

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers , 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, October 11, 1966

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson, Price and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1, Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Tollefson stated that Mr. Murtland had requested to be excused. Mr. Haley moved that Mr. Murtland be excused. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of Sept. 27, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of safe driver awards were presented to Police personnel by Mr. Rowlands, City Manager and Mayor Tollefson to the following: Arthur Jackson, James R. Neeley and Stanley A. Ramey for 5 years of safe driving and Harry N. Barker, Roland B. Otis and Vernon L. Pierce for 10 years of safe driving.

The recipients were congratulated by Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Rowlands and members of the City Council.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the petition submitted by John Pavlic, et al, for the reclassification of the west side of M St. between So. 8th St. and So. 9th Street from an "R-3" to an "R-4" District.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved that the proper ordinance be drafted approving the rezoning. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18891

Approving the Access Report submitted by the Washington State Highway Dept. of the Nalley Valley Viaduct to Sprague Ave. Project, showing the proposed limited access facility joining the Tacoma Freeway at the 35th St. interchange with Sprague Ave. between So. 25th and So. 23rd Street.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated this resolution has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation of the City Council.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, pointed out on the map the access features of the Nalley Valley Viaduct to Sprague Ave. project, showing the proposed limited access facility joining the Tacoma Freeway.

Mayor Tollefson stated the approval of the report is hereby attributed upon the Washington State Highway Dept. adopting as part of the report modifications in some alignments.

Mr. Finnigan asked what the increase in cost would be due to the modifications that the Council has requested.

Mr. Schuster stated that the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$15,000 or more. The original estimate was \$5,500,000 and the City's cost would be 25% of that figure, which is approximately \$900,000. He added, the estimate now is around \$5,000,000 which brings the City's cost up an additional \$500,000.

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

Resolution No. 18898

Submitting the proposed amended Urban Renewal Plan for the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-3 to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations as to its conformity with the Comprehensive Plan of the City.

Mrs. Price moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

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

Resolution No. 18899

Awarding contract to Earley Construction Co. on its bid of \$3,282.30 incl. tax for the repair of the south tower of the City Hall Bldg. located at 625 Commerce St.

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

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

Resolution No. 18900

Approving and accepting the annexation petition submitted by John M. Bussanich, et al, for the annexation of the area generally located in the vicinity of So. 96th and Pacific Ave.

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

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

Resolution No. 18901

Approving and accepting the annexation petition submitted by Oscar Hokold for the annexation of the area generally located in the vicinity of So. 92nd and Hosmer Streets.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18153

Adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year 1967.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18154

Fixing the amount of tax levies necessary to raise the amount of the estimated expenditures for the General Fund for the fiscal year 1967.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18155

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding (6) new subsections relative to Automatic Car Washing Facilities.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18121 (postponed from the meeting of Sept. 13, 1966)

Amending Chapter 12.06 of the official code of the City by repealing and reenacting a new section 12.06.190 relative to "Electric Energy & Regulation and Rates."

Mayor Tollefson stated that the Utility Board has asked that this ordinance be postponed for another two weeks.

Dr. Herrmann moved that Ordinance No. 18121 be postponed for two weeks, until October 25, 1966. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 18150

Amending Chapter 8.30 of the official code of the City and adding a new section 8.30.017 relative to the removal of campaign signs.

Mr. Bott moved that this ordinance be postponed until after the next election. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that Mr. Bott's motion be amended to table the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Roll call was taken on the motion to table. Ayes 7; Nays 1, Bott, Absent 1, Murtland.

The Ordinance was tabled.

Ordinance No. 18151

Amending Chapter 1, 26 of the official code of the City by adding a new section 1.26.035 relative to establishing the position of Project Director in the unclassified service and the position of Project Secretary in the administrative organization.

Mr. Finnigan asked how will the funds be reimbursed by the various districts.

Mr. Rowlands explained that had been taken care of by resolutions at the County level and also by the City sometime ago. All of this money is being advanced by the Federal Government. He added, they all felt that the young people will greatly benefit as they now can work in four different agencies.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18152

Establishing a Neighborhood Youth Corps Revolving Fund and appropriating the sum of \$237,730.00 or so much as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying on said projects.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Murtland.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the City Planning Dept. for the month of Sept. 1966.
- b. Report from the Retirement System for the month of Sept. 1966.
- c. Report from the Personnel Dept. for the month of August 1966.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Finnigan remarked that the city has to extend their obligation in regard to the street coming off the Narrows bridge to So. 35th St. interchange for the freeway. He wondered if any funds have been depleted for the arterial street through the industrial area. This arterial was included in our Six-Year Capital Improvement Program and now the responsibility has been thrown on the State Highway Dept. The Council had discussed the possibility of doing some of this work and then letting the State Highway Dept. take over, but with the development of the arterial at the 35th St. interchange at Sprague Ave., the funds will be depleted.

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Mr. Rowlands explained, if the city has to commit itself, it would be in the city's proportionate share, and not the full load. He added, the programs and costs should be approved by next March by the Bureau of Public Roads.

