

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 22, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4 P.M.

Present on roll call 5: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 4: Banfield, Bott, Murtland and Zatkovich. Mr. Bott arriving at 4:15 P.M. and Mr. Murtland at 4:20 P.M.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Mrs. Banfield and Mr. Zatkovich be excused from the Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson requested that he be excused for the next two meetings.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Mr. Johnson be excused for the next two Council meetings. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 17, 1969 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen called attention to Page 4, Paragraph 3 from the bottom of the page of the minutes, and asked that Gordon Fors be changed to Dayle Collison, as Mr. Collison is at the present time the President of the Tacoma Board of Realtors.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 24, 1969 be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by Tribune Publishing Co. for the rezoning of So. 19th to So. 23rd between State St. and the Allenmore Golf Course from an "R-2" to an "M-1" District.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning explained, the applicants have requested the reclassification in order to construct a newspaper publishing plant. The site is located between the Elks Allenmore Golf Course and So. State St., and from So. 19th to So. 23rd St.

Mr. Buehler further stated that the Planning Commission felt the request for this rezoning was arbitrary, unreasonable and would constitute "spot zoning". The Commission felt it would destroy the present character of the district and would merely benefit the Publishing Co., to the detriment of the smaller owners within the neighborhood. They therefore had recommended denial of the rezoning. A petition was also received with twenty signatures objecting to the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Harry Sprinker, representing the Tribune Publishing Co., introduced Harold Sitts residing at 2901 So. 40th. Mr. Sitts pointed out on a map the site, as well as the street vacations which will be presented to the Council at a later date if the Council approves the rezoning request. He also noted that a new road

linking Trafton St. with State St. is planned which will be the only access from So. 19th to the new plant, and will be paved to City standards.

Mr. Murtland arriving at 4:20 P.M.

Mr. Sitts also noted that the company will develop all required utilities at no cost to the surrounding property owners. He mentioned that any traffic generated by the plant will be less than that resulting from a housing development.

Mr. Johnson asked if the company had any plans for future development of the additional land it owns near the proposed site.

Mr. Sprinker explained there are no plans to develop the additional land. He further stated the proposed campus type development to be landscaped and bordered by the golf course would enhance the neighborhood. There will be approx. 20% of the employees of the News Tribune working in the new plant. All of the development will be accomplished by the company with no additional cost to the other property owners. The company has inspected other sites within the City and has failed to find any site comparable to this location, based on terrain, size and location.

Mr. Sprinker felt the Planning Commission had been inconsistent relative to So. 19th St. particularly to traffic as a rezone was recently approved for a 152 unit apartment complex at 19th and Tyler Sts.

Mrs. Claire H. Kroll of 1922 So. State St., spoke against the rezone as proposed, as she felt if a business were to be placed in that location, the entire area should be rezoned, consequently the residents could move from the area.

Mr. Cvitanich agreed with Mr. Sprinker's argument that that the Planning Commission had been inconsistent in regard to the zoning of 19th St. He noted he had visited the press room at 7th and St. Helens and felt the employees deserved a better place to work.

After further discussion, Mr. Finnigan moved to over-rule the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the request and that the applicant's request for the rezone be granted and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 0. Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Robert D. Paulson requesting rezoning of the east side of Hosmer St. between So. 72nd and So. 74th Sts. from a "C-F-P" to a "C-2" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Bott moved to suspend the rules and allow Charles R. Jonnson, attorney, to speak relative to the Value Village and Jessie Dyslin Boy's Ranch. Seconded by Mr Finnigan. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the Tax & License Dept. has levied the proper assessment for delinquent charitable license fees and penalties against Value Village. The City attorney therefore, had given an opinion that there would be no appeal to the Council by the Company, and his staff proceeded as they do in all such matters. Mayor Rasmussen said he had signed the necessary legal papers and to his knowledge the matter was to be submitted to the courts.

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Mayor Rasmussen further stated, that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, has issued orders that the matter would not be processed in the usual manner.

Mayor Rasmussen felt, since he had previously ruled that any aspects of the case would not be discussed during the Council meetings because of the pending litigation, he would rule that Mr. Johnson could not discuss the matter at this time.

