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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, January 17, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson: Absent 1, Steele. Mr. Steele coming in at 7:20 P. M.

### HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Communications from the Allied Arts of Tacoma in reference to the Public Safety Building.

Mr. Robert Evans, President of the Allied Arts of Tacoma, explained that the Allied Arts proposes to proceed with conversion of the former Public Safety Building into an Arts Center for the City of Tacoma. The present plan to occupy and develop the Allied Arts Center has been formulated because of the demonstrable need for such a center in Tacoma and for the resultant advantages to the City, and also of the suitability of the Public Safety Building for conversion.

Mr. Evans said the Public Safety Building is ideally suited to house the functions of Allied Arts. It is structurally sound, adequately equipped with utilities, flexible enough to house a wide variety of activities and to permit expansion as space demands increase. Many civic and cultural organizations affiliated with Allied Arts want office space in the building. He added that the first three floors will be used in substantially their present condition, with minimum revisions to be financed by Allied Arts and by participating groups. There will be no immediate major capital expenditure, he added. All participating groups have been asked to work toward completion of the building on a Civic Involvement basis, with organizations coordinating individual efforts to revise spaces and/or raise funds for this purpose. As demands for space increase and funds become available, the fourth floor will be incorporated.

Mr. Evans said the Annual Operating Expenses are anticipated to be \$14,000. The income, in addition to memberships, which includes the \$7,000 contribution by the City of Tacoma, totals \$14,700. It is assumed that the City's original agreement to contribute \$7,000 will remain in force under the new plan.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Evans if Allied Arts proposed to tear down the Annex which is adjacent to the Building.

Mr. Evans said the removal of the Annex is not contemplated at this time.

Mr. Bott asked if Allied Arts proposes to pay the City any rental to maintain the Building.

Mr. Evans said the amount the City is going to contribute will provide for the maintenance, heat, and light in the Center.

Mr. Cvitanich said he had requested last week information on how many anticipated Junior Colleges were planned for Pierce County, and wondered if that information was ready.

Mayor Hanson said he knew there were a number of areas interested.

Mrs. Olson said this was aside from the immediate discussion. However, she said she would be glad to relate the results of a visit to Olympia and a discussion with two Legislators.

Mayor Hanson said the matter of Junior Colleges can be taken up at a later time.

Mayor Hanson said as he understands then, the present plan of Allied Arts is that some painting and remodeling will be done to the building, and also shrubs and flowers will be planted.

Mr. Evans said the present plan does not include any exterior changes. They are dependent upon the removal of the Annex. He said the present plan is to occupy the first three floors, and as the old Annex is removed and the necessary proper vertical circulation is obtained, the fourth floor can be used as an Auditorium.

Mr. Evans said they are convinced that if they can get occupancy of the building, they will be able to fill it with paying organizations to support the Center.

Mr. Easterday said he would like to call attention to the fact that two years ago when the Council committed itself annually for some \$16,000 the financial picture was brighter than it is at the present time. Unless additional funds are received from the Legislature, it will be even more difficult to contribute \$7,000.

Mayor Hanson said he knew when this proposal was made to the Council they indicated they were quite anxious to proceed. However, they recognized that there were intervening factors that changed the situation. This presentation is in response to the Council's request of the Allied Arts' plan for the use of the Building. He did not believe a definite decision had to be made tonight, although Allied Arts is anxious to have an early decision so that plans can be made accordingly.

Mrs. Olson asked if the \$7,000 mentioned as the City's contribution were anticipated to be sufficient for the building even though the occupied space were increased.

Mr. Evans said this \$7,000 is not actual cash. It is part of the City's maintenance of the Civic Building. He said a study was made a year ago on the maintenance cost of the entire building, which was somewhat more.

Mayor Hanson said if this were to be approved, would Allied Arts accept a trial period of a year or what type of terms would be desired.

Mr. Evans said he thought some kind of an arrangement could be made whereby at the end of a year, if agreeable to all concerned, the terms could be extended to 10 or 15 years.