Mr. George Miller, Chairman of the University Place Sewer District Commissioners, asked that the Council consider the acceptance of sewage for treatment from the district's proposed collection system. He said by extending lines into Tacoma, it appears more logical and less expensive than running the lines southwest initially to a temporary Imhof tank treatment facility and ultimately to a permanent treatment plant near Chambers Creek.

He added, the district voters are being asked to approve on the Nov. 8th ballot, authorization for the commissioners to sell up to \$860,000 in revenue bonds to finance a system. Before the election the commissioners would like to be able to tell the voters which way the sewage will flow and also to develop more specific cost estimates.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, pointed out on a map, the three alternative areas in the city that could take care of the sewage from this district.

Mr. Robert Leaver, District engineer for the State Health Department, stated the district does have a serious problem as sewage is now running down open ditches and something has to be done. He feels it would be poor judgment for the City of Tacoma to let the sewage run south.

Mr. Howard Harstad, a Seattle consulting engineer, retained by the sewer district, said the sewage could go either way and asked the Council to make a decision. He felt it was more important for them to get an answer, rather than what the answer was.

Mr. Schuster explained that the boundaries of the area encompass So. 19th St., Mt. View, So. 29th St., Elwood Drive or 37th Ave., west of Grandview Ave. He added, there are 340 residents involved in this particular area.

Mr. Haley said if the district in question would annex to Tacoma, the problem would be solved. However, it does not solve the question for the residents on the west side of University Place.

Mr. Harstad stated plans have been layed out for these people.

Mr. Miller explained, meetings have been held to discuss annexation, incorporation, etc., but in these discussions there were too many diverse groups representing too large an area. Then it was the committee's decision that if the University Place sewer district is going into the sewer business, whether it winds up as a partner with the City of Tacoma or as owners and managers of a treatment plant, they did not wish to come back in 10 years and ask for larger pipes. They would like to have it determined now how large the pipes should be to accommodate the present and future population. They feel it should be engineered so that it would be most economical for the overall pattern.

Mr. Harstad said they were trying very hard to keep this on the basis of straight engineering, but should University Place sewer district turn the trunk around toward the Chamber's Creek area, this may orient a lot of people to look away from the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Schuster explained the topographical outlay of the area, as well as the capacity of the sewage treatment plant nearest the area in question. He outlined the pumping capacity of the Tidlow pumping station.

Mr. Finnigan asked Mr. Leavers if they anticipate eliminating septic tanks within the next few years.

Mr. Leavers stated that the only thing he has heard is the fact that the Governor has suggested meeting on a long range basis. This sewage problem is acute, something must be done quickly.

Mr. Rowlands stated that at the recent conference called by the Governor the consensus of opinion was that it was more sensible for fringe areas, needing urban service, to join the central city rather than foster the proliferation of special districts.

Mr. Miller said that acceptance of the University Place sewage by the City of Tacoma would put them a step closer to annexation.

Mr. Alex Stamatakis, 2516 Surser Drive, said he has advocated sewers in the area since 1949 but the district had not made an adequate study and has not told the residents what their costs would be under the alternatives. He felt 90% of the people were for annexation and are not organized, but the minority are.

Mr. Keith McGoffin, attorney representing the University Place sewer district and the Westside Water district, explained that the sewage treatment does not have any bearing on the annexation law. The cost for these sewers will be higher than what the people inside the City of Tacoma pay. He noted that outside residents would pay a surcharge for city service, and because of that, he felt there would be considerable impetus for annexation when they realize that their bills are higher than the city residents across the street.

Dr. Herrmann stated, in general he was in favor of this proposition from the University Place sewer district if it does not work any hardship on the City's facility. However, when there is a clear-cut situation where the sewer district is surrounded by the City of Tacoma, like this, it should be accepted.

Mr. Johnson said he felt they are asking the residents to vote on \$660,000 for a sewer that goes nowhere.

Mr. Harstad disagreed, and said the money should be enough to build a collection system and the temporary Imhof tank, but that further funds would be needed ultimately for a permanent treatment facility.

Mayor Tollefson felt the sewer district officials were seeking a declaration from the Council so that the sewer proposition would be easier to sell to the voters.

Mr. Julius Tollefson of 2305 Bridgeport Way, West, said he had collected signatures for annexation of the area east of the sewer district boundaries, but they are waiting to see how the district's sewer plans develop before submitting them. He does feel that the annexation in the area where a health problem is involved, is the best, most logical and practical answer.

Mr. Finnigan and Mr. Haley said they were not willing to make a quick decision on the question.

Mr. Johnson felt he did not wish to be polled on the question.

Mr. Cvitanich wished to hear further from the City Public Works Engineers before declaring himself.

Mr. George Landers, a University Place sewer district commissioner asked if the Council would give their answer in a week.

Mayor Tollefson stated that University Place is an area of natural, logical growth for the City. If it annexes, it would be an orderly development of this whole community, but for his part, and he could not say for the rest of the Council, that Tacoma would service them.

Mrs. Price felt there should be an answer within a week as they do have a program to sell to their people regarding the ballot proposition.

Mayor Tollefson remarked the Council did not wish to be polled on this issue at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P. M.

W M Jolley
Mayor of the City Council

Attest *Josephine Melton*
City Clerk