

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday May 28, 1963

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5: Finnigan, Haley, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 4: Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann and Steele. Mr. Bott coming in at 4:20 P. M.; Mr. Cvitanich, Dr. Herrmann and Mr. Steele coming in at 4:30 P. M.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland said he would like to postpone the approval of the minutes until next week so that the statement accredited to him on page (6) could be checked.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the minutes would have to be approved tonight as the Bond counselor is waiting for a certified copy of the minutes regarding the approval of the sale of the bonds.

Mr. Murtland said, due to the emergency of the approval of the minutes he would withdraw his request.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date fixed for hearing on the vacation of Junett St. between No. 32nd & No. 33rd Sts. together with portion of the abutting alley between No. 32nd & No. 33rd Sts. from Junett to Cedar Sts. (Petition-John L. Vejvoda) <sup>137</sup> <sub>173</sub>

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, pointed out on the map the location of the proposed vacation. He explained that Junett St. was not a through street, as it had approximately a 50 foot drop between No. 32nd and No. 33rd Street.

Mary Bailey, residing at 3015 No. 32nd, protested the proposed vacation as she felt the street should remain open for the convenience of the public.

Mrs. Sporich, residing at 3007 No. 33rd St., protested as the unimproved street was used as a walkway for the residents in the area until it was bulldozed, and it is now impassable.

It was brought out that in the winter, during the snow season, the pathway was used on this unimproved street to get down the hill, otherwise the people would have to go around eight blocks to reach the bus line.

Mayor Tollefson said a petition had been received with (19) signatures protesting the vacation, stating this area has been used for a turnaround for cars and a walkway for the residents until it was blocked by the bulldozing. He

added, a petition was submitted in 1956 by the same people, for a roadway in that area, but they were told by the City the street would be too steep for improvement. He also submitted (8) other signatures objecting to the vacation.

Mr. Vejvoda, the petitioner, stated he needed the extra space for a driveway.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr Vejvoda how many feet he needed.

Mr. Vejvoda said he needed 30 feet for a driveway into this basement garage.

Mayor Tollefson asked if 20 feet would be acceptable; in that event it might be possible to vacate 20 feet on both sides of the street.

Mr. Haley suggested to help the residents, perhaps, North 33rd St. could be put in condition for travel between Cedar and Pine Street and that Pine Street be opened between North 32nd and North 33rd.

Mr. Rowlands said that would be more logical if they wanted to improve the roads as it does straighten out considerably at North 33rd and Pine. To get better traffic circulation in the neighborhood there should be an L I D going down Pine St. to North 33rd and open up North 33rd St. between Pine and Cedar for vehicular travel.

After some discussion, Mrs. Price moved that the hearing be postponed for one week until June 4th, 1963, to allow the Council members to look over the area. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland asked that a report be prepared on the grades of Pine, Junett, Cedar and Alder from North 32nd to North 33rd Streets.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17468:

Fixing Monday, June 24, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4722 for paving in the vicinity of So. 76th & Ainsworth; So. 68th & L St. and So. 54th & Sheridan Ave.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

Resolution No. 17469:

Fixing Monday, June 24, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6831 for Street lighting on Sunset Drive from 6th Ave. to So. 19th Street.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

City Council Minutes - Page 3 - May 28, 1963

Resolution No. 17470:

Fixing Monday, June 24, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6832 for street lights on No. 14th St. from Lawrence to Pine St. and Shirley from No. 14th to No. 18th Streets.

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

Resolution No. 17471:

Fixing Tuesday, June 25, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property on So. 30th from Madison St. west to the alley. (petition of Keith Petersen et al.)