Mr. Bott remarked if there was any possibility in the future that the City might gain some revenue from the project, then if the City continues on this basis, and if it proves to be a productive proposition the City would reap some benefits.

Mayor Hanson said he did not believe that it is contemplated that this use would be a method of deriving revenue for the City.

Mr. Evans said only that there is a possibility the City could get Federal cash credits toward an urban renewal project in the area.

Mrs. T. Haley of the Junior League said much research has been done concerning industries locating in Tacoma. It has been found that many firms have located elsewhere simply because of Tacoma's lack in the cultural field. San Francisco Real Estate Firms have recommended Tacoma as an ideal spot for light industry and distribution points. She said this Art Center is cultural planning

to make Tacoma a desirable place in which to live.

Mr. Easterday suggested that no action be taken on this matter until after the Legislature is in session.

Mr. Bott asked if there were other negotiations at the present time.

Mayor Hanson said there are no actual negotiations with reference to the Building. There are a number of other contemplated projects, and he thought that all of the material should be gathered together and discussed at an appropriate time. He said perhaps Mr. Easterday's suggestion is a good one with reference to delaying the decision until after the Legislature convenes.

Mrs. Price said, as she remembers, the first agreement was contingent upon Allied Arts' raising \$100,000.

Mr. Evans said the organization's plans for a complete remodeling and demolition of the old City Hall Annex adjacent to the building were set back when the Tacoma Art League was made a gift of the L. T. Murray Gravelly Lake estate.

Mayor Hanson said the Council can regard this as a new proposal.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Evans and Mrs. Haley for their presentation. He said he expects the Council will be able to come to a conclusion in the very near future so that they will know what further steps to take.

Mr. Steele coming in at this time.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Town Council of Fircrest requesting an opportunity to discuss joint municipal problems with members of the City Council on January 17, 1961.

Mayor Hanson said he spoke with Mr. W. Z. Ramsdell, Mayor of Fircrest, about three weeks ago and he indicated that he would like to discuss the matter of the Holding Basin on Leach Creek with the Tacoma City Council.

Mayor Ramsdell said he would like to thank the Tacoma City Council on behalf of the Fircrest Council for the opportunity of appearing here this evening. He said he would also like to thank the Council for the fine cooperation that Fircrest does receive from the various City officials. Relationship between the two municipalities could not be better, he added. We have worked together for the mutual benefit of all. There is the mutual aid agreement between our Fire Departments, joint participation on roads bordering our towns, full cooperation with the Planning Commission and various departments of Tacoma. Probably one of the most outstanding examples of cooperation on the part of Fircrest towards the City of Tacoma is in 1950 when Tacoma asked permission of the town of Fircrest to pipe their storm water through their town into Leach Creek. Fircrest detained the completion of one of their streets for approximately one year waiting for Tacoma to install pipe, which undoubtedly saved the City of Tacoma a considerable amount of the taxpayers' money so they would not have to come in and tear up a road later and then replace it to its normal condition. This is the type of cooperation which they feel really counts because it does save hard to get tax dollars to use for other projects, he added.

He said as a good friend and a neighboring Municipality, they question the advisability of the installation of a holding basin south of Fircrest for two reasons: (1) Because it shuts off a natural growth area of Fircrest, and (2) Because they feel the cost is prohibitive in comparison with the alternative plan that they would like to present to the Council, which they feel will be of mutual benefit to both Fircrest and

Tacoma, if the Council will give serious consideration to the alternative plan outlined in the report prepared for them this evening.

Mr. David Gago, Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Fircrest, said it is their feeling that Fircrest is not contributing a great deal of water to the Leach Creek problem. Storm drains were put in approximately 50 years ago and the streets have been resurfaced rather than paved in order to keep the water flow as low as possible.

He said a 1959 report made by C. S. Seabrook, the Town's consulting engineer, contends if Tacoma must install an impounding basin, it should be located north of Fircrest in an existing swamp on the west side of Bantz Bojl ulevard.

