson.

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C O N S E N T A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 1975.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23252 Fixing Tuesday, April 15, 1975 as the date for a public hearing to consider projects in accordance with procedures outlined in the guidelines for implementing Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 as amended.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Directors of Public Utilities and Public Works present the Assessment Rolls for the following:

LID 3749 - constructing sanitary sewers in East 48th Street from East "D" Street to East "F" Street; in alley between East "E" Street and East "F" Street from East 46th Street to East 48th Street, and other nearby streets.

LID 5523 - water mains and fire hydrants in East 43rd Street from McKinley Ave. to East "J" Street; Spokane Street from East 40th to East 43rd Street; East "I" Street from East 40th to 350' south & from East 43rd to 200' north; East "J" from East 43rd to 550' north.

LID 5528 - water mains and fire hydrants in East "D" Street from East 75th to East 80th Street; in East 75th from East "D" to McKinley Avenue; and in McKinley Ave. from East 75th Street to a point 540' south of East 75th Street.

LID 6939 - street lights on ornamental standards with underground wiring along North 28th Street from Lawrence Street to Warner Street.

LID 6942 - street lighting on South Prospect Street from South 17th Street to South 19th Street.

LID 6943 - street lighting on North Baltimore from North 14th Street to North 18th Street.

LID 8017 - permanent paving on Visscher Street from North 46th to North 48th; Frace Ave. from North 46th to North 48th and other nearby streets.

LID 8021 - permanent paving on North 7th from Proctor to Madison St.; North 27th from Starr Street to McCarver; North 46th from Vassault to Frace, and other nearby streets.

Fixing Monday, April 14, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Employes' Retirement Board meeting of January 30, 1975.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma Planning Commission-Citizens Land Use Policy Advisory Committee meeting of February 13, 1975.
- c. Minutes of City of Tacoma Beautification Committee Meeting of February 19, 1975.
- d. Minutes of Tacoma Planning Commission meeting of February 27, 1975.
- e. Minutes of Survey Subcommittee meeting of February 25, 1975.
- f. Monthly report, February, 1975, Tacoma Employes' Retirement System.
- g. Monthly report, January, 1975, Workload for Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment.
- h. Department of Community Development filing 1975 Community Development Plan and Application.

Mr. Moss moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 23252, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of March 16 through 22, 1975 as "Wildlife Week" and the week of March 15 through 22, 1975 as "Week of the Young Child".

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R E G U L A R A G E N D A

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Legislative Report by Mel Gaumer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

Mel Gaumer reported on various bills in the State Legislature of concern to the City. The Council took the information under advisement, with the exception of House Bill 28. Mr. Hudson moved that the City Council adopt the position of the Association of Washington Cities in opposition to House Bill 28. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

- b. H. B. Bond, Acting Secretary of Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission, requesting the Council's action to designate the First Presbyterian Church, Roxy Theater-Jones Building, Tacoma Totem Pole, Titlow Mansion, Blackwell Mansion as City of Tacoma historic landmarks.

James Widrig and Caroline Gallacci, members of the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission reviewed the five items for Council's designation as City of Tacoma historic landmarks and answered questions of Council members.

Thomas C. Lowrey, representing the Connors Theater organization, lessee of the Roxy Theater, objected to the designation of the Roxy Theater-Jones Building as a Tacoma historic landmark.

Discussion was held on the Blackwell Mansion located at 401 Broadway, the site of the Y.W.C.A. It was the feeling of some Council members the mansion no longer resembles its original state, either on the inside or the outside, and therefore should not be designated a historic landmark.

Mr. Moss moved to remove the Blackwell Mansion at this time and that the site be reconsidered by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 4 - Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick. Nays: 5 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Nalley, Mayor Johnston. The motion was declared failed.

