

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, April 5, 1966

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 6: Bott, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 3: Mayor Tollefson, Price and Cvitanich. Mr. Cvitanich arriving at 4:15 P. M.
In the absence of Mayor Tollefson, Deputy Mayor Herrmann presided.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann stated he would entertain a motion to consider the agenda of the regular meeting of March 29, 1966 which was postponed until this date.

Mr. Haley moved that the agenda of March 29, 1966 meeting be considered. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann stated inasmuch as there is no business to consider, he would consider a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Haley moved that the meeting of March 29, 1966 be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The agenda for the meeting of April 5th was then taken up.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 22, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of property located on the east side of Pacific Ave. and approximately 300 feet south of So. 84th Street from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. Submitted by Television Service Center Inc.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, stated the petitioner had requested a "C-2" district, but at the Planning Commission's hearing it was recommended that an "R-4-L" rezone be granted as they felt this was a proper rezone for this particular area. This was agreeable to the petitioner.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, to explain if this was the proper procedure.

Mr. McCormick explained, since the petitioner did not appeal the change recommended by the Planning Commission within the 14 days allotted, he obviously agreed with the Planning Commission that the proper zoning would be for an "R-4-L" district.

Mr. Rowlands asked if the Planning Commission, at a hearing which was advertized for another purpose, have within its prerogative, the right to change the zoning.

Mr. McCormick stated, they do have a right to recommend to the City Council a change in a rezone request.

Mr. Haley moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the proper Ordinance be drafted approving the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18669

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to release and relinquish an easement across the property at So. 35th and Orchard Streets.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 18670

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$44,846.51 for L I D 478L.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 18671

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$1,847.50 for L I D 2297.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 18672

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$10,315.80 incl. tax for W. O. No. 54542.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained this is for the demolition of the old Stationer's building and also to replace a roof over the escalade.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18036

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.130-34 to include property on the south side of 6th Ave. approx. 500 feet west of Pearl St. in a "C-2" District. (petition of C. L. Peckenpaugh)

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18037

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6873 for street lighting on So. 51st from G to D and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18038

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6875 for street lights on So. 17th at the alley between J and K Sts.; Grandview Ave. from Wright Ave. to 900 feet south and other nearby streets.

Mrs. Melton, City Clerk, informed the Council that additional protests were filed after the hearing of March 28th against the area on Columbia Ave., bringing the amount of protests for this area to 73%.

Mr. Johnson moved that Columbia Ave. from Portland Ave to 1,000 feet east be deleted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18039

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5406 for water mains in MacArthur St. from So. 15th to So. 17th; Meyers from So. 15th to So. 19th and in So. 15th and 17th from Meyers to MacArthur Street.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18040

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5407 for water mains in So. 45th St. from Pine to Cedar and Cedar from So. 45th to So. 47th Sts.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18041

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5395 for water mains and hydrants in the Fife Heights area adjacent to the City of Tacoma bounded by 19th St. N. E.; 68th Ave. East, 10th St. East and west to the City limits line.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18042

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4760 for paving in the alley between No. 19th and No. 20th from Cedar to Alder; sidewalks on Huson, No. 31st and No. 33rd Streets.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18043

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4770 for paving on No. 27th from Huson to Mullen and other north and westend streets.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18044

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6834 for street lighting on So. 66th to So. 74th St. from Alder to Pine.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Price and Mayor Tollefson.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessments for hearing:

- a. L I D 3576 for sanitary sewers in East 19th from East D eastward approximately 630 feet east; 21st St. from East D to East H; East D from East 19th to East 21st.
- b. L I D 3602 for sanitary sewers in East 19th from 630 feet east of D to 900 feet east.

- c. L I D 6823 for intersection lights on So. 66th to So. 74th from Tyler to Madison St.

Mr. Johnson moved that Monday May 9, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date of hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 3576, 3602 and 6823. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board for the month of Feb. 1966.
- b. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of Feb. 1966.
- c. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of Feb. 1966.
- d. Finance Director's report for the month of Feb. 1966.
- e. Report from the Light & Water Division for the month of Feb. 1966.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands reported to the City Council that most of the City's requests for grants have been received at HUD Headquarters in Washington, D. C. from the San Francisco regional office.

He explained, the demolition, the community facilities and the beautification grants are now being processed. The beautification grant was the first application filed with three governmental agencies participating and it was very well received. The request involved the Park District, the Port of Tacoma, the School Districts and the City. He felt it would be a matter of a few days before the proper announcement will be made.

Mr. Rowlands added, the policy of the new subdivisions would be to encourage underground wiring as the Federal Government would not assist local governments unless it is understood that underground installations would be carried out.

The City's application for a grant of \$950,000 for storm drains had also been received at HUD.

Another grant that is in the process is the Laboratory Theatre grant. The Schools are working in close conjunction with the City on this project and the City's only responsibility will be to provide the theatre.

Mr. Rowlands continued, that arrangements have to be made on a reasonable basis through the State Arts Commission and the Allied Arts Commission to decide what type of artistic groups to bring into our area in reference to the National Council of the Arts.