Mayor Rasmussen said that Mr. Johnson could discuss the Dyslin Boy's Ranch program but not the pending court case.

Mr. Bott explained, since litigation has not commenced, there would be no jeopardy to the City in allowing Mr. Johnson to discuss the subject this evening.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands if he had made any recommendations to the City Council regarding litigation in this matter.

Mr. Rowlands explained he had made a recommendation in a letter of July 8th which the Mayor had refused to let him read or discuss at the Council meeting. He then read Section 1.26.266 of the Administrative Code which authorized the Manager to make recommendations to the Council concerning such matters. He also stated he had wished to discuss the matter with the Council before recommendation of the course of action.

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Mr. Murtland felt that the matter before the Council was the suspension of rules which passed allowing Mr. Johnson to speak before the Council.

Mayor Rasmussen then stated he would rule out of order any discussion of this particular matter.

Mr. Johnson explained that the matter which he had wished to bring to the Council's attention was the misrepresentations that have been made concerning the Dyslin Boy's Ranch alliance with the Salvage Management Corporation. They felt the tax was basically unfair and it would certainly put a worthwhile project out of business. However, he stated he would withdraw his request to speak at this time.

Mr. Bott wished to make it clear that the Salvage Management Corp. has paid its taxes and that the matter involves an interpretation of the charitable solicitation law.

Mr. Murtland moved to continue the communication from Frederick P. Smith to July 29, 1969, as Mr. Smith has requested in his communication dated July 22, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland requested that the minutes of the L.I.D. meeting of June 23, 1969 be provided for the Council's information at the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20259 (postponed from the meeting of June 24, 1969)

Authorizing the sale of property to Edward C. Lindblom for the sum of \$6,000 located at 4326 So. 36th Street.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that the Park Dept. was not interested in the property. He noted the Department had also estimated that it would take approximately \$1200 to bring the home on the property to a condition in which it could be rented. However, it is still the opinion of the Public Works Dept. that it would be advisable to sell the piece of property.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20306

Fixing Tuesday, August 19, 1969 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing on the denial of the request for vacation of West Union Avenue from So. 18th to 19th and So. 18th from West Union to Union Ave. (petition of Edith Olson etal)

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows,

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20307

Fixing Monday, August 11, 1969 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for LID 4905 for paving on No. Fremont St. from No. 23rd to No. 27th; No. 27th St. from Fremont St. to Vistaview Drive.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows,

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20308

Adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program for 1970-1975.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the "D" Street overpass, which had been advanced in the program and to be constructed in 1970, had been approved by the Urban Arterial Board.

Mr. Schuster stated it had not been approved by the Urban Arterial Board. He explained in detail the procedure of the Board. He added, the Board sets up priorities on various projects throughout the regions in the State of Washington. Under a definition of the recent Legislature, which is called an "Emergent Project", the "D" St. overpass could be considered by the Board. However, this overpass was on the Six-Year Program when it was presented a year ago, but now it is listed for construction in 1970.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows,

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20309

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. on its bid of \$42,860.68, including sales tax, for Contract No. UR 11656.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Wright, Urban Renewal Director, explained this contract is for the demolition of eight buildings in the 904 block, which is now vacated. This is the first phase to clear the site for the public parking garage he added.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 1: Cvitanich. Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20310

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. on its bid of \$27,338.35, including sales tax, for contract No. UR 11657.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Rasmussen asked what is being planned for this particular property. Mr. Wright explained, this is an area of substandard buildings and it is being opened for development.

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

Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland.
Nays 2: Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20311

Rejecting all bids on Contract No. UR 11658 located within the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project, Wash. R-14.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Wright explained, this would have been the last of the three phases of the demolition, but it is the recommendation of the Board of Contracts and Awards and the Urban Renewal Dept. that all bids be rejected and advertised at a later date.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20312

Rescinding Resolution No. 15235 and authorizing the local governing body to exercise control of urban renewal projects.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mayor Rasmussen.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the administrative authority vested in the City Manager by previous Councils regarding the Urban Renewal Dept. was not proper.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the State Law provided that the powers of urban renewal are granted to the Legislative body of a City, not the City Manager. He asked that the Council vote for this resolution, so there will be no more business failures resulting from the urban renewal program.