Mr. Haley moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

Resolution No. 17472:

Fixing Tuesday, June 25, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the alley in the vicinity of Asotin St. & So. Tacoma Way. (petition of R. T. Davis Investment Co.) 202

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

Resolution No. 17473:

Fixing Tuesday, June 25, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the alley on No. 27th to 30th between Highland and Winnifred Streets. (petition of Lila L. Branch et al.) 202

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

City Council Minutes - Page 4 - May 28, 1963

Resolution No. 17474:

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons for L I D 3545 on its basic bid of \$17,404.40 which is determined to be the lowest and best bid, and also on its supplemental bid of \$4,820.40, including sales tax on both bids.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

Resolution No. 17475:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a local improvement assessment deed to Raymond B. & Helen B. Turner and Ethel Tweeden, for property located between So. 61st and So. 62nd on Prospect St.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

Resolution No. 17476:

Authorizing the extension of an agreement with the West Tacoma Newsprint Co. for a period of 20 days from the date of May 31, 1963 or to such time as may be necessary, for the sale of electric power and energy.

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

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, stated this extension period will allow the representatives of the West Tacoma Newsprint Co. and the Utility Board to discuss the new agreement.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.

Resolution No. 17477:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase property lying north of the Utility building parking lot at So. 35th & Union Ave. for future expansion of parking facilities for the Dept. of Public Utilities.

**City Council Minutes - Page 5 - May 28, 1963**

**The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.**

**Resolution No. 17478:**

**Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an easement for two tracts of land with the U. S. Corps of Engineers for the installation of two concrete anchors for holding the upstream log boom in the Howard A. Hanson Dam Reservoir near Baldi.**

**Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Haley.**

**The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Naves 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich.**

**Resolution No. 17479:**

**Authorizing the sale of Salvage items to Zidell Dismanteling, Inc. and Glen Currah.**

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

**The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Naves 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich.**

**Resolution No. 17480:**

**Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute the sale and exchange of transformers between School District No. 10 and the City, to expand the facilities of the Tacoma Vocational Technical Institute.**

**Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.**

**The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.  
Ayes-9.**

**Resolution No. 17481:**

**Authorizing the release of an easement on the Cushman Transmission Line.**

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

City Council Minutes - Page 6 - May 28, 1963

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ayes-9.

Resolution No. 17482:

Authorizing the proper officers to execute a grant agreement with the Federal Government for participating funds for the purpose of the construction of fire, crash & maintenance equipment and building, for the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich, Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17483:

Authorizing the execution and delivery of a certain project temporary loan note in connection with project No. Wash. "R-3".

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

Mr. Rowlands stated, in reviewing this matter with the Urban Renewal Dept., it was decided to request \$373,000.00 instead of \$155,000.00. These funds will administer the program of acquiring property through September, when the City hopes to arrange private financing at a lower interest rate.

Mr. Steele moved to amend the Resolution to read \$373,000.00 instead of \$155,000.00, Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich, Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17484:

Accepting certain offers to sell Real property situated within the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project designated project No. Wash. "R-3".

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich, Absent 0.

City Council Minutes - Page 7 - May 28, 1963

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 17342:**

Amending Section 11. 34. 130 of the Official Code of the City relating to traffic to extend the present Orchard St. arterial from No 30th St. to No. 37th Street.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 17348:**

Amending Sections 1. 12. 510, 520, 530, 590 and 640 of the Official Code of the City to reflect the new rates of pay for the Public Utilities Electrical Workers in Local 483, effective as of April 1, 1963.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Murtland; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman

**Ordinance No. 17349:**

Amending Sections 10. 20. 020 and 040 of the Official Code of the City relating to sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Murtland stated he would vote in favor of the Ordinance because it is better than what is currently on the books. He thought an Ordinance which stated that the City would not participate would have made it easier for the Department.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

**REPORTS:**

- a. Court Decisions & Legal opinions from Nov. 1962 to April 1963.
- b. Puget Sound Regional Transportation Study for April 1963.
- c. Report from Hardwick Smith and Wallace A. Seymour on the Western States Crime Conference.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Tacoma Police Dept. report for the month of April 1963.
- b. Fire Dept. report for the month of April 1963.
- c. City Planning Dept. report for the month of March 1963.
- d. Traffic Division report for the month of April 1963.
- e. Director of Finance report for the month of April 1963.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands stated next Tuesday noon the Consulting Group would present to the City Council another progress report for the Downtown study. This will be presented to the Central Association Annual Luncheon meeting on Wednesday at the Winthrop Hotel. The City Council members have been invited to attend the luncheon.

