

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, June 9, 1964

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Johnson, Murtland and Price. Absent 2: Deputy Mayor Herrmann and Mayor Tollefson. Dr. Herrmann arriving at 4:10 P. M. and Mayor Tollefson at 4:35 P. M.

In the absence of Mayor Tollefson and Deputy Mayor Herrmann, Mrs. Price presided.

Mr. Haley moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 26, 1964 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

Deputy Mayor Herrmann arriving at 4:10 P. M. and assuming the Chair. ²⁶⁴₂₃₈

This is the date set for hearing on the vacation submitted by the Port of Tacoma for the vacation of a 700 foot portion of the Port Industrial Waterway Bulkhead lines extended. ₃₀₂

Mrs. Price asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, if the vacation of 300 feet and permanent easements for 400 feet meet the legal requirements.

Mr. McCormick said, in discussing this matter with the Corps of Army Engineers they will require at least 300 feet to be vacated. They have indicated it would be satisfactory to them with permanent easements for 200 feet on both sides.

Mrs. Price then moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to vacate 300 feet and that an Ordinance be drafted approving the vacation. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Communication from the Association of Washington Cities Re: Initiative 224, to ban parking meters.

Mr. Rowlands said, if this measure goes through, it would have a serious affect on the municipal budget.

b. Communication from Nat Washington, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Highways, submitting a schedule of the meetings of the Joint Committee on Highways.

Mr. Rowlands said the Joint Committee cordially invites the Council to attend the meeting tomorrow at the Winthrop Hotel, Crystal ballroom.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17905

The Council of the City of Tacoma publicly declares its opposition to the designation by the Bureau of the Budget, or any other agency of the counties of King, Snohomish, Pierce & Kitsap as a consolidated statistical area, and specifically opposes any inclusion of Tacoma and Pierce County.

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

Mr. Rowlands said that the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce and the Pierce County Commissioners have joined the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce in opposition to this inclusion.

Mr. Geehan, a member of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, said that it was the Chambers' feeling that Tacoma, as a metropolitan area, would be in danger of losing its identity if it were included in the consolidated statistical area.

Mr. Lyle Paterson, also a member of the Chamber, indicated that the consolidated designation might aid Seattle in attracting new industry, but added, that it could hinder Tacoma's efforts. Seattle can only expand its industry to the north, but Tacoma is wide open, he added.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2: Tollefson and Finnigan (temporarily)

Resolution No. 17906

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a petition for a replat of the Center Street Urban Renewal area.

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

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

Resolution No. 17907

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase property for the purpose of erecting and constructing the North End or Mason Gulch Sewage Treatment Plant from John & Adella Holmaas, and Florence Bizeau.

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

Mr. Rowlands said there was a substitute Resolution to be submitted which includes another owner of the property who was omitted from the Resolution.

Mr. Elinor, owning property in the area, said he was concerned that the plant would contaminate the water.

Mr. Murtland asked if this plant would affect the water in that area.

Mr. Calkins, City Engineer, stated the City Water Dept. owns the upper portion of Mason Gulch where the springs are located, which is over 100 feet above the site selected for the plant, therefore, the plant would have no effect on the water.

Mr. Finnigan moved to accept the substitute Resolution to include the second owner. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution, as amended, was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 17908

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a deed dedicating So. 30th St. between M and J Sts. as a public street in the Center Street Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-1.

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, Mayor Tollefson.

Resolution No. 17909

Selecting the area bounded by So. 11th and So. 13th St., Market to Tacoma Ave. as the location for the proposed Multipurpose Civic Auditorium Center. (Site #1)

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

Mr. Cvitanich left at 4:35 P. M.

Deputy Mayor Herrmann stated that the Council has discussed this matter and have also attended the meeting of the Committee. He asked Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning to point out the area on the map.

Mayor Tollefson arriving at this time, 4:35 P. M. and assuming the Chair.

Mr. Buehler pointed out on the map the proposed site for the auditorium as well as the sites that had been considered. He said the consultants, Economics Research Associates, had reviewed some 40 potential sites and had analyzed the eight most promising sites and recommended what is considered the top three in order.

Mr. Riconosciuto, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated it is estimated that the downtown location will result in approximately 138 more event days of use with the combined arena, exhibition assembly facilities and approximately 220 event days of use of the meeting room.

Mr. Bott said he had telephone calls requesting that the Lincoln Heights area be considered. He said this area could be secured at a lesser price and traffic wise he thought it would be a better location than the downtown area.

After some discussion Mayor Tollefson thanked the Auditorium Committee for their time spent on this matter and for the fine report submitted.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Bott; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

Resolution No. 17910

Awarding contract to Lige Dickson Co. on its bid of \$6,999.99 for L I D 2345 which bid 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 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Cvitanich.

Resolution No. 17911

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons on its bid of \$10,910.22 incl. sales tax for L I D 3575 which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

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

Resolution No. 17912

Awarding contract to J. D. Shotwell Co. on its bid of \$16,860.42 for L 1 D 4747 which bid is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17624

Amending Section 11.02.360 of the Official Code of the City relating to traffic.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17625

Amending Chapter 2.02 of the Official Code by adding section 2.02.810 and 1040 relating to Piers, Wharfs & Waterfront Structures.

