

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 9:30 A. M.
Special meeting, Monday, March 28, 1966

Council met at a special session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 2: Haley and Price.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition of Albert F. Vierthaler for the rezoning of property on the northerly side of Ruston Way between Wheatland and Marshall Sts. from an "M-2" to an "R-5" District.

The last day for filing an appeal was March 21, 1966 and no appeal had been filed.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the request of Albert F. Vierthaler for the above rezone. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition of A. W. Bullis, et al for the rezoning of the area bounded by Pearl Street, Defiance St., Westgate Blvd. and No. 22nd St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" and "C-P-N" District.

The last day for filing an appeal is April 4, 1966.
An appeal was filed on March 24, 1966.
The suggested date for hearing is April 26, 1966.

Dr. Herrmann moved that April 26, 1966 be set as the date of hearing on the appeal for the above rezone. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Petition submitted by Alma Giles requesting the rezoning of property located at the northeast corner of So. Union Ave. and Melrose St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18665

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$43,237.78 for L I D 4750.

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

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

Resolution No. 18666

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an easement to install and maintain a power line on a strip of land 4 feet in width within the Center Street Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1.

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

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

Resolution No. 18667

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute for and on behalf of the City an agreement with the Town of Ruston providing for the construction and joint use of a sanitary interceptor sewer line.

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

Mr. Murtland asked if this line would serve the area north and west of Ruston.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that service for the sewer line commences approximately at North 26th and Pearl St. and goes through a portion of the City limits of Ruston, therefore the townspeople will be able to hook on for practically the same rates that Tacoma residents are paying.

Mr. Rowlands stated that any delinquent charges would be collected by the town of Ruston as they would handle the billing.

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

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Resolution No. 18668

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 483, regarding salaries and wages.

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

Mr. Benedetti explained that it has been the policy of the Light Division to pay the prevailing wage in the electrical utility field, but other elements have entered into the Northwest electrical area wage pattern which have left the final results somewhat in doubt. The offer of \$4.27 an hour for electrical journeyman was made to I. B. E. W. Local No. 483, which is a 3.64 percent increase. However, the Department of Public Utilities and the officials of the Union recognize the offer passed by the Utility Board has been rejected by the Union membership, but it is now being submitted to the Council with one revision from the rejected offer, which is, the classifications of Lineman and Wireman will be subject to review prior to June 1st, 1966, when it is anticipated the area wage pattern will have been further confirmed.

Mr. Benedetti noted the contract is subject to ratification by union members and provides for reopening for further discussion of journeymen linemen and wiremen wage rates following the settlement which is still being negotiated in Seattle.

Mr. Johnson stated he would have to vote against the new pact because he felt it was inflationary.

Mayor Tollefson explained that Seattle is part of the area, and if Seattle would settle at a reasonably higher wage that might affect the area then the City has the right to re-examine this matter to make a determination whether or not this does affect the area wage scale. He added, it would not automatically give a higher scale in Tacoma, but the Union felt there should be a right for reconsideration.

Mr. Meisenberg, Union representative, stated Seattle is still negotiating and Local No. 483 has requested the right to review this resolution if settlement in Seattle is substantially increased.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Johnson; Absent 2, Haley and Price.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18036

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.130-34 to include property on the south side of 6th Ave. approximately 500 feet west of Pearl St. in a "C-2" District. (petition of C. L. Peckenpaugh)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18035

Amending Title 11 of the Official Code of the City by amending (29) subsections and repealing (16) subsections of the Traffic Code.

Mr. Bott noted that So. 15th St. from Market St. to Tacoma Ave. is designated for two-hour parking and he recalled that on Broadway to Market there is a 5-hour zone at this time. He wondered why the proposed change.

Mr. Finnigan stated he felt there were two areas that needed more study and supervision. The area on A St. from about So. 15th to 11th Street. He noted that on So. 12th to 11th St. there is at least one car parked there every morning. He also felt that no parking along 19th St. from K to Union Ave. should be enforced.

Mr. Finnigan requested that So. 14th to So. 11th on A St. be observed carefully as there are cars parked in lanes where "no parking" signs are posted, which makes it very hazardous for drivers during rush hours.

Mr. Rowlands said he thought aggressive action should be enforced during the rush-hour parking bans.

Mr. Murtland felt there were a lot of meters in fringe areas downtown that were not really needed and probably aren't paying for themselves.

Mr. Rowlands said this would be studied.

Mr. Bott felt the City should install parking fine deposit boxes on each corner so that violators would not have to make a trip to the County-City Bldg. to pay their fines.

Mr. Rowlands stated it would be studied objectively.

Mr. Bott moved that the Ordinance be continued until Tuesday, April 11, 1966. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands submitted a letter from Harry Sprinker, Chairman, Board of Pierce County Commissioners regarding the construction of a new stadium. The letter indicated that the County was not interested in financing another stadium but would be interested in learning the results of a feasibility study that is being conducted in Seattle in so far as a stadium in King County is concerned.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A. M.

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk

W. J. Johnson
Mayor of the City Council