

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, January 25, 1966

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

Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 1966 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Presentation of Suggestion Award to Cyril B. Hanson.

Mayor Tollefson presented Cyril B. Hanson with a \$25.00 award for his suggestion for the installation of a Magically Electronic Dialer on the Complain Sergeant's Desk in the Police Dept.

Mr. Hanson was congratulated by Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Rowlands and members of the City Council.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the appeal filed by A. W. Bullis, et al on the denial of the request for the rezoning of property located in the area bounded by Pearl St., Defiance St., Westgate Blvd. and No. 22nd Street.

Burton Lyons, Jr. attorney representing the petitioner, stated that this property at the intersection of two arterials is unsuited for residential development. He added, that 534 residents of the area had signed a petition favoring the proposed shopping facilities and apartment development on the northwest corner of No. 21st and Pearl Streets. Mr. Lyons pointed out the location of each building surrounding this area in minute detail and also presented sketches and photos of the area.

Mr. Lyons stated that a feasibility study and market analysis had been taken and compiled by the petitioners. The Planning Commission had objected to the rezone as it considered that North 21st extended was a home to work route and felt it should remain free of any commercial zoning which would tend to impede traffic flow. The study and analysis showed that no special traffic control problems would be created by the planned development, and the petitioners would agree to all reasonable controls and recommendations imposed by the City.

He added, that the Planning Commission has pointed out that there were two large established commercial districts presently serving this general area and both commercial districts have large undeveloped areas which would provide ample space for expansion. However, Mr. Lyons noted that when the freeway is completed on North 9th, the Highland Hill center would be oriented to the south as traffic from the north would be restricted in its access to this shopping area. He also felt

when the Westgate Shopping Village is enlarged, it would create serious traffic congestion which could not be adequately handled.

Mr. Lyons further explained, the Commission felt that a commercial zone at this location would tend to encourage additional commercial requests along both Pearl St. and No. 21st St. He felt that this conclusion was not a proper reason for denial because of other applications for less desirable rezoning which might be made. To zone commercial at this location is logical zoning, as it is at the intersection of two arterials, immediately adjacent to large housing developments, including apartments and within walking distance of many residences.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, pointed out that the proposed development would create traffic congestion on both arterials and could set a precedent for further commercial zoning along 21st and Pearl Streets. It was felt by the Planning Commission that the present commercial zoning in the vicinity of 6th Ave. and at Westgate is adequate to service the area for the next 20 years.

Mr. Buehler outlined the reasons that the Planning Commission had denied the petition. He pointed out on the map the shopping centers around the particular area, and added that Pearl Street is an arterial street for immediate access for the people. It is planned that all the new homes that are built will have their driveways on side streets.

Virgil Harron and Mayer Carlson, property owners in the area, favored the rezoning.

Robert Barr, representing the Associated Grocers, said the site had been analyzed by the Supermarket chain stores, and it seemed to fit their needs, and the growth prospects of the area were excellent.

Dr. Herrmann felt the question should not be whether this site will support a supermarket, but whether it is good zoning. Dr. Herrmann stated he would certainly concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the rezoning.

Mr. Johnson stated there have not been any facts presented that would change his mind and he would also concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Finnigan stated he would also concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and he felt at the present time adequate facilities are available.

After some discussion Mr. Bott moved to overrule the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the petition be approved. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 2; Nays 6; Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Johnson and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1, Murtland (temporarily) MOTION LOST.

b. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by John Nagle et al for the rezoning of property located near No. 8th and Grant Ave. from an "R-3" to an "R-4" District.

Mr. Murtland moved that March 1, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the appeal filed by John Nagle et al. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

a. Petition submitted by E. D. McCarthy, Inc. for the rezoning of property at the S. W. corner of 6th Ave. & Pearl St. from a "C-2" & "R-2" to a "C-P-C" District.

b. Petition submitted by Ronald S. Ray for the rezoning of property on the south side of 6th Ave. and east of Circle Way from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 18589

Fixing Monday February 28, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6876 for street lighting on Fife St. from So. 48th to So. 56th Street.

Mayor Tollefson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Dr. Herrmann (temporarily)

Resolution No. 18590

Fixing Monday February 28, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6860 for street lighting on No. 31st St. from Warner to Carr and other nearby streets.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Dr. Herrmann (temporarily)

Resolution No. 18591

Fixing Monday March 14, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6877 for street lighting on So. 60th from Adams to So. Tacoma Way and other nearby streets.

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

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

Resolution No. 18592

Fixing Tuesday February 8, 1966 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the rezoning of property located at the N. E. corner of the east side of Hosmer St. between So. 92nd and So. 96th Streets. (petition of Manfred J. Vierthaler)

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

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

Resolution No. 18593

Approving the final plat of Morris' Parklane in the area between G St. and Tacoma Ave. extended from So. 94th to So. 96th Streets.

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

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

Resolution No. 18594

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons on its bid of \$17,665.00 for Improv. Nos. 3607 and 3611, incl. sales tax.