Mr. Gago further added that before the bids for the holding basin, which are scheduled to be opened next Monday, are awarded, the Fircrest officials would like to discuss several matters which would arise from the proposed holding basin being built, such as mosquito control, the hazard to children, the money that will have to be spent, the obstacle it would place in the path of Fircrest's southward development and the new school planned at a point immediately adjacent to the location of the proposed reservoir.

He said it is believed that the present holding basin which is to the north of Fircrest can be used effectively for a temporary holding basin until the entire problem can be straightened out. He asked that a meeting be held with the Fircrest engineers and the City engineers to work out a program that will save the people of Tacoma, as well as everyone in the area, a lot of money.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mayor Ramsdell and Mr. Gago for their presentation. He said the call for bids will be very helpful in determining what kind of a project can be constructed. However, he added, the matter of meeting with the Fircrest engineers after this information is gathered, he was sure would be agreeable to the Council Members.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Gago if the Town of Fircrest could not have objected in 1956 when the pipe was put in, again in 1957 when the Brown and Caldwell report was made, in 1958 when the bond issue for that area was put in, and again in 1960 when the Council acted upon this?

Mr. Gago replied that they had; there are letters dating back to 1951 showing they had objected. But, he added, as was pointed out, eventually that pipe will be needed for the entire area and it was logical to construct the pipe line before the streets of Fircrest were paved.

Mr. Cvitanich said the comprehensive plan from 1960 to 1970 shows that the town of Fircrest can expand southward as well as westward. This holding basin was designed and placed in the Brown and Caldwell report. He asked Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, if it was correct that the City of Tacoma has invested \$31,000 in this project at present.

Mr. Schuster said it was approximately that amount.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Schuster if this was not the correct site for the holding basin. Mr. Schuster said the Department felt that it was.

Mayor Hanson remarked, as he recollects, the staff at that time was not ready to recommend the immediate development of the holding basin to the Council, but the Council directed the staff to proceed with the acquisition of the property.

Mr. Cvitanich said in the 1958 Bond Issue there was \$480,000 designated for the West End Trunk Line. He added there is approximately \$139,000 remaining from that Bond Issue. In the Voters Pamphlet that was circulated during the election it was pointed out that a holding basin would be constructed south of Fircrest and the people voted on that basis.

Mr. Gago said the figure of \$300,000 or \$400,000 has been mentioned in reference to the amount it would require to construct the holding basin. He pointed out if it could be proven to the Council through some method whereby money could be saved on the project would not the Council accept this plan?

Mr. Cvitanich said he would accept the engineering wisdom of Brown and Caldwell whom the City has paid a tremendous amount of money for this study. There is \$139,790.64 left over from the Bond Issue which specifically states that the holding basin would be constructed south of Fircrest.

Mayor Hanson said the bids for the holding basin will be opened next Monday and if the bids are not acceptable, the Council will have the prerogative of rejecting any and all bids. During this time, he added, nothing will be lost in discussing the matter with the engineers of Fircrest to determine if there is a better solution to the problem.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Schuster again if this was not the site to place the holding basin. Mr. Schuster replied that they feel this is the correct site in this area.

Mayor Hanson said, before proceeding with the regular order of business, he has received a letter from Firefighters Local #31 requesting an opportunity to speak before the Council.

(Mr. Smith's comments were put in verbatim - as requested by Mr. Cvitanich.)

Mr. John Smith, President of the Firefighters Local #31, said that Local #31 is affiliated with the AFL-CIO and he is speaking in this capacity. He said the problem posed at the present time is much greater than it would seem upon the surface. It is not the intent or should it be construed that the only and sole purpose of this gathering here this evening is because of the possibility of the Firemen's vacations being placed on a ten month or twelve month basis per year. Rather, he said, he is making an official protest for the treatment the Firemen have received over the past few years and because of the effect it has upon the Firemen, and also the effect it has upon the citizens of the City of Tacoma. We are here to talk basically upon the slipping of the Fire Department which I do not believe anybody will deny. We are here to talk about the way the Fire Department has been run. You can call this anything you want from the "new look", to proper attitude, to forward thinking. The reorganization to get the most out of a human being for one dollar. Since this program has been in operation we have lost a lot of things. Some things we have gained. It becomes apparent we have lost more than we have gained. For instance, to start with, we lost three Assistant Chiefs. Positions were lowered. Even though it did not affect the men financially at that time it made them impossible to gain the pay raise that they normally would have gained had they kept the position that they held.