\*\*\*\*\*

Dr. Herrmann asked to be excused from next Tuesday's meeting as he would be attending a class reunion.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Dr. Herrmann be excused. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tollefson said two voting delegates should be nominated for the Association of Washington Cities Convention to be held in Longview on June 12, 13 & 14th, 1963. He thought it would be proper if Mr. Finnigan and Mr. Steele be nominated as voting delegates.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Mr. Finnigan and Mr. Steele be nominated as voting delegates. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. Price said, as a member of the Nominating committee and with the permission of the City Council, she would like to submit Mayor Tollefson's name as a member to the Executive Board.

Mr. Steele moved that Mayor Tollefson's name be submitted as a member of the Executive Board. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tollefson announced that the Park Board members have invited the City Council to their Annual Fishing Derby to be held on June 27, 1963 at 12 noon at the Pt. Defiance Boat House.

\*\*\*\*\*



Mayor Tollefson said that Mr. Murtland had observed an article in the News Tribune concerning Mr. John Judy of the Hooker Chemical Company who had complained of the high rates charged by the Tacoma Light Dept. Mr. Murtland thought an explanation should be made by the Utilities Dept. Mayor Tollefson agreed that an explanation would be welcomed.

Mr. Murtland moved that Mayor Tollefson request the Utilities Dept. submit an explanation in regard to this article. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tollefson stated he was requested to meet with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Forest Service, relative to a discussion on the proposed multiple use of the Green River Water Shed area in which the Forest Service owns approximately 50,000 acres of land. Mr. Tollefson said, that he, Mr. Benedetti and Mr. Omar Bratrud, Tacoma Park Commissioner, met with Mr. Barrett and Mr. Loners of the Forest Service. Discussion was held as to the multiple use act of 1960 as it pertains to the Forest Service land.

The working agreement for the water shed area was entered into by the Forest Service and the City of Tacoma in 1914. After the enactment of the new law in 1960, there has been some agitation by the Forest Service Dept. Due to this fact, a working agreement was submitted by the Forest Service to be studied by the City of Tacoma to determine if a multiple use could be worked out for the Green River water shed area. They submitted two proposals which will be studied by the Water Division and the Legal Staff, as they wish a report within 90 days regarding the City of Tacoma's position relative to the proposed multiple use plan.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tollefson explained that Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Parks Study Committee would like to address the City Council.

Mr. Jones submitted a communication from the Parks Study Committee comprised of representatives of various civic and service organizations of Tacoma. The recommendation stated that the City should continue to give financial support to the Metropolitan Park District, and suggested that such financial support be contingent upon the fulfillment of all requirements and subject to all financial controls to which City departments must adhere.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Jones if the Committee had studied how these funds could be raised or are they to come out of the General Fund.

Mr. Jones said he thought the Parks should attempt to get the park millage prior to requesting funds from the City.

Mrs. Price said the letter states " that such financial support be contingent upon the fulfillment of all requirements, and subject to all financial controls to which city departments must adhere. This provision would include such areas as budgeting, calling for bids on contracts and other purchasing procedures, placement of insurance, auditing, etc. and would apply to all funds received by the District, including those not granted by the City." She asked Mr.

City Council Minutes - Page 10 - May 28, 1963

McCormick if the City Council has that right.

Mr. McCormick said he assumed the Committee had reference to the State Statutes which authorizes the City to underwrite park expenses and specifically provides that the Council may attach terms or conditions on the grant.

Mrs. Price said in the past the City Council has requested the Park Board, submit their budget at the time the General Government prepares its budget.

Mr. Rowlands stated the Park Board's budget, last year, was brought in at the last minute, therefore, it was not studied and compared as were the other department budgets.

Mr. Finnigan asked Mr. Jones if the Committee made any suggestions for raising revenues for the parks.

Mr. Jones stated, the Committee did not make any recommendations.

Mr. Steele said he was hopeful that the Committee would pledge to continue their work for the Parks and fight for millage next year as the School Board has worked for their millage. This would be a very worthwhile endeavor.

\*\*\*\*\*

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

*W. M. Jolly*  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Metton*  
City Clerk