

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, August 6, 1963

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Bott and Cvitanich. Mr. Bott arriving at 4:20 P. M. and Mr. Cvitanich arriving at 4:15 P. M.

Mr. Steele moved that the minutes of the meeting of July 23, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date fixed for hearing on the vacation of the east-west alley²²⁶ in the area bounded by 6th Ave., So. 8th, Shirley & Winnifred Sts. *Reyer & Wick*³⁵⁶.

Mr. Steele moved that the proper Ordinance approving the vacation be brought in subject to conditions. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

a. Petition submitted by James & Leo Ceccanti requesting the rezoning³⁹³ of property at So. 38th & Pacific Ave. from a "C-1" to a "C-2" District.

b. Petition submitted by Allenmore Medical Center requesting the rezoning of property at So. 19th from Cedar to Union Ave. from an "R-2"³⁹³ to a "T M" District.

Petitions a, and b. referred to the Planning Commission.

c. Petition submitted by Fred F. Lawrence for the replat of the property in the area between Cheyenne & Mullen Streets from No. 24th & No. 25th, known as Wick's First Addition.

Dr. Herrmann moved that Tuesday, September 10, 1963 be set as the date for hearing on the Fred F. Lawrence petition for the replat. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17555: (as amended) Postponed from the meeting of July 23, 1963

Fixing Monday, August 26, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3566 for sanitary sewers on East 26th St. from M to 575 feet East of N Street.

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

Mr. Rowlands said the amendment was to increase the area.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Cvitanich.

Resolution No. 17575:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to appropriate the sum of \$468.00 or so much as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay for the purpose of acquiring one firefighting pumper for the Civil Defense Dept.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated this pumper will be used as a spare pumper for the Airport. He said they feel this is a real bargain as a new pumper would cost approximately \$6,000. The Fire Chief has checked this equipment and it was found to be in good working condition.

Mr. Cvitanich arrived at this time.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

Resolution No. 17576:

Authorizing the tentative approval of Washington State Highway ²⁵⁴ Commission Access Report #1, Primary State Highway #5 in the area of East 34th St. to East 40th St.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

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Resolution No. 17577:

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. on its bid of \$76,273.45 for L I D 4713 which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid and also in its supplemental bid of \$7,525.96 including sales tax.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

Resolution No. 17578:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. on its bid of \$64,704.25 for L I D 4724 which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

Mr. Bott arriving at this time.

Resolution No. 17579:

Authorizing the execution of a re-use Appraisal contract with Fenton, Conger & Ballaine, Inc., real estate appraisers for appraisals for property within the Fawcett St. Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-3.

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

Dr. Herrmann asked if it has been beneficial to the City in having out-of-town firms making appraisals.

Mr. Maffin, Director of Urban Renewal, said they have been very successful in having people from outside of Tacoma, who are experienced in the re-use appraisal, to do this work. He stated, Fenton, Conger & Ballaine, Inc. have done re-use appraisals in Seattle.

Dr. Herrmann asked why the two re-use appraisals were required.

Mr. Maffin explained it was necessary as the first appraisal is for budgetary purposes to establish a reasonable estimate of return, and the second is to give an up-dated appraisal as close to the date of sale as possible.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Finnigan; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17580:

Authorizing the execution of a re-use Appraisal contract with Fenton, Conger and Ballaine, Inc., real estate appraisers for appraisals for property within the Center St. Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Finnigan; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17407:

Amending Section 1.12. 420 of the Official Code of the City relating to the classification of Airport Watchman, Maintenance & Safety officer.

Mr. Rowlands stated, the Airport will need a watchman and a maintenance and safety officer next year. These two positions will be a part of the compensation plan.

Mr. Murland asked at which salary step will the maintenance and safety officer commence.

Mr. Rowlands said they would probably start at the 1st step unless there are some special qualifications which may put them in the 2nd or 3rd step.

Mr. Bott said, in the first paragraph of the requirements of the job, where it read, "Some necessity for use of good independent judgment, etc.;" he would suggest they delete the word "Some" from the description of the job to read, "That there be a necessity for use of good independent judgment" etc.

Mr. Rowlands said that would be changed.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17408:

Condemning property located in Asotin St. extended from So. 60th to So. 61st St. for sewers & storm drainage facilities.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17409:

Condemning property located in the area of Pine to Oakes St. Transition between So. 46th to 49th St. for the establishment of slopes for cuts and fills for public highway.

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The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17410:

Condemning property in the area of So. 38th St. between So. Pine and So. Steele Sts. for the establishment of slopes, cuts & fills for highway purposes.

Mr. Murtland asked the location of the property.