Mr. Smith continued, the ability for men to receive top pay as hoseman was changed. All of this part of the program in which even the Firemen themselves were in doubt when actually they would receive the money. Certain promises were made and then not kept. The total destruction of the morale.

Then came the division of the ranks. We lost men at the time. We had 100% union membership of which I was very proud. The Chief and Assistant Chief were indirectly forced to drop out of the union. We gave these two members withdrawal cards. Then we received an order that the Battalion Chiefs would have to

get out of the Union. Here we did take a stand and after considerable discussion this order was relinquished and the men were allowed to stay in the Union. We could see at this time that if we gave up all of the Chiefs, then would come the Captains, the Lieutenants and down the line. We could not, nor did we, let our Union become totally destroyed.

The equipment was allowed to become in a deplorable condition. Men on outlying areas, companies were gradually being stripped to three men. All of this time we continually made a concession on our vacations. In the beginning when this program went into operation we had basically June, July, and August for vacation periods. We yielded on the point of vacations so that this program could have a fair trial. It moved from 3 to 4 to 5, etc. But at the same time the companies in the outlying areas were becoming fewer and fewer men, and these areas were running with 3 men. You do not have to take my word or the firemen that operate these pieces of equipment. You can take the word of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, either in their report, or referring to their special bulletins #231 and #276. Eventually the vacations even become worse than they have been and we realize that something must be done. Last year the Firemen made an appeal and salvaged some of it.

We also had a problem with sick leave. Gradually some of these problems were ironed out. Some of them we could not. We found ourselves in the position of a Union, instead of operating like a normal Union would under a democracy, we found that we spent most of our time trying to hold what we have already gained over the past 50 years. Little of our time or effort or energy could be devoted to obtain additional benefits for the men. The Bond Issue was brought up and we were told now is the time to make the stand; now is the time for the people to get out and vote to bring this City back up where it should be. Even though most of the people in the City of Tacoma felt that if the City Fire Department dropped to a Class (4) that all the Insurance rates would go up. These are some of the things the public was told and understood.

There are lots of Departments and Cities faced with the same situation. It all boils down to where is the money going to be spent. We come to those individuals who feel that only those things that can derive a monetary value are important in life. Those things that offer only service are nothing but leeches. But actually in their own hearts they do not feel this way because the most important things we have in our whole life are things that do not deliver us any monetary value. We have our armed services whose responsibility it is to protect us against our enemies. We have our schools from which we receive no money. We have various other groups from which we receive no money but still they are important, and people that operate them are just as important, as is their morale. To say that morale is not important, or to say that morale can be sacrificed at this point for money is totally ridiculous. As you check history you realize that morale is the difference between victory and defeat.

Then, of course, as we made requests to try to bolster our pension fund back up again and obtain all of the revenue we felt should go in, which some of the actuaries say that our pension fund will go broke even though today we are in the black. You realize that if you are fortunate enough to be re-elected each time, six years from now you will be faced with the situation of digging out of the General Fund enough to pay our pensions because today you neglected to put in the proper millage which the law intended you to carry out. All of this, plus more, was brought about and again the vacations were thrown into our faces.

Then, of course, we are led to believe that if we do not take our vacations 12 months a year this will throw the City into a Class (4) rating. I do not believe that anybody here, whether he be management, Council, organization, or group, is smart enough to figure out how the City is going to stay in a Class (3) rather than a Class (4) by determining whether Firemen take their vacations 10 months or 12 months a year. If any of you can do this, you are in the wrong business. But on the other hand, the National Board of Fire Underwriters' report mentions "morale." The Tacoma Fire Personnel used to be in good excellent spirits. The last rate received was "fair to good." This time there is no doubt in my mind that it will probably be "poor to fair" and we will be lucky if we can rate some of it "fair."