Mr. Bott explained he was proud of the urban renewal accomplishments in the Center Street area and he felt that the City staff is constantly working to help downtown businesses.

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

Ayes 2: Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared LOST by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20313

Authorizing the Model Cities Director to fill certain temporary positions necessary to implement and complete the Model Cities Planning Program.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Rasmussen moved that the position of Advocate Representative in the resolution be changed to the position of a Clerk-Typist I, Grade 15. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Bott asked that a description of the work required of an Advocate Representative be given the Council, as well as a Clerk-Typist I.

Mr. Bixel, Director of Personnel, pointed out that the position of Advocate Representative is described as public contact and community work, and such a person would be responsible for contacting the residents in groups in the target area, and he would work with groups to help develop leadership qualities. Consequently these leaders would then work with task forces, block representatives and interested groups to help develop program plans.

Mr. Bott felt an Advocate Representative's position had no relationship to a Clerk-Typist I position and wondered if there was another position in the classified structure that would be comparable to such a position.

Mr. Bixel stated there was no other position in the classified structure that would be comparable to this position. He explained the nature of the work of a Clerk-Typist I was clerical work of moderate difficulty and requiring typing.

Mr. Walker, Director of Model Cities, explained the position in question had been thoroughly discussed by the Executive Board. He also explained that the idea behind this position is to assure the people who do not attend large meetings, that their ideas can be brought forth.

Roll call was taken on Mayor Rasmussen's amendment to change the position of Advocate Representative to the position of Clerk-Typist I, Grade 15, resulting as follows:

Ayes 2: Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich. Motion LOST.

After some discussion, roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland.
Nays 2: Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20314

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a "Contract for Planning Grant for a Comprehensive City Demonstration Program" for Model Cities Program.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Cvitanich explained an article in the National League of Cities bulletin stated that the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. has drastically reduced federal funds for the Urban Renewal Program, Model Cities Program and the Demonstration Cities program.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he would vote against the granting of this contract as he felt it was a complete waste of money.

Mr. Walker explained that one of the unique parts of the Model Cities Program is that it does not try to duplicate any of the other efforts that are already in progress, but it does try to coordinate these programs in one comprehensive package.

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

Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland.
Nays 2: Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20315

Expressing the City of Tacoma's wholehearted support and appreciation to the members of our Armed Forces and their families as a result of their sacrifices in service to their nation in the conflict in Vietnam and protesting the landing of foreign ships of nations furnishing arms or aid to enemies of the United States.

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

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be tabled. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.
Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Bott. Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich. Motion carried.

The Resolution was declared TABLED by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18878 (postponed from the meeting of July 15, 1969)

Zoning Ordinance Text Change establishing a new fee schedule for street vacations, special use permits, site approvals, conditional use permits and reclassifications.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18883

Vacating the alley between Wilkeson and Alaska Streets north of Center Street. (petition of Atlas Foundry and Machine Co.)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18884

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-91 to include property between Pacific Ave. and So. "C" St. approx. 560 ft. south of So. 88th St. in an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Woash Realty)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18885

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.050-23 to include property on the N.E. corner of So. 12th & Mullen Sts. in an "R-3" District. (petition of Mutual Securities, Inc.)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18886

Amending Chapter 14.02 of the official code by adding a new section to be known as Section 14.02.035 requiring submission of urban renewal projects to a vote of the people.

Mr. John O'Leary, 5101 McKinley Ave., urged the Council to pass this ordinance which would require the submission of any future urban renewal projects to a vote of the people.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18887

Appropriating the sum of \$54,489.00 or so much as may be necessary and authorizing the proper officers of the City to transfer funds from the Sewer Utility Fund for payment of Town of Fircrest participation in L I D 3650.

Mr. Sobuster explained this ordinance concerns the financing of a sewer line from Fircrest to the City's trunk line near Center St.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that in the future a memorandum be submitted to the Council when money is being requested from a certain fund, such as Sewer Utility Fund, and that pertinent data regarding the fund be listed for the Council's information.