Mayor Johnston moved to concur in the recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. The motion carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20353 (Continued from the meeting of March 4)
 Appropriating the sum of \$23,898.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund to the City Street Fund for the calendar year 1974 and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20354 (Continued from the meeting of March 4)
 Appropriating the sum of \$3,109.11, from the General Fund to the Police Relief and Pension Fund and appropriating the sum of \$6,842.70 from the Pension Fund for fiscal year 1974 and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20355 (Continued from the meeting of March 4)
Authorizing a temporary loan from the General Fund to the Equipment Rental Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 and appropriating the sum of \$216,212.00 for maintenance and operation costs and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20359 Vacating Stewart Street from East 18th Street North approximately 270 feet. (Cascade Pole Co.)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20360 Vacating alley between Sprague Ave. and Ferry Street from Center Street to SR-16. (William J. Rush)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20361 Vacating Court "C" between Broadway and Market Streets from So. 13th to So. 15th St. (Dept. of Public Works)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0 The Ordinance was declared passed.

Substitute
Ordinance No. 20362

Amending Sections 1.12.180, 1.12.410, 1.12.475,
1.12.570, 1.12.610, 1.12.740, 1.12.750 and 1.12.760
of the pay and compensation plan.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick
and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20363

(Continued from the meeting of March 4)
Amending Section 31 of Ordinance No. 19050, to allow a
change in the schedule of payment of the Cable TV franchise
fee paid by TelePrompter to the City of Tacoma.

Harvey Singleton, Technology Coordinator, said he would be speaking on three ordinances at the same time, Ordinance 20363, 20367 and 20371 as they relate to one another. Mr. Singleton advised that the amendment to change the payment of the franchise fee to a monthly basis rather than an annual basis will enable the City to utilize the money in developing a cable television program. He said the Teleprompter Corporation, however, has asked for one amendment and that is to change the date of payment from the 15th to read "on or before the 25th day of the month". He asked that on line 15 of the ordinance the figure "15" be changed to "25".

Mr. Warnick moved that the change be made. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Singleton reviewed the types of programs that would be aired on the public access channels and advised that under FCC regulations if the municipality is not broadcasting on public channels their revenues on the franchise would be reduced to three percent.

Speaking in favor of the ordinances were Gussy Shaffer from the Tacoma Public Library; John Castele, Health Department; and Dick Hayes, representing the Human Development Department; Captain Roald Wall, Fire Department and Carter Mitchell, P.I.O. Officer of the Police Department showed how films could be used for training purposes in both the Fire and Police Departments and other departments as well, and could be viewed on the public broadcasting channels.

Bertie Edwards, Special Projects Coordinator for Senior Services, Department of Human Development, said she was not speaking for or against the ordinances but asked for funds for 100 cable TV hookups to shut-ins, low income homes and nursing homes to be paid for from Teleprompter franchise tax revenues.

Ordinance No. 20362 was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20364 Appropriating the sum of \$61,515.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for increase in the budget for the care and custody of prisoners in the City jail for the period March 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20365 Authorizing the City to increase the appropriation of Fund 141 and enter into an agreement with the State of Washington for \$73,683.00 in State LEAA funds plus \$4,093.00 in State "Buy-in" funds.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20366 Authorizing the City to increase the appropriation of Fund 163 and enter into an agreement with the State of Washington for \$15,790.00 in State LEAA funds plus \$877.00 in State "Buy-in" funds.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20367 Establishing a new fund to be known as the "Municipal Cable Television Program Fund" and appropriating the sum of \$62,032.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary from said fund for the purpose of operating the Municipal Cable Television (MCATV) Program and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20368 Amending Chapter 8.102 of the Official Code relative to definitions of Body Painting.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20369 Amending the 1975 Annual Budget to include negotiated salary settlements and certain increases in maintenance and operation.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20370 Amending the pay and compensation plan to provide salary adjustments for certain unrepresented classes and establishing the position of Distribution Engineering Technician.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20371 Amending Section 1.12.430 of the pay and compensation plan to establish a new class of Technical Productivity Specialist and setting the rate of pay.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20372 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the S.E. corner of So. 12th and Pearl Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District. (Educational Employees Credit Union)

Mayor Johnston reported that Council had just received a petition from residents and wished time to study the matter.

Mayor Johnston moved to continue first reading for one week so Council could study a petition received from residents of the area. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. First reading of the ordinance was continued to March 18, 1975.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase

Resolution No. 23253 Awarding contract to: (1) Star Machinery on its bid of \$7,924.89 for two power take-off driven air compressors and (2) to Traffic Control Signs Co. on its bid of \$13,298.89 for street signs.

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

Resolution No. 23254 Authorizing execution of a lease agreement for office space for the Department of Community Development in the Jones Building.