Mr. Smith explained this is not all Management, nor is it all labor, some of the opinions come from the City Manager's Association as this is the form of Government under which we are operating. He quoted from the City Managers' Book, "A little horse sense should be used in assignment of vacations in northern climates. It is unreasonable to expect men with families to take vacations in the middle of the winter." Another item in the same book, "If a company is short due to vacations, in the summer months is a good time to be short, etc. mainly because the rigs can operate faster, the weather conditions are better, the men wear lighter clothing and are able to produce protection faster." The third item in the same booklet, "Where men are compelled to have unwanted vacation periods, they are likely to become more dissatisfied with the working conditions."

Mr. Smith further added, though we might buy equipment, it cannot operate by itself. Our chief has asked for the men and the equipment. Time after time he has been refused because of financial problems, but there comes a time when we have to look at the Fire Service from two points - one from the money standpoint, and the other from the service. There comes a time in our lives when we have to face up to the facts that we have a service to give. We need points but we want to give service also, and I think the Council will have to meet this halfway or at least 20 or 30% of the way so that the service can be given to the public.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Smith, and said the Council has not seen fit to make the decision to extend the vacations over a 12 month period. It is well that the Council hears from the Firemen prior to making such a decision, and appreciate their presenting their side of the picture. He said they would be given notice prior to any such action being taken by the Council. The Council is well aware there is a service aspect to this fire protection, and it is the Council's position that there should be a relation to these points and the type of service given. It is felt that the National Board of Underwriters has not followed that fully, and steps have been taken to modify their method of rating which will make it much easier for those of us who have that responsibility, not only now, but for those that follow us, to provide adequate service and to provide adequately for the expanding future.

Mr. Easterday thanked Mr. Smith for his very fine presentation. He suggested that the Council defer any action on the vacation schedule, however, until it is known whether cities will receive financial relief from the Legislature.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like the opportunity to make a brief statement. He added this is not a time to answer Mr. Smith point by point. He thought that the report being prepared for the Council will clarify some of the questions raised here this evening. He said the Council is to be commended for the advances made in the last 4 or 5 years in allowing (9) holidays for the Firemen, whereas five years ago they received none. Also, now upon retirement the Firemen receive a quarter of

their accumulated sick leave in cash. He added that out of 50 states Tacoma ranks 38 from the top of paying the highest salaries in the country. From the standpoint of the question of Union membership, he thought it was being worked out so that all Management personnel would get a non-active membership. A Union business agent spoke with him approximately two months ago, and he said he did not want active members in the Union to represent any Management when they were discussing matters involving the men.

Mr. Rowlands said he realizes there are problems, but the Council must think in terms not only of the Fire Department, but of all City Departments and of all the 150,000 residents of the City. It is a matter of trying to place your personnel to the best advantage. He continued, there have been some very definite benefits enjoyed by the Firemen. He said that Seattle and Tacoma are usually held up as the outstanding examples in the State by Firemen in other Cities.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would like to bring out the point that Mr. Smith was speaking on behalf of the Union and he hoped everyone would bear that in mind.

Mr. Bott said he would like to point out that the Council gives due consideration to these matters before any action is taken. The problem is we are trying to do right by the Firemen and the citizens as well.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

Washington Society of Professional Engineers commending the City Council for the action taken on the Revised Building Code Ordinance No. 16651.

Mayor Hanson explained there is some controversy on some of the provisions in the Ordinance. He said they are being studied and he understands there will be some recommendations forthcoming.

PETITIONS:

Tacoma Gospel Assembly, Inc. requesting the rezoning of the property on the northeast side of the intersection of South 40th and State Streets, from an R-2 to a C-2 District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16398:

Retaining the firm of Kennedy Engineers & Associates to perform any necessary engineering work for the expansion of the Central Sewage Treatment Plant.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.



**Resolution No. 16399:**

Awarding contract to Shell Oil Company for the furnishing of gasoline requirements for the year 1961.