Mayor Rasmussen stated this information can be made available for the final reading of the ordinance.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18888

Appropriating the sum of \$17,017.00 or so much thereof from the Model Cities Program Revolving Fund for the purpose of paying salaries and wages, maintenance and operation and capital outlay costs and expenses incurred in the Model Cities Program.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City Council had accepted the grant agreement from the Dept. of HUD for the Model Cities in the amount of approx. \$141,000. However, since it has taken longer than anticipated to have the money actually proffered to the City, Mr. Walker is faced with the emergency of running out of money to pay staff, maintenance and operating costs. A letter has been received from HUD which indicated clearly that it was permissible for monies to continue to be spent for salaries and operational expenses. In view of the fact that it might take at least two to three weeks to process the agreement, cash is needed to continue operating, pending the actual physical acceptance of the \$141,000. The monies requested in the ordinance for the sum of \$17,017.00 will be reimbursed by HUD. Mr. Rowlands noted that the ordinance is up for first reading, but he added he would like to be given direction from the Council, in the event the ordinance does not pass at the final reading.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, explained this situation has been brought about by the inadvertent checking of the Model Cities program funds and also of the inexperience of the Model Cities Director. Therefore, the Council is being informed of the situation and unless the Council can assure the Finance Dept., as the Federal Government has, that monies from this ordinance will be made available, it will be necessary for him to cease operation of the program as far as expending any City money.

Mayor Rasmussen mentioned the meeting he had attended in Seattle last week relative to the Model Cities program. He felt the majority of persons in attendance were opposed to any such a program for any city.

Mr. Walker explained the Federal Government had previously authorized only \$7800 for sixty days. However, it was felt that an ordinance should not be introduced until an extension of funds from the Federal Government was guaranteed, which has been received. This is one of the reasons the ordinance is on the agenda at the present time.

After further discussion the ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18889

Accepting a Federal Grant and creating a new fund to be known as "Traffic Control Device Inventory Revolving Fund" providing for the expenditure therefrom and authorizing a temporary loan in the amount of \$13,800 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund to the Traffic Control Device Inventory Revolving Fund.

Mr. Schuster explained, this ordinance accepting a federal grant and creating a new fund would allow a computer-oriented system so that exact records can be kept on every sign, signal and paving markings in the City of Tacoma. At present checks are being made manually, but it takes many man hours which is practically impossible to keep it up to date.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18890

Accepting a Federal Grant and creating a new fund to be known as "Traffic Records Revolving Fund" providing for the expenditures therefrom.

Mr. Rowlands explained that \$39,900 had been granted by the State of Washington to the City of Tacoma under the provisions of the Highway Safety Act. This ordinance is requesting the working funds needed in carrying on the increased computer capability and traffic records system design functions, pending receipt of funds from the Federal Government and the State of Washington.

The ordinance was placed in order of Final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18875 (postponed from the meeting of July 15, 1969.)

Amending Section 11.34.130 of the official code - Arterial Streets Designated - by adding No. 51st St. and Mildred Streets.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18879

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4894 for paving on Ea. 52nd from "I" to "L" Street and other east side streets.

Mrs. Lynda Engelston of 902 East 52nd speaking for her father, Mr. McDonald, explained a number of property owners in the area of Ea. 52nd from East I to East L Sts., are protesting the improvement, as their properties do not derive any benefit. They felt the improvement should continue down to McKinley Ave. and include sidewalks.

Mrs. Engelston further explained the first petition had been misrepresented as the improvement included paving from McKinley Ave. to "L" Street. At that time the people signed the petition with the understanding they would have a road from McKinley Ave. to L Street. After the petition was signed and submitted to the Public Works Dept., the property owners were not notified that a change had been made to place the paving on East I to L. She felt the petition, therefore, was not valid because of this change.

Mr. Schuster explained that the L I D is set up to pave East I to L Street. He added, the original petition does show the area to be from McKinley Ave. to East L St. When the petition was circulated there had not been a good reception for the L I D between McKinley and I St. and a change was made when the petition was re-submitted to the Public Works Dept.

