

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, June 8, 1965**

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmans, Johnson, Murtland, Price and Mayor Tollefson.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 25, 1965 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of 30 and 35 year Service Awards.

Mr. Rowlands presented service awards to five City employees; Battalion Chief George S. Dague, Captain Howard C. Giller of the Fire Dept. and Louis Boltano, Equipment operator in the Refuse Division, received 35-year service award pins. E. C. Barnard, Refuse Collector Foreman and Reed Harris, Equipment Operator of the Public Works Dept. received 30-year award pins.

Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager and the members of the City Council congratulated the recipients for their many years of service to the City.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set over for hearing on the construction, re-construction of sidewalks in various locations in the City. SCF-465

Mr. Rowlands stated, this hearing was postponed due to a letter received from R.E. Anderson & Co. Inc. in regard to the property at 720 Sixth Avenue, stating they have gone to considerable expense to have the poplar trees sprayed and also clearing the leaves from the roof and drains. They felt it would be impractical to remove the sidewalk now as they were contemplating removal of the trees. It was their recommendation that some repair be made but this particular section be removed from the planned sidewalk construction.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, said he had talked to Mr. R. E. Anderson and he has consented to secure bids from private contractors for the sidewalk improvement, relative to comparing bids with that of the City. Regardless of the outcome, the sidewalk will be corrected and the trees will be trimmed prior to the sidewalk repair.

Dr. Herrmann moved that an ordinance be prepared providing for the sidewalk improvements. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set over for reconsideration of the petition submitted by Northern Properties, Inc. for the rezoning of property located at the N. W. corner of So. 19th and Prospect Sts. from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the proper ordinance be drafted rezoning the property. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mrs. Price said the grocery store is the only store in the area which serves a good number of low income families who, perhaps, are without cars and need a neighborhood store.

Mr. Murtland said he did not think it was necessary to rezone the property as the store is now operating.

Mr. Johnston, Agent for the petitioner, said the property now is a non-conforming use and the buyer wishes it rezoned to a "C-1" District. They do not intend to sell the property for any other use.

Dr. Herrmann said he couldn't understand the objection, as the store is already there, only in a non-conforming use.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, stated there are probably 100 non-conforming uses of properties in the City.

Mayor Tollefson said the question is whether the Council wants to zone South 19th St. with commercial zones. He said as far as the financing of the property, he was positive it could be financed in any bank even if it is in a non-conforming zone. They can continue the operation of the store as long as it continues to stay there.

After some discussion roll call was taken on Dr. Herrmann's motion to rezone, resulting as follows: Ayes 4, Nays 5, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Murtland and Mayor Tollefson. MOTION LOST.

c. The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition of Fred Shuffield requesting the rezoning of property located at the N. W. corner of the intersection of So. 47th and Cedar Sts. from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

An appeal has been filed by Fred Shuffield.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the date for hearing on the petition of Fred Shuffield be set for July 13, 1965. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

d. This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by Edward Gasecki for the vacation of the alley between Pacific Ave. & A Street from So. 21st to So. 22nd St.

Mr. Ramsdell, Attorney representing both the American Mfg. Co. and the Precision Machine Works Co., stated he is asking for 100% of the ownership on both sides of the alley for the two blocks. He added, they have easements for 20 feet through the center of the alleyway for the use of emergency vehicles, customers, supplies, etc. This will not change the present status of the property except to provide better control over the traffic. He said there is a building under construction by Mr. Gasecki, owner of the Precision Machine Works, which

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will make more traffic during the day and night construction. He stated the City will be relieved from the necessity of upkeep as this will be utilized as a private-way. He said on behalf of 100% of the ownership and without any segment of any group opposing the vacation, he would request that the application be granted.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Ramsdell if the petitioner proposes to use the alley also as their loading area rather than loading in front of their respective buildings.

Mr. Ramsdell replied there is no loading zone at the present time in front of the buildings, and it is not intended to be, as they are loading from the back and will continue to load from the back, that is why they intend to keep the alley free. He said there will be no change in the traffic pattern.

Mr. Haley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that an ordinance be drafted approving the vacation. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication from L. W. Craig, County Assessor, notifying the City Council of the meeting of the Board of Equalization on Tuesday, July 6, 1965, at 9:00 A. M. and he would like to be informed which three members of the Council will serve on the Board.

Mayor Tollefson appointed Mrs. Price and Mr. Johnson and said he would also serve on the Board of Equalization.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18327

Fixing Monday June 28, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4771 for paving on So. Washington from So. 12th to 15th; No. 9th from Mullen to Hason; No. 10th from Stevens to Verde.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18328

Fixing Monday June 28, 1965 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4772 for paving on So. 48th St. from Orchard to Mullen; So. Sheridan from So. 53rd to 54th; So. Lawrence from 72nd to 74th Sts.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18329

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons on its bid of \$75,198.30 for Improv. No. 2364.