It was moved by Mr. Murtland that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Rowlands said this is a savings of \$1,050 over the bid for last year. Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16400:**

Awarding contract to Arnold's Bulldozing for the removal of debris and restoring to natural ground of specified sites in the Center Street Urban Project in the amount of \$1,835.60 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16401:**

Accepting certain offers to sell Real Property situated within an Urban Renewal Project designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16402:**

Authorizing the proper officers to execute and deliver to Edward P. and Juanita J. Miller a local improvement assessment deed upon payment of \$10 for property located near No. 48th and Orchard St.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Mr. Murtland asked for an explanation on this.

Mr. Rowlands said there was an uncollectable item against this property for which the County acquired title through general tax foreclosure proceedings.

The present owners who bought the property from the County have paid to the City the sum of \$10 in order to clear the cloud on their title, he added.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16403

Carrying over certain items in the General Fund, City Street Fund, and Sewer Utility Fund, so that payment can be made in the year 1961.

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

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16404:

Appointing Robert R. Hoff to the Tacoma Public Library Board for a term of five years, expiring August 6, 1965.

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

Mayor Hanson said he knew that Mr. Hoff would be a very fine member of this Board. He is well read and very interested in literature. He also has a growing family which puts him in the position of being very interested in the affairs of the Library.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16405:

Appointing Rev. Marshall Ellis to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Carl Mau on the Tacoma Housing Authority Board, which term expires on August 16, 1961.

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

Mayor Hanson said he discussed this matter with the Council previously and Rev. Marshall Ellis will certainly do very fine on this Commission.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16406:

Authorizing the execution of agreements between the City of Tacoma and (6) firms for the use of Electric Power and Energy.

Mr. Bingham, Assistant Attorney from the Utilities Department, asked that the Resolution be set over for one week due to the fact that the Ordinance setting the rates will be given first reading this evening.

Mr. Bott moved that the Resolution be postponed for one week, until January 24, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion to postpone resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele moved to suspend the rules in order to consider Resolution No. 16407 which does not appear on the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday (temporarily). Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16407:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sign and submit for approval to the F. A. A. "The Industrial Airport, Tacoma, Washington. Master Plan."

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice Vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Easterday (temporarily). The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16721:

Amending the Civil Service and Personnel Rules to provide for the acquisition of Transit Employees under Civil Service for the Transit System, which will be acquired by the City effective February 1, 1961. Read by title.

The City Clerk reported to the Council that the Civil Service Commission had filed in the City Clerk's office a copy of the proposed changes in the Civil Service and Personnel Rules and the changes and amendments proposed are being presented to the City Council.

Mayor Hanson said it has become necessary to take action in the acquisition of the Transit System since it is quite imperative that the property be acquired on February 1, 1961.

Mrs. Price remarked that since this is the first reading of the Ordinance, she suggested that a meeting of the Council be arranged in order that this Ordinance and the Ordinances following pertaining to the Transit Company can be discussed thoroughly before the next Council meeting.

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It was the consensus of the Council that a meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18, at 8:30 A. M. to discuss the Transit System Ordinances. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16722:

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to provide for the payment of Transit Employees of the Transit System which is being acquired by the City effective February 1, 1961. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said this, too, will be subject to discussion on Wednesday morning. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16723:

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to authorize payment of expenses incurred by officers and employees of the City in connection with the transacting of City business while attending sessions of the Washington State Legislature. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance amends the Pay and Compensation Plan in reference to payment of expenses incurred by officers and employees while transacting City business during sessions of the State Legislature.

On page 4 of the Ordinance a new position entitled "Customer Accounts Supervisor" is listed. This classification is the result of a reclassification action of two positions being combined. He added that from time to time the Personnel Committee meets and makes these changes, but any such change cannot exceed any amount budgeted.

On page 7 under classification 0592.5 "Supervisor of Photo and Reproduction", a reclassification of this position was made and the study was not completed at the time the budget was adopted last October.