Mr. Murtland felt since the property owners had not been notified of the change, perhaps the L I D should be abandoned and a new petition circulated.

Mr. Bott wondered if the Public Works Dept. couldn't poll the residents in the area on this matter.

Mr. Schuster explained that would be possible. However, he noted that a 61% remonstrance was filed against I to K Street, however it is impossible to delete this one section as it is a continuous improvement.

Mrs. Roy Dale, 1114 East 52nd, explained she had helped Mr. Ryers of 911 Ea. 52nd collect the signatures for the original petition and there was certainly no misrepresentation intended as they had received better than a 60% approval for the improvement. She stated they would gladly accept a compromise as a paved street is badly needed.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney if the ordinance should be referred back to the L I D Committee for a new hearing.

Mr. Hamilton explained he did not believe there was a provision for establishing a new hearing, although the Council does not have to accept the recommendation made by the L I D Committee. However, the district cannot be enlarged nor can a section be deleted from a continuous improvement.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to refer the ordinance back to the Public Works Dept. for further information and place it on the August 5th agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Hamilton if this were possible.

Mr. Hamilton explained, to refer the matter to the Public Works Dept. would be proper, but he would seriously question the advisability of establishing a new hearing date without going to the formality of establishing a new resolution and sending out the required notices.

Mr. Murtland felt one alternative would be to abandon the entire district and then these persons who wish the L I D could re-initiate a new petition for their particular block.

Mr. Finnigan said he was a member of the L I D Committee that heard this L I D and explained the majority of property owners were in favor of the improvement at the hearing and it was unfortunate that the improvement does not extend to McKinley Ave. He felt under the circumstances, there would be no progress made in referring the ordinance to the Public Works Dept. for further information.

A number of persons spoke against the improvement because they were under the impression that they had signed a petition to include paving to McKinley Ave.

Voice vote was taken on Mr. Cvitanich's motion to refer the Ordinance to the Public Work's Dept. for further information and place it back on the agenda on August 5th. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was postponed until the meeting of August 5, 1969.

Ordinance No. 18880

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4897 for paving on No. 11th from Adams to Proctor; No. 13th from Tyler to Mason; Cheyenne from No. 13th to No. 14th Sts. and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18881

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 4835 for paving on No. Vassault from No. 23rd to No. 26th Street and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18882

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 6901 for a mid-block light on Ferry Street from So. 19th to So. 21st St.

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

Ayes 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 2: Banfield and Zatkovich.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

- a. L I D 3615 for sanitary sewers in alley between Prospect & Fife from So. 51st to So. 53rd St.; in Monroe & Madison from So. 74th to 400 feet north and other nearby streets.
- b. L I D 3670 for sanitary sewers in Madison St. from So. 69th to So. 72nd St.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, August 25, 1969 at 4 P.M. be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mr. Cvitanich mentioned the enormous amount of pollution that has been emitting from the Tacoma Smelter stack within the last few days. He felt it was of paramount importance that citizens become concerned and aware of what is happening in regard to air pollution. He thought this should be resolved at the national level and urged the citizens to contact their representatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Finnigan pointed out that many industries in the City are very interested in solving this problem and are cooperating to the best of their ability with the Air Pollution Control Commission.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Pollution Control Commission had brought suit against the Tacoma Smelter and this is in litigation. He also mentioned that Mr. Damkoehler of the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency plans to appear before the Council in the near future.

Mr. Cvitanich thought that a monitoring device should be placed at the point of emission. If the City has to bring suit to do this, he felt it was justified as it certainly affects the health and welfare of the community.

Mr. Finnigan hoped when Mr. Damkoehler appears before the Council he would also report on the industries that are cooperating in the area.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

MC-600 relative to the Fire Dept. Inspection Program was submitted to the City Council and placed on file.

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Mr. Rowlands called the Council's attention to a communication received from the Hughes Tool Co. relative to buying AirWest Inc. He noted that Tacoma is the only City in the entire system that has not accepted the change in assignment and Mr. Hughes' attorneys take the position that it is important that such acceptance is forthcoming. Mr. Rowlands further explained, the Hughes Tool Co. would be very willing to consider changes in their rates as of October when the contract will be subject to further negotiation. If it is agreeable to the Council the

City's staff will continue to work with representatives of the Hughes Tool Co. according to the recommendations made by the City Council last week. He felt the Council might wish to consider the adoption of the resolution at this meeting.

Mayor Rasmussen explained, the Council has not received the additional information that was requested.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he had heard just before the Council meeting that Mr. Hughes is reconsidering his offer as the Federal Government is thinking in terms of eliminating AirWest subsidy.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would check into this matter.

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Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council that Wednesday, August 6th is County-City Night at the Ball Park.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Cvitanich stated at the present time a man has been working in a Supervisory position in the Police Dept. but has not received equal compensation. He asked that Mr. Bixel check into the matter.

Mr. Rowlands stated this would be checked.

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Mr. Cvitanich announced there are two Salmon bakes left for the summer schedule and excellent entertainment is planned.

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Mr. Bott asked that the brochure that had been submitted this evening to the Council members entitled, "Tacoma Neighborhood Improvement Program", be available at the Council meetings so that the public might pick them up as it is very informative.

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Mr. Finnigan suggested that the microphones that have been placed on the staff table need to be replaced with more sensitive microphones.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Bond, Director of Public Relations, to check into this matter.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that the Salmon Bake Committee had purchased a cordless microphone and asked that this type of microphone be checked.

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Mr. Finnigan mentioned that under Res. 20312 the Mayor had mentioned that businesses had failed due to the urban renewal program. He asked that Mayor Rasmussen compile a list of those businesses.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that he and Mrs. Banfield had requested many times from the Urban Renewal Dept. a report for a complete analysis of the number of businesses that had been forced out of business, as yet they have not received this report.

Mr. Finnigan stated he was asking the Mayor, personally, for the report since he seemed to have the knowledge on the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen asked the City Manager to furnish such a report to the Council.

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Mr. Johnson complimented the Planning Commission for its report submitted under the title, "Land Use and Development Study".

Mayor Rasmussen pointed out that filing for Council positions will be opened on Monday, July 28 for the Sept. 16 election, and closes at 5 P.M., August 1. He noted that Position No. 1 is W. G. "Gerry" Bott; No. 2, George Cvitanich; No. 3, C. Morrison Johnson and No. 4, Hal Murtland.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that the Mayor's position is wide open for anyone who wishes to file for that position.

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Mayor Rasmussen noted that a copy of a letter addressed to the Director of Tax & License of the City was included in the Council's agenda. He asked if the firm of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc. was going to appeal an assessment in the near future.

Mr. Rowlands explained, if there was an appeal it would appear before the City Council.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Hamilton to submit an opinion as to whether the Council should hear such an appeal.

Mr. Hamilton explained he had no knowledge of such an appeal but would check into the matter.

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Mr. Cvitanich explained that during last year's budget hearings it was suggested that a room be set and facilities be set up for the news media. However, he would suggest that the conference room next to the Council Chambers be equipped with a telephone for the press.

He further stated that the Council and staff members should be able to get together without any interference during a recess. If this requires a resolution, he would ask that such a resolution be brought to the Council meeting next week.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the Council Library be reserved for the Council, as his office is run on the "open door" policy.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

The following person spoke before the City Council: Betty Jane Hiegel.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Communication from the City Clerk listing numbered Council positions.
- b. Minutes of the Tacoma City Planning Commission for July 7, 1969.
- c. Report fro the month of June of the Citizens' Information & Service Bureau.
- d. Reports from the City Clerk relative to protest filed on L I D's 4890, 5476, 5481 and 5485.
- e. Report relative to Tacoma Neighborhood Improvement Program.
- f. Report from Tacoma Police Dept., June 1969.

Placed on file.

Dr. Herrmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bott. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

A. L. Rasmussen
A. L. Rasmussen - Mayor

ATTEST: *Josephine Melton*
Josephine Melton - City Clerk