Mr. Rowlands mentioned that the New Tacoma Project, "R-14" was transferred from the San Francisco office to Washington, D. C. and the staff is hopeful that they will follow out the precept of Dr. Weaver and President Johnson in that they feel the regional offices in Urban Renewal should make the decisions. Therefore, undue delay should not take place when it reaches headquarters in Washington, D. C. as the misunderstandings would have been resolved.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if some of the monies from the grants could be used for rest rooms at Old Town Dock.

Mr. Rowlands stated, that at this time morrage is being installed for the use of smaller boats at this site, and perhaps, the request could be taken care of at the same time.

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Mr. Bott asked why the Public Works Dept. blocked the Street near the Bonneville Hotel.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, stated that the street in that area was unsafe as there had been a condemnation on the hotel because of the parapet walls that were damaged during the earthquake.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Schuster to check more closely to see if the entire block had to be barricaded.

Mr. Bott noted that the SW corner of 56th and Sprague was very dangerous and traffic was rapidly increasing.

Mr. Schuster stated that the staff and the State Highway Dept. as well as the Water Dept. have been contacted regarding this problem.

Mr. Bott asked that the Fire Inspectors check containers for inflammable liquids at gas stations and since unmarked containers in private garages are sometimes full of gasoline, more publicity should be given the problem as there is a City Ordinance prohibiting this as well as a Federal law.

Mr. Finnigan stated that the trip to Washington D. C. was very informative and he was very impressed with the feeling of the Federal Government regarding the National League of Cities.

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Mr. Haley said that it was obvious to him that the relationship between the Federal Government and the Cities will be closer in the future.

He said he had attended the Water Conference held in Wenatchee, Wash. It was a very informative meeting and especially since it included representatives from Canada. The problems that were discussed were international in scope and governing the pure water supply of this region.

Mr. Haley brought to the attention of the Council two actions taken by the Civic Arts Commission at its last regular meeting. They felt that a large share of the monies recently derived by Tacoma City Light from law suits against electrical companies should be used to beautify Tacoma by placing the city's power lines underground. They asked that lighting of the old City Hall tower at night be instituted. They also felt the City Council should preserve the old City Hall as a historic landmark and maintain it as part of a proposed downtown cultural center.

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Deputy Mayor Herrmann announced that the Association of Washington Cities will have a convention on May 11th, 12th and 13th in Yakima. He asked for volunteers to serve on the Resolutions Committee, the Nominating Committee and as a voting alternate.

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Mr. Finnigan volunteered to serve on the Resolutions Committee, Mr. Bott on the Nominating Committee and Mr. Johnson as the voting alternate. ✓

Mrs. Ross A. Caton asked that a signal light be installed at 56th and Oakes Street. She explained the dangerous situation particularly in regard to the school children. She said she had contacted the Public Works Dept. and they had stated the traffic count was not high enough to warrant a signal. She hoped the City Council would look into the matter and, perhaps, exchange a less important signal for this street intersection.

Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, stated he was aware of this problem. The counting devices have been installed at a number of intersections on 56th Street, and Oakes St. carries 10,000 cars per day, 38th St. carries 17,000 cars per day and 72nd St., 12,000 cars per day. He added, the Traffic Dept. is giving their attention to this problem and it is hoped it will be resolved in the near future. The Schools, Police Dept. and Transit Dept. all cooperate at the crossing at 56th and Cedar, where it is marked particularly for the school children. ✓ 226

Mr. Finnigan suggested that, perhaps, a tunnel or an overpass could be constructed to make it safer for pedestrians, and this would not impair the traffic flow.

Mr. Rowlands stated it was a matter of cost, but it certainly deserves consideration if the volume of traffic increased.

Mr. Schuster stated, an overhead crossing is more desirable as the tunnels do require intricate lighting and are more expensive.

Mr. Robert Copeland, attorney representing the Tacoma Police Union, protested the lowering of height and vision standards for policemen. He added, that the lowering of minimum height requirements will injure the public image of the department and will further contribute to the Police Department's low morale.

Mr. Copeland urged that the Civil-Service examination for patrolmen be held up, and to pass an ordinance endorsing the old minimum standards.

Mr. Rowlands said he felt the Department is doing an outstanding job and did not think anyone could cast aspersions on someone because he was 5 feet 9 instead of 5 feet 10 inches tall. He added, there are many able and competent police officers throughout the country who are 5 feet 9. ✓ 249

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated he was not at all sure that the Council has any power to change the situation, since Civil-Service rules and amendments must be initiated by the Civil-Service Commission. This particular provision was included in the City Charter amendment creating an elected Civil-Service Commission, which the voters adopted in 1958.

Mr. Copeland urged the Council to call off an examination which had been set by the Personnel Dept. until the matter can be fully discussed. He suggested that the problem be met by the hiring of provisional, temporary patrolmen. He felt they did not want substandard people on the force for 25 years.

Mr. Rowlands indicated that no examination date would be set until the Council is entirely satisfied and he would furnish the Council with material concerning the problem.

Mr. Haley felt this was a matter to be taken care of by the Administration and a hasty decision must not be made.

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Mr. McCormick reminded the Council that a number of legal problems are involved and must be looked into before any decision could be made.

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

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk

W. M. Jollyson
Mayor of the City Council