The other amendment is contained on page 9 on the "Chief Fire Alarm Dispatcher" and the "Senior Fire Alarm Dispatcher." The Personnel staff made a check on the comparative wages for this particular position in the area, and it was felt that this increase is justified based on the facts submitted. This should have been included in the regular Budget but through inadvertence it was omitted.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16724:

Amending Sec. 1.06.070 of the Official Code of the City and adding a new section 1.06.405 by establishing a Tacoma Transit System Department. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said this will also be discussed tomorrow morning.

Mr. Cvitanich said he notices that under the Office of Urban Renewal, the Coordinator is listed as the Administrative Officer. He asked if this were correct or should it be listed as the Urban Renewal Director to be in line with the rest of the Administrative Officers.

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Mayor Hanson said this was a good point, and asked for a motion to amend the Ordinance.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Ordinance be amended to read Urban Renewal Director, in place of Urban Renewal Coordinator. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9, Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16725:

Amending the Annual Budget of the City for the Fiscal Year 1961 by appropriating the sum of \$1,417,570 for the operation of the Tacoma Transit System and correcting an error made in the Annual Budget.

Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16726:

Amending the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 1.08.025 which provides for the bonding of the position of the Director of the Tacoma Transit System.

Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16727:

Amending Sec. 1.34 of the Official Code of the City by creating a Working Fund Advance in the Tacoma Transit System Department in the amount of \$15,300.

Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16728:

Condemning property for the construction of South 28th Street from "M" to Yakima and South 30th from "M" to "J"; also for the establishment of sidewalks, slopes and fills. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said there is a change that should be made in the Ordinance on page 2, Parcel No. 3, which should read "Lot 14, Block 13."

Mr. Steele moved that page 2, Parcel No. 3, be amended so as to read "Lot 14, Block 13." Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16729:

Amending Chapter 12.06 of the Official Code of the City in reference to contract power rate CP-2 and repealing Section 12.06.241.

Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**Ordinance No. 16730:**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning to include property located in the southeast corner of South 38th and "J" Streets, in a "C-1" Commercial District. Read by title.

Mrs. Olson said the explanatory note on the bottom of the Ordinance reads S. E. corner of South 38th and J Streets. She thought this should read S. W. corner.

Mr. Buehler, City Planner, explained that was an error and it should read S. W. corner.

Mr. Steele moved that S. E. corner of South 38th and J Streets be amended to read S. W. corner of South 38th and J Streets. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands said for further information the explanation contained at the bottom of the Ordinance says "Approved by Planning Commission after public hearing." This statement also should be deleted.

Mr. Steele moved that the sentence "Approved by the Planning Commission after public hearing" be deleted. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

**Ordinance No. 16731:**

Repealing Ordinance No. 16685 which provided for the improvement of L I D 4671 for permanent pavement on South 52nd from Park to Thompson; South 54th from Park to South I Street.

Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 16708: (For reconsideration)**

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as Sec. 13.06.170 (2) to include property located in the area bounded by East 26th and East 27th from McKinley Ave. to East K in an "M-2" Heavy Industrial District. Read by title.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

**Ordinance No. 16675: (Postponed from the meeting of January 10, 1961)**

Amending certain sections of the Official Code in reference to public safety and morals. Read by title.

Mr. Steele said he had asked that this be postponed for one week, and would like to have it postponed again. He said since this has been before the Council, it has generated considerable conversation and is a matter that should be looked into more deeply before passage.

Mr. Steele then moved that the Ordinance be postponed for two weeks until January 31, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16676: (Postponed from the meeting of January 10, 1961)

Amending the Official Code of the City by enacting Chapter 8.46 relating to the conduct of business on Sunday. Read by title.

Mrs. Price moved that this be postponed for two weeks in order that it be considered along with Ordinance No. 16675. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16716:

Condemning property in the area of Geiger Street between South 12th and South 15th Street for street purposes. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Public Works Department needs this property for right of way purposes.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, said this property is needed for a public highway and related purposes, including the construction and reconstruction of Geiger Street between South 12th and South 15th, and for the establishment of slopes and fills.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16717:

Vacating Alder Street and adjacent alleys between South 38th and South 40th Streets. (Petition of Washington Gas Company) Read by title.