It was pointed out that it was near Kings Drive-In.

Mr. Murtland asked if this would put the drive-in restaurant out of business.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, said this was a question he could not answer but there will probably be some damage. He explained, there will be a 9 foot cut on So. 38th St. between So. Pine and So. Steele. This area is one of the most dangerous in the City when driving as your vision is completely obstructed by the vertical curve, in both directions.

Mayor Tollefson asked if it were possible to get by with a lessor cut.

Mr. Schuster said they could probably get by with a lessor cut, however, there would still be damage to their property even with a 6 or 7 foot cut. This cut will not eliminate the vertical curve, but it will lessen it so that there will be visibility at Steele Street.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17411:

Condemning property located generally north of So. 90th St. and easterly of So. Hosmer St. for the purpose of maintaining a storage basin for surface water, storm waters and drainage.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17412:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.083-1 to include property on the east side of Pacific Ave. north of South 88th extended in an "R-4-L-T" Low Density Multiple-Family Residential-Commercial Transitional District. 173
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The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17413:

Amending Sec. 10.10.010 of the Official Code of the City to provide for the retention of 10% of the contract being performed by private contractors on City projects.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17414:

Providing for the construction, reconstruction of sidewalks in the area of 1401-1403 & 1409 North Proctor, known as Sidewalk Construction Fund #63.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17405:

Amending Ordinance No. 17390 to correct an error in Section 4 to change 40th St. N. E. to 30th St. N. E.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17406:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a ²⁵⁸ new section known as Section 13.06.160-7 to include the west side of Wilkeson St. between So. 25th St. & Center St. in an "M-1" Light Industrial District. (Petition of Cutine Taylor)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Traffic Division for the month of June 1963.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands asked to be excused from the next two Council meetings so that he can attend the AMA Convention to be held in Houston, Texas next week and the Maine League of Cities convention in the East where he will address the group. His expenses are paid for by the AMA for the convention in Texas and by the League for their convention.

He said he expects to attend to some City business which should save the City some money by stopping off a day at Washington, D. C. to check with the various Federal offices with whom the City is doing business.

Mr. Rowlands also requested an additional three days vacation leave while he is back East.

Mr. Steele moved to approve Mr. Rowlands' three days leave. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands stated he is Chairman of two National Committees. We expect to meet with officials from the Ford Foundation to try to secure a quarter of a million dollar grant for the Municipal Fire Defense Institute.

Mr. Murtland asked what progress had been made on a dock fire prevention ordinance.

Mr. Rowlands said an Ordinance is being prepared and it should be ready for introduction in the next week or two. He stated he had requested a legal opinion from the Attorney's office as to whether or not the City has jurisdiction over a Port authority. In other words, he added, can the City require the Port officials to abide by City regulations such as complying with the plumbing, electrical and building requirements.

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Mayor Tollofson said, while cruising the waterways, he noticed there were a good number of docks in very poor condition, particularly the one at the end of 11th Street next to the bridge, which he believed belongs to the City. He asked if anything could be done in regard to repairing this dock to put it in safe condition, and if so, how much would it cost.

Mr. Rowlands said that matter has been studied in the last several years and to repair the dock, it would cost between \$15 to \$20 thousand dollars.

Mr. Schuster explained that the dangerous portion of the dock is fenced, and the remainder is being used primarily for an entrance to the back of a machine shop. It is not being used as a loading area, he added.

Mr. Murtland said he thought the City should consider selling some of the water front property so that it can be put on the tax rolls.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the City Charter would have to be amended to eliminate the restriction to sell any water front property.

Mr. Murtland asked that an Ordinance be prepared in proper form to put the matter on the ballot.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like to submit to the City Council a report on exactly what the City is receiving from the existing properties on the waterfront.

Mr. Steele said, since the Council is discussing items to be put on the ballot, he thought it might be well to review some other items that the Council might want to put on the ballot at the same time.

Mr. Bott said, in regard to the financial dilemma of the Transit System, he would suggest that \$1.50 be added as a surcharge on each City Utility bill, and for the \$1.50 the Utility customers would receive ten City transit tokens.

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Mr. McCormick said, in his opinion adoption of such a plan would require new State legislation.

Mr. Bott asked about the possibility of putting the plan on the ballot next spring, but Mr. McCormick said, even if it were voted upon and passed it would still not be possible as it would be illegal in the absence of enabling State legislation.

Mr. Cvitanich invited the City Council to attend the salmon bake, reminding them that there were only two salmon bakes left this summer. He thanked Mr. Haley for the candy his firm donated for the occasion.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 P. M.

AM Jolly
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Metton*
City Clerk