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

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

Ayes 5; Nays 4; Finnigan, Johnson, Martland and Mayer Tollefson. Absent 0. The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Resolution No. 18330

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons on its basic bid of \$14,821.20 and on the supplemental bid of \$4,214.39 for L I D 3596.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 18331

Accepting 3 sealed bids for a parcel of land within the Center Street Urban Renewal area.

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

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated this is the first time there has been more than one bid for a parcel of property in the Center St. Project. The Council on November 7, 1961 passed Ordinance No. 16921 which sets up the procedure for the sale of Urban Renewal Property, and at that time it was determined that the City Council should make the final determination in the sale of the property, but that the Urban Renewal Department should first examine all of the bids and make a recommendation to the Council. He said at that time the Council set up priorities, that if the adjacent property owners met the highest bid then the adjacent property owner would have first priority for the acquisition of the property or if they had owned the property prior to Urban Renewal. Mr. McCormick said, in his opinion, all three bids should be considered by the Council, however, he thought two of the bidders have preference because they are abutting property owners; the National Bank of Washington and the Floor Coverings, Inc.

Mr. Richmond, Acting Director of Urban Renewal, explained the anticipated use of the land for each, and their financial stability. He said Mr. R. P. Boyd would build a structure for lease to the Coffee House Roasters of Tacoma. The Bank wishes to have additional parking area for their data processing center, and the Floor Coverings Inc. wish to expand their present building and move their parking to this location.

Mr. Cvitanich said he was inclined to favor the Floor Covering Inc. as they need the property to expand their building. He thought the Bank could acquire property across the street for parking and, perhaps, Urban Renewal could locate other property within the project for Mr. Boyd.

Mayor Tollefson said, in the event they voted in favor of the Floor Covering Inc. could they impose some conditions on the sale, indicating that within a certain length of time they should proceed with the expansion of the building.

Mr. Richmond stated they place conditions on the sale of property and if they are not met it reverts back to the City, however, he did not at this time know what the conditions would be.

Mayor Tollefson said the Council would like to know the conditions as they would not like to see the buyer not follow through with the development.

Mr. Finnigan felt there were still some questions unanswered and moved to postpone the resolution for one week, until June 15th, 1965. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Tollefson asked if they could accept Mr. Boyd's bid if it could be determined it is for the best interest of the overall development of that area, even though according to the ordinance the Council is to give preference to the adjacent owners.

Mr. McCormick said he did not think they could, unless the ordinance was amended.

Mr. Aarestead, representing Coffee House Roasters Inc., stated in 1959 or 1960 the City purchased four lots at South 28th and Eye Street for the Yakima Bridge. He said at that time City officials informed him that they would have first priority in the Urban Renewal Project, as they were there first. He said it is for the Council's determination who will purchase the property. He said they feel that the property will fit their needs.

Mr. Rieck, representing the National Bank of Washington, stated they have a substantial investment in their building center and it is expanding faster than they anticipated. He added, the Bank wishes this site for employse parking.

Mayor Tollefson asked how many parking spaces this area would provide.

Mr. Rieck stated it would provide parking for 32 cars.

Mr. Lindgren, representing Floor Coverings Inc. stated they also need property to provide parking facilities, as their present parking area will be used for expansion of their present building.

Following further discussion, Mr. Rowlands stated they would provide the answers prior to the next meeting.

Voices vote was taken on the motion to postpone the Resolution for one week. MOTION CARRIED.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Mr. Cvitanich left at this time.

Ordinance No. 17854

Appropriating the sum of \$19,000 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of hiring personnel, purchasing material and equipment to expedite the inspection of dangerous buildings as a result of the earthquake.

Mr. Rowlands stated, as requested at the study session yesterday, a breakdown of the jobs will be sent to the Council in their agenda next Friday.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17855

Creating a special fund known as "Economic Opportunity Revolving Fund" for the purpose of operating a Neighborhood Youth Corps Project.

Mr. Rowlands stated this Economic Opportunity Program was designed to help youngsters from 16 to 21 years old from lower income families to do this work, which otherwise would not get done. He said the purpose of the program is to give emphasis to the neighborhood youth corps. These people will be interviewed by the Economic Employment Security office and will then be sent to the various departments for interviews to see if they have the necessary qualifications to do the work. The Federal Government will pay 90% of the cost of the program. The City's share of 10% will be supervision as no money will be expended from City funds. He said the type and character of work for which these young people will be engaged will be compiled and sent out to the Council. They will be paid \$1.25 per hour and will work seven hours per day.

Mrs. Price asked if the program had to be approved by the Federal Government prior to securing the funds.

