

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, September 10, 1963

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of August 27, 1963 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date for hearing on the Replat of a portion of Amended Map of Second School Land Addition to be known as Wick's 1st Addition, submitted by Fred F. Lawrence.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, stated this property is being subdivided for ten building sites and the streets have already been constructed. The Replat has been accepted by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Steele moved that the Replat be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17606:

Fixing Monday, October 14, 1963 as the date for hearing on L I D 4735 for paving on Mt. View Ave. from Sunray Dr. to So. 19th St. and other nearby streets and rescinding Resolution No. 17593.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17607:

Awarding contract to McWik Enterprises for L I D'S 6829 & 6832 on its bid of \$12,600 including tax, for the galvanized steel standard option under Proposal No. 2, which is determined to be the lowest & best bid.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17608 :

Approving the plat of McGinn Addition located on both sides of North 33rd Street generally between Orchard and Bennett Streets.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17609:

Approving application for a preliminary loan not to exceed \$27,500 for surveys and planning in connection with low-rent public housing, and approving the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Hartnack, 324 No. 4th St., stated he was opposed to the Resolution for public housing.

Mr. Harald Bergerson, Executive Director of the Tacoma Housing Authority, stated, this Resolution will grant the Housing Authority the right to plan and undertake site surveys for 150 housing units to be built specifically for the elderly.

Mr. Murtland asked if it had been determined that there was a need for these units.

Mayor Tollefson said the Housing Authority had made a thorough study and it was shown the need to be about 200 units.

Dr. Herrmann asked if the units would accommodate couples as well as single people.

Mr. Bergerson replied that the housing units would be built for either and could accommodate up to 300 individuals.

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

Resolution No. 17610:

Appointing Dr. Angelo Ciaudrone to serve as a trustee on the Library Board for a five-year term, expiring on August 3, 1968.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 17611:

Awarding contract to J. D. Shotwell Co. on its bid of \$106,573.20 including tax for L I D 4720 which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Steele leaving at this time.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17440:

Amending Title 8 of the Official Code of the City by adding thereto a new Chapter 8.80, prohibiting discrimination in housing in Tacoma because of race, creed, color or national origin; establishing an Open Housing Review Board. 360
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Mayor Tollefson said the City Council has been working on this Ordinance for some time, and as yet, have not arrived at a conclusion in regard to the various paragraphs or language to be included. He said he would like to make a few observations.

At present there are no laws that prohibit the sale or purchase of any housing or rental unit by anyone in the City of Tacoma, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. He further stated, some people fear that unless the Ordinance is passed at the next meeting, it might defer placing this matter on the ballot for a vote by the people.

Mayor Tollefson stated, there are two ways this could be accomplished; No. One, after the Ordinance is passed, people could circulate a petition, then submit it to a vote of the people, which is called a Referendum. No. Two, the citizens could submit a petition for the drafting of a new Ordinance and that could be done immediately after the passage of the Ordinance; this is called an Initiative. In either event, regardless of the time element on the passage of this particular Ordinance, the same rights would result, either by a Referendum or by an Initiative.

He added, the City Council has indicated that they would like to have an open discussion on this matter tonight.

Mayor Tollefson asked for those in favor of the Ordinance to present their views on the matter first, then those opposed to the Ordinance would be given an opportunity to speak.

Mr. Jack Warnick, Chairman of the Housing & Social Welfare Subcommittee, 1750 So. Aurora, said the Subcommittee's investigation of the minority housing problem showed it was obvious there was a racial prejudice existing in every aspect and level of human activity in the Community. It is not confined only to housing, but also in the sale and rental of houses. It is a part of an overall problem that exists in job opportunities, labor unions, schools

churches and social activities. He stated, the negro does not have the same status or class of citizenship as other residents in the community. The Subcommittee feels the Ordinance in effect would provide protection for all property owners by stabilizing property values, depending upon the class of the home and the maintenance of the neighborhood.

Mr. Warnick urged the Council's acceptance of the Ordinance.

The following spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance: Mr. Harold Moss, 1270 Huson Drive; Mr. Frank Morris, 1914 South M Street; Reverend James Hughes, 701 So. Pine, and he read into the record a communication from Reverend Doctor Walter Peterson, Chairman of the Division of Community Affairs of the Tacoma Pierce County Council of Churches; Reverend L. D. Lovelace, 1621 South Sheridan; Reverend Ernest S. Brazill, 1723 South K Street; and Dr. John Marks, Box 668, Steilacoom, Washington. Presentations continued in favor of the proposed Ordinance by Mr. Alf Kammerzell, 2912 South Melrose and Mrs. Birdie M. Edwards, 5414 East G Street. Janet Williams of 2731 South State Street, Reverend Herbert Miller, 5817 South Puget Sound Ave.; Mr. Isam Morgan, 2510 South G Street and Marilyn Zook, 507 Summitt Avenue.

Mayor Tollefson said he would like to call on those at this time who oppose the proposed Ordinance:

Mr. Gordon Fors, 217 Eldorado, President of the Tacoma Board of Realtors submitted and read into the record a communication signed by himself as President of the Board. The Communication requested that the Ordinance be postponed as some of the Realtors were attending a conference.