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

Resolution No. 23255 Authorizing execution of a lease agreement with Hot Drinks, Inc. for 1,824 square feet of office space to be used by the Hearing Examiner, Labor Relations Director and Manpower Planning.

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

Resolution No. 23256 Establishing the 1976 Citizen's Budget Committee and designating its authorities and responsibilities.

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

Mr. Hudson moved to add the American Association of Retired Persons to the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Resolution No. 23257 Authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Progress House Association for continued operation of the Progress Halfway House using State LEAA and Model Cities funds.

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

Resolution No. 23258 Authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Pierce County Homes for Youth for continued operation of the Group Home Project using State LEAA and Model Cities funds.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Sherri Swain, Director of Pierce County Homes for Youth, answered questions of Council members.

Mayor Johnston moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and failed.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution and carried, with Mr. Nalley abstaining. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23259 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make application to add certain arterial streets to the City's FAM System to execute and submit a project prospectus for improving certain arterial street intersections in the Central business district under the FAM Program.

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

Resolution No. 23260 Authorizing application for \$67,368.00 in LEAA funds to continue the Model Cities Division Public Defender Project.

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

Resolution No. 23261 Authorizing execution of a contract between the City and Allen W. Ratcliffe, PhD, for professional services, regarding the evaluation of Grant No. 1 R18 AA01604-01 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution Nos. 23262 and 23263. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23262 Accepting offer of Grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, in an amount not to exceed \$1,336,000 and authorizing the proper officials of the City to execute appropriate instruments associated therewith.

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

Resolution No. 23263

Urging the Congress and the Federal Administration to provide adequate funding for the Follow Through Program operated in conjunction with the Tacoma Public Schools for the next three years.

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

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Donaldson requested the Council's approval of \$2,000 for the continuation for another six weeks of the service between Seattle and Tacoma by Seattle Metro to allow time to set up a program that will fit into the new federal funding.

Mr. Nelson moved to approve the six weeks extension at a cost of \$2,000. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston appointed Deputy Mayor Herrmann and Council members Moss and Hudson to the L.I.D. Committee for March, April and May, 1975.

Mayor Johnston announced that he has asked Councilwoman Egan to serve as liaison between the City Council and the Tacoma/Pierce County Bicentennial Commission to communicate the Council's desires to the Commission and to keep Council apprised of their activities.

Councilman Warnick made reference to a report received from Dr. Booms regarding the economic condition of Tacoma and said he felt there was a need to inventory warehouses and industrial sites so that when Tacoma businesses are ready to expand they have somewhere to go.

Councilman Warnick made a motion that the City Manager either direct the Planning Commission, the Planning Department, the Community Development Department or, if necessary, an outside consultant to bring back a report to the City Council regarding the proposed industrial site at the foot of McKinley Hill (bounded by the freeway, Puyallup Avenue from Portland Avenue to Pacific Avenue on the west side) so Council will have something on which to make a determination as to whether or not this area should be developed. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Sonntag stated that Summer Youth Employment applications will be available at all schools for two weeks beginning next Monday.

Mr. Sonntag commented on the conference which he, the Mayor and other council members had attended in Washington D.C. last week and stated he was impressed with the way the legislators had responded to requests of the Mayors and Councils throughout the United States for funding for employment projects.

Mr. Sonntag asked that Mr. Donaldson request a report from the Police Department regarding drug abuse at the Pierce County Homes for Youth on North "J" Street.

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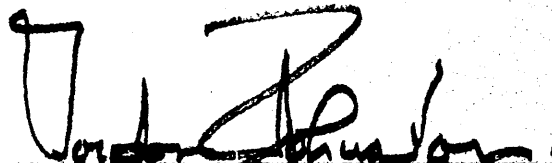
CITIZENS REQUESTS TO BE HEARD:

Mrs. Virgil D. Weed and Mr. Jim DeYoung spoke regarding sewer petitions for Northeast Tacoma residents and the problems they are incurring in their efforts to obtain sewers for their area.

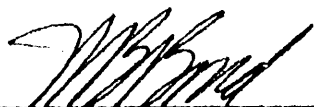
Mayor Johnston directed the City Manager and staff to explore the problem immediately and seek a solution.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 

H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK