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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, February 14, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8, Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele, and Mayor Hanson; Absent 1, Murtland.

Mayor Hanson explained that before taking up any matter on the Agenda, he would like to bring up another matter. He said at last week's meeting Mr. Murtland had intended to ask to be excused from this meeting and also the next Council meeting, but failed to do so, and asked that a motion be made to excuse him at this meeting.

Mr. Easterday moved that Mr. Murtland be excused from the meetings of February 14th and 21st. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland. Motion carried.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date fixed for hearing on the petition submitted by Medosweet Dairies for the vacation of the alley between Pacific Avenue and "A" Street from Puyallup Avenue to South 25th.

Mayor Hanson said the Planning Commission has recommended approval of this vacation subject to the conditions set forth.

Mr. Cagliardi, Attorney representing Medosweet Dairies, said it is very important that this vacation be expedited since the Highway Department has taken part of the Dairies' operation known as the Bay Street Plant, and now the Dairy has 90 days left in which to move the plant. Therefore, he added, it is requested that this vacation be expedited in order that this deadline be met in moving the operation to the 25th Street Plant.

Mayor Hanson asked if there was anyone present who objected to this vacation.

Mr. Rovai, Attorney representing the adjoining property owner at the north end of the alley, said they have met with the Medosweet Dairies representatives and are in staunch agreement with the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission especially with condition number (2) wherein Medosweet Dairies will dedicate the east 30 feet of Lot 5, Block 7413, Tacoma Land Company's First Addition for alley purposes and construction by Medosweet Dairies, Inc. of an alley turnaround in the block as designed and specified by the Public Works Department. He said this will enable his client to use the alley up to the vacated portion and then make a U-turn.

Mr. Easterday moved that the proper Ordinance be drafted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Hanson said in order that matters could be expedited for the Medosweet Dairies, the proper Ordinance has been drawn, and if it is agreeable with the Council it will be presented for first reading this evening.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Rules be suspended in order that Resolution No. 16447 be taken up at this time. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16447:

Expressing sympathy for the loss of Director of Utilities J Dean Barline who has rendered exceptional service to this City. (Read in full by the Clerk.)

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

Mayor Hanson said we all join in the mourning of the passing of Dean Barline who has been a great leader in the public power field and in the advancement of the Tacoma City Light as well as a very fine dedicated public servant, and we extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson asked all those present to stand in a moment of silent prayer to observe the passing of one of the City's finest citizens.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

This is the date fixed for hearing on the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks on various locations in the City. (SCF 61)

Several property owners appeared to present their complaints which consisted mainly as to the cost of the improvement. Those who appeared were: Mr. Ralph L. Ingle, 810 No. M Street; Mr. Kizer, 3120 No. 21st; Mr. Leo Gallagher representing the owners of the property at 712-722 So. 38th Street; Mr. Conrad of 422 North 5th Street; Mr. J. A. Cygan, 3004 East R Street; Mr. John G. Gill