Mr. Rowlands replied these programs are cleared through the office of Economic Opportunity and through the State and Local Departments of Labor and Industries. The City's applications is still subject to Federal approval, however, they are hopeful it will come in time to allow the City to begin its program by July 1st.

Mayor Tollefson said the anti-poverty program is cumbersome, but is it an attempt to break through the vicious circle whereby lack of education and opportunity causes delinquency and welfare. He thought this was a step in the right direction for many of these people there is now hope to be able to continue their education and it will help them to earn some money.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Mr. Johnson left at this time.

Ordinance No. 17856

Establishing (96) positions of Neighborhood Youth Corpsmen in various City Departments.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17853

Vacating the east side of Pine St. immediately north of So. 47th St. and an adjoining alley. (Petition of Public Works Dept.)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Cvitanich, Johnson and Murtland (temporarily).
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like the Council to consider an Ordinance that does not appear on the agenda.

Dr. Herrmann moved to suspend the rules to consider this ordinance.

Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like the Council's advise in regard to changing the working hours for the City employees. He pointed out that Utility employees have adopted the 8 to 4:30 work day and the County employees have the 8:30 to 4:30 P. M. work day. He said the City employees have indicated they would like to inaugurate an 8 to 4:30 P. M. work day also. He added, he was sorry he had neglected to discuss this with the Council at the study session yesterday.

Mr. Rowlands said, to expedite the matter there are two possibilities as to how to proceed; the Council rules could be waived to act on this today or the ordinance could be placed on next week's agenda.

Dr. Herrmann thought the employees should be given the advantage of the daylight hours as the trend is for a shorter work day for employees.

Mr. Rowlands stated this has been discussed with the Department Directors and County-Labor Management Committee. They are in favor of the change of the work day. He said it was thought to try it out for the summer and re-appraise it in September or October, and if it works favorably it may be continued.

Mr. Finnigan stated he did not see the emergency of having to vote on it at this meeting. He would like to give it some thought.

Mayor Tollefson, following a discussion, suggested they introduce it at today's meeting, then next week the ordinance could be acted upon.

Roll call was taken on the motion to suspend the rules: Ayes 3, Herrmann, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Nays 4: Haley, Finnigan, Martland and Bott. Absent 2, Cvitanich and Johnson. MOTION LOST.

Mr. Bott said he voted "no" because he thought the Council should have been informed of this prior to the meeting.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Rowlands to place the ordinance on next week's agenda.

Mrs. Price said she understood most of the employees would like to adopt this change in hours.

REPORTS:

- a. Relocation Report on the Center St. Project Wash. R-1.

Mr. Rowlands stated, this is an excellent report. The people were re-established in better homes, which answers many of the critics throughout the country.

- b. MC-457 Vice Presidential Conference with City Managers.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. R a. Report of the City Planning Dept. for the month of May 1965.
- b. Report of the Tacoma Employees Retirement System for the month of May 1965.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council of the A. W. C. Conference beginning on June 16th through Friday noon, June 18th to be held at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma.

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Mrs. Price moved that Mayor Tollefson's name be submitted as the representative from this District to the Board of Managers of the A. W. C. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Tollefson said the National League of Cities Conference will be held in Detroit on July 23 through July 28. He stated that he and three other members of the Council will be attending. He asked the Council which three members would be attending. He said Dr. Herrmann, Mr. Murtland, Mr. Haley and Mr. Finnigan, all have indicated they would like to attend.

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Mrs. Price moved that Mr. Haley, Mr. Finnigan, Dr. Herrmann and Mayor Tollefson be delegated to attend, and if for any reason that any of them cannot attend that Mr. Murtland substitute. Seconded by Mr. Bett. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

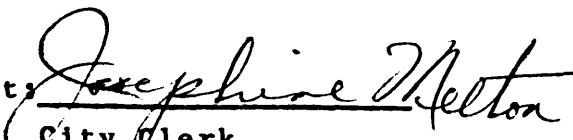
Mr. Sam Kinville, President of the Pierce County-Tacoma City Employees Local No. 120, read into the record a communication from their local requesting a meeting with representatives of the City and a committee from the Union to discuss how the City plans to disperse the \$300,000 that was awarded to the City from the recent Court decision on the referendum of the tax ordinance. At the time the tax ordinance was passed, the Council stated a certain amount of this additional tax money would be used for the employee wages and fringe benefits. He said the Union would like a schedule set up to meet with either the Council or representatives of the City to discuss wages and fringe benefits ahead of the budget hearings in October.

Mr. Rowlands stated City representatives intend to meet with Mr. Kinville and his group as well as all groups and go over their suggestions prior to adopting the budget.

Mr. Bixel, Director of Personnel, stated they are attempting to formulate a schedule to meet with approximately 25 organizations to discuss their requests prior to adopting the budget.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 
City Clerk