Mr. Bott asked if this property was all within the boundary of the abandoned ball park within the fenced area.

Mayor Hanson said it is not all within the fenced area, but it cuts right through it, plus two other portions of alleys that have not been vacated.

Mr. Murtland asked if the Washington Gas Co. owned this block.

Mr. Jones, representing the Washington Gas Co., said they at present do not own any of this property. He said it belongs to the Cheney Lumber Co., and the Washington Natural Gas Co. proposes to buy the section of property which extends from Lawrence Street east through Alder Street, except the front 150 feet of Alder Street which will be retained by the Cheney Lumber Co.

Mr. Murtland said at the time the Ball Park was built then Alder Street was not vacated.

Mr. Jones explained there is an existing vacation of Alder Street, but has the reservation that if the area is ever abandoned as a Ball Park the street will revert back to the City for street purposes.

Mrs. Olson asked if the property at the present time is properly zoned for the purpose for which it is to be used.

Mr. Jones replied that it was.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16718:

Amending Section 12.06.220 of Chapter 12.06 of the Official Code of the City entitled "Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates." Read by title and passed.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16719:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6765 for modern street lights on existing wooden poles in the area of South 12th to South 17th and from Pine to Prospect. Read by title and passed.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16720:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4676 for permanent paving in the vicinity of South 73rd to 80th and on Wilkeson and in various isolated blocks in the vicinity of South 38th and west of Pacific Avenue. Read by title and passed.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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



L I D 4661 for paving alleys between No. 14th and 15th; Cedar to Alder; between No. 21st and No. 22nd, from Warner to Puget Sound; No. 29th and 30th from Alder to Lawrence; Tacoma Avenue and G from So. 14th to 16th; between Pacific Avenue. and C from 48th to 50th.

L I D 4657 for paving on So. D from So. 70th to So. 72nd Streets.

L I D 2295 for grading and oil mat surface on Orchard from So. 19th to No. 9th and concrete sidewalks abutting individual property.

Mr. Easterday moved that Monday, February 27, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment rolls for L I D 4661, L I D 4657, and L I D 2295. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council of the L I D meeting to be held before the entire Council at the Utility Building Auditorium next Monday, January 23, 1961 at 7.30 P. M. on the Arlington Storm Drain improvement L I D 3513.

Mr. Rowlands said the meeting with the Pierce County Legislators has definitely been set for next Wednesday, January 25, 1961 at 6:00 P. M. in Olympia.

Mr. Easterday said last January the Cities of the first class met in Yakima to discuss pending legislation. At that time he took the floor and reviewed the amount of money that was spent at the last Legislature in an attempt to obtain money for the Cities. At that time he suggested that instead of continually harassing State Legislators on the subject, the Cities of the State should promote an initiative to obtain a share of State sales tax revenues. He said this has been his position for some time and continues to be. He added if we are going to do something, we should get an initiative measure ready and our signatures filed so that it can be checked by the date set in the Statutes.

Mayor Hanson said he recalls that Mr. Easterday was one of the first to advocate this at a session, but there was not a great deal of support statewide, but he did believe if Mr. Easterday's suggestion were followed, we would be in a great deal better shape than we now are.

Mr. Porter said he thought Mr. Easterday was 100% right. He said he personally talked to a few people in Yakima at the time and tried to interest them, but Mr. Easterday was alone in his opinion.

Mr. Cvitanich said, getting back to the unemployment situation, there are 14,000 people on welfare and approximately 8,000 unemployed in Pierce County, and it is continually getting worse. He explained that the Council passed a Resolution regarding this but to date nothing has been done about joining with these other groups in a unified attempt to try to keep what we have. He said he felt this is an opportune time to get going on the matter and not wait until the Legislature is over.

Mayor Hanson said he would set up such a meeting Jan. 25th at 9:00 A. M. and send out invitations to all the names listed on the Resolution.

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City Clerk