Mr. Robert Strobel, 4007 Fawcett Avenue, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Tacoma Board of Realtors said the majority of people believe in equality and fair play. There is a need for improvement but much improvement is taking place in housing for the negroes. He stated he was in favor of part of the proposed Ordinance having to do with the Open Housing Review Board, but felt the rest was unwise, unneeded and unjust.

Mayor Tollefson stated a copy of the proposed Ordinance could be obtained at the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Muse, President of the Tacoma Branch of the NAACP asked if the Ordinance would have the second reading on September 17th, 1963.

Mayor Tollefson said the Ordinance will have the second reading on September 17th, however, the Ordinance may not be passed next week. It isn't unusual when an Ordinance is controversial that it may require amendments and additional hearings.

Mayor Tollefson stated, thus far the Council has acted with much dispatch and he didn't believe there was a City in the State of Washington that is moving as fast as Tacoma in this field. He said at next week's Council meeting they would like to go into the details of the Ordinance.

Mr. Muse continued to argue regarding the passage of the Ordinance demanding that it be passed next week, on September 17th, 1963.

Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, to present the particulars regarding this Ordinance.

Mr. McCormick explained the Ordinance was presented to the Council last Tuesday and after several hours of study, certain changes were made and were embodied in this present draft. It does not contain all of the recommendations of the committee, but it does have the principles they recommended. He added, this

Ordinance was difficult to draft in order to embody the moral issue so that it would be enforceable as Courts are full of litigation at present due to hastily drawn Ordinances.

Mayor Tollefson asked if anyone was present for rebuttal.

Mr. Jack Warnick argued that there had been an improvement in race relations in other cities where such legislation had been passed.

John Gill, 524 North C St., stated this would not be lowering any standards and felt the proposed Ordinance would be raising the standards of all neighborhoods in Tacoma.

Mr. Fors, said if the people of Tacoma wish such an Ordinance the Realtors would help make it workable, but he hoped they would put this to a vote of the people.

Mayor Tollefson announced that discussion would terminate on this Ordinance for this evening.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17441:

Vacating portions of the east west 10 feet of Whitman St. between No. 42nd¹⁴⁸ and No. 45th Streets. (Petitioner, John Wiborg, et al)⁴¹³

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17442:

Appropriating the sum of \$20,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Transit System Fund for the purpose of redeeming outstanding bus tokens.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17400: (postponed from the meeting of July 30, 1963)

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4595 for paving on No. 21st from Stevens to Huson Streets.

Mr. Rowlands stated the staff in the Public Utilities Dept. are working with the people in the neighborhood regarding the water mains, and as yet, have not reached a conclusion. He said they would like to have this Ordinance postponed for at least 6 weeks, until October 22, 1963.

Mr. Murtland moved to postpone the Ordinance until the meeting of October 22nd, 1963. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17437:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.047 to include property on the South side of So. 19th Street between Union Ave. and Cedar St. in the "R-2-TM" Medical Center Transitional District. (Petition of Allenmore Medical Center). 393

Dr. Herrmann said he understood that there is to be a 50 bed hospital built in this area. He asked if this meant that Tacoma would lose their hospital in the Medical Arts Bldg; he wondered if indications show that Tacoma needs another 50 bed hospital.

Mr. Rasmussen, Manager of the Medical Arts Hospital, stated they expect to move to the proposed site as there is not sufficient room in the Medical Arts Bldg. At present there are 26 beds in the Medical Arts Bldg. Hospital and this would increase the capacity to 50 beds.

Mr. Cvitanich said the Medical Arts Hospital Staff should be commended for choosing that particular site as the south end has needed hospital facilities for years.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17438:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.130 (24) to include property on the west side of Pacific Ave. between So. 38th and So. 40th Sts. in the "C-2" Commercial District. (Petition of James & Leo Ceccanti). 393

Mr. Murtland asked if this area should be zoned a "C-2" as it might create a traffic problem.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained there was some discussion by the Planning Commission regarding traffic but since a restaurant is already established there, it was felt the traffic could be handled.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Steele
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17439:

Condemnation and acquisition of certain lands within the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project, Wash. R-3.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Utilities presents the following Assessment rolls for hearing:

- a. L I D 5354 for cast iron water mains in the area bounded by Portland Avenue, East 55th, Pipeline #4 right-of-way and East 61st St.
- b. L I D 5361 for water mains and fire hydrants in 42nd St. NE from 49th Ave. to a point approximately 640 feet west.
- c. L I D 5374 for water mains in So. 80th St. from Wilkeson St. to a point 800 feet west of Wilkeson Street.

Fixing Monday, October 14, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing.

The Director of Public Works presents the following Assessment Roll for hearing:

L I D 6787 for modern lighting on ornamental standards on So. Yakima Avenue between So. 56th and So. 64th Streets.

Fixing Monday October 14, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing.

Mrs. Price moved that Monday, October 14, 1963 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on L I D 5354, L I D 5361, L I D 5374, and L I D 6787. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, Aug. 29, 1963.

COMMENTS:

Dr. Herrmann asked to be excused from the meeting of Sept. 17, 1963 as he will be attending the annual meeting of the Washington State Medical Association.

Mr. Haley moved to excuse Dr. Herrmann from the meeting of Sept. 17, 1963, Seconded by Mr. Murland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Merton
City Clerk

W. A. Johnson
Mayor of the City Council