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

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18000

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code of the City by adding section 13.06.130-33 to include property on the east side of Pacific Ave. between So. 91st and So. 92nd Sts. extended in a "C-2" District. (petition of Grandmore Investors)

The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17996

Adopting the 1964 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code.

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. 17997

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.065-52 to include property on the east side of Pacific Ave. between So. 86th and So. 88th Streets extended in an "R-4-L" District. (Petition of Glenn Ash)

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. 17998

Vacating No. 49th St. between Waterview and Ferdinand Sts. (petition of the Public Works Dept.)

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. 17999

Vacating the easterly 60 feet of East D St. between So. 15th and So. 19th Sts. except those portions previously vacated. (petition of West Coast Grocery Co. et al)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

- a. Report from the Public Works Dept. on the 1966 Construction Schedule.
Placed on file.
- b. MC-474-Application for TYCO Youth Center Grant.

Mr. Rowlands stated that it would be his recommendation that the City file the application for the 703 grant and the TYCO would still have an active role in the operation of the center at No. 13th & J Sts. through a board similar to that of the South Park Community Center Advisory Board.

Mrs. Price moved that the City proceed as soon as possible with an application for a 703 grant under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, to complete the remodeling of the fire station structure and institute a youth program to operate in conjunction with a Day-Care center for the Elderly. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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- c. Communication from David D. Rowlands, City Manager, on the Civic Arts Commission.

Mr. Colby, representing the Civic Arts Commission, stated that the Arts Commission recently passed a resolution urging the City Council to pass a motion supporting the pending petitions before the National Council on the Arts and Humanities Foundation.

Mr. Johnson moved that the City Council support the pending petition before the National Foundation to obtain funds to bring the Robert Joffrey Ballet Troupe to Tacoma to establish a summer headquarters, Also supporting the position of the Civic Arts Commission in cooperation with other agencies throughout the City to bring to Tacoma a Choreographer, a grant-in-aid for an orchestral commission, a Playwright Experimental Theater and a Laboratory Theater Project. Seconded by Mr. Haley.

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Mr. Rowlands stated that the two and one half million dollars will be distributed among a number of cities. This has not been allocated as yet and there is an urgency because of the dead line of January 29, 1966 and the February 12th meeting of the National Council of the Arts and Humanities.

Voice vote was taken on Mr. Johnson's motion. Ayes 7; Nays 2, Bott and Cvitanich. Absent 0. MOTION CARRIED.

In regard to the Neighborhood Youth Corps, Mr. Rowlands explained that the City is doing its best to continue this program until June of 1966, and it is hoped that the State's Congressional delegation will intercede to keep the City's Youth Corps program alive. If this is not done, the funds for the program will expire at the end of this week. ✓

d. State Audit Report - Light Division for the year ending Dec. 31, 1964.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

a. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of December 1965.

b. Report from the Personnel Dept. for the month of December 1965.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Professional football and baseball program had been discussed at different meetings by officials from Seattle, King County, Pierce County and Tacoma. A committee has been appointed to review the matter of a site favorable to all concerned. The Stadium Bowl committee has met with the School Board, City and County representatives to evaluate that situation. ✓

Mr. Haley noted it seemed strange that on Pacific Ave., after years of inactivity that private projects of remodeling should begin in the area at this time.

Mr. Richmond, Urban Renewal Director, stated if the remodeling fever spreads, it could jeopardize the execution of the \$10,000,000 New Tacoma Urban Renewal project. ✓

Mr. Rowlands explained that the staff is concerned and disturbed over the matter. The City's revised project application is in the hands of federal officials at this time and notice of approval should be received soon. ✓

Mr. Richmond said this remodeling within the Renewal site is causing the City to revise its project budget. A continuation of private remodeling efforts could have a marked effect on the future of the New Tacoma project. ✓

Mrs. Price asked if the City could refuse to issue building permits for remodeling projects in the garage areas.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that there was nothing the City could do to block the improvements until the property is under condemnation or acquired by the City.

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Mr. Finnigan stated that he had not always agreed with all of the special programs initiated, but he has found that the City of Honolulu has done a tremendous job in revitalizing their city and are far ahead of Tacoma in this respect.

L. H. Pedersen, executive secretary of the Pierce County Labor Council, asked that an ordinance be submitted outlawing the import of professional strikebreakers into the City. He requested that an Ordinance be submitted to the Council for first reading on February 1, 1966.

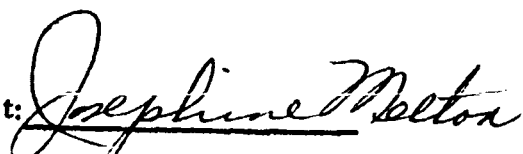
Mayor Tollefson said he had not yet discussed the matter with the Council and inquired if federal legislation on strikebreakers isn't pending which would supersede any local ordinance.

Mr. Pedersen stated there is a federal bill before Congress but it would only outlaw the crossing of state lines by professional strikebreakers, while the proposed ordinance would prevent their import into the city from other parts of the State.

Mayor Tollefson assured Mr. Pedersen he would discuss this matter with the Council.

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


Mayor of the City Council

Attest: 
City Clerk