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17623

Amending Sec. 6.60.010, 030, 040, 050 & 060 of the Official Code of the City in regard to dog licenses.

Dr. Herrmann said he had had a phone call from a lady who stated that usually dogs get their distemper shots at four months of age and the cost of the shots coming at the same time as the \$4.00 license fee makes it difficult for the dog owner. She thought the license should remain at six months instead of requiring the license to be obtained at four months, as it may work a hardship on some families, and the dogs would not get their distemper shots. She would like the Ordinance to remain in its present status.

Dr. Herrmann asked Mr. Fidler, Manager of the Humane Society, if he would object to the amendment of the Ordinance to six months for the purchasing of a dog license.

Mr. Fidler said they would prefer to have the license required at four months instead of six months as many cities require that dogs be licensed at four months.

Dr. Herrmann moved to amend the Ordinance, that the license fee be required at 6 months instead of four months. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion failed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 3, Bott, Haley, Dr. Herrmann; Absent 1, Cvitanich.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

- a. Report from the City Planning Commission Re: General Plan Prospectus 1985.
- b. Report from the City Planning Commission Re: Outline of the Utility Wire Location Study.
- c. Report from the City Planning Commission Re: Recommended Study Program for the Waterfront areas of Tacoma.

Mr. Riconosaito, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated that the Council requested a study of the installation of underground utility wiring sometime ago. He said an outline has been prepared and submitted of what the study will cover; also an outline has been prepared and submitted of the prospectus for future planning in Tacoma; also the recommended study program for the waterfront areas of Tacoma, including policy recommendations for the Ruston Way, Bayside Drive Area. He said the three reports submitted today indicate the tremendous workload involved to complete the studies. He stated, these reports bring attention to the amount of work and study that is needed to complete the projects. Money will have to be spent in order to complete these studies, but will be well spent so that all the facts can be presented to the Council so they can arrive at a decision. He suggested that the Commission and Council get together and decide which project study is to be considered in order of first, second, third etc., so that the staff can proceed in that manner.

Mayor Tollefson agreed that the Council should meet with the Commission and discuss several of these items. He said he would try to work out an appropriate date for the meeting.

- d. Report from the Tacoma Employees Retirement System for the month of May 1964.

COMMENTS:

Mrs. Brown, spokesman for the Washington-Hoyt P. T. A. Safety Committee, who resides at 2408 No. Washington stated they were concerned with the safety of the children going and coming from school. She brought to the attention of the Council the incident that occurred when a nine year old school girl was struck and injured while crossing the No. 26th and Union Ave. intersection under the direction of a schoolboy patrol. 306

Chief Charles Zittel explained that his investigation had found no negligence on the part of the schoolboy patrolman at the intersection. He said there could have been an adult or even a police officer there and the accident probably would not have been prevented.

Lt. Carl Petersen, from the Youth Guidance Division, said studies had been made of the possibility of replacing the schoolboy patrol with adults, but studies show that the cost would be approximately \$23,000 per month, and there would be no certainty the adults would be more effective. He added, he thought the patrol boys have done a tremendous job and the program has been good for the boys and good for the other children. He felt that the patrol boys get more respect than many adult guards in other cities.

Mr. Rowlands distributed a communication submitted by Chief Zittel in regard to the activities of schoolboy patrols. He explained that the tabulation shows there had been one injury during the school year and there had been nearly 8,600,000 safe crossings under supervision of the 1800 schoolboy patrol.

Mrs. Brown agreed that the schoolboy patrol had a good record over the past 20 years, but noted that auto vehicle registrations and the student population had increased at a tremendous rate during the period. She suggested that the City and school officials establish a minimum number of crosswalks near schools and protect them with push-button traffic signals.

Mrs. Dan Shelley, 3508 No. 29th, Mrs. William Good, 3728 No. 31st, Mrs. Bill Colby, 3408 No. 32nd and Alfred Actor, Washington School principal were present protesting the inadequate traffic signals. Mr. Actor suggested the City study installation of pedestrian overpasses at busy crossings.

Mrs. Colby asked why the school zone speed limit signs had been removed.

Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, said the State law reads that speed limit signs have to be portable and posted only when the children are on the street.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, to submit a report on what type of school zone signs can be posted under the State law.

Mr. McCormick said he would submit such a report.

Mr. Johnson remarked that the schoolboy patrol thus far has been excellent; second, the people expect reasonable laws; and third that there are some types of accidents which normal public precautions cannot prevent.

Mayor Tollefson said the City Police Dept. and traffic engineers are constantly studying the problem, but would step up their efforts. He added, the City officials are also working toward a full-time safety office for the City. He suggested that the City Manager contact all those concerned and work out the details and arrive at a solution to the problem.

Mr. Rowlands said the Transit Advisory Committee met with the staff and it was decided to provide a Sunday pass on the Tacoma Transit buses beginning June 21st and ending September 6th, 1964. This pass would be sold

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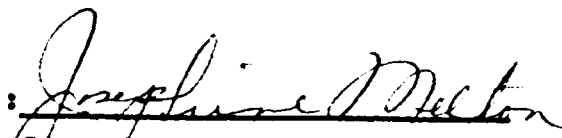
for the sum of 60¢ and would entitle the purchaser to ride on any and all transit buses on Sundays. The Sunday pass would be on sale from any bus driver.

The Council indicated it was worth a try.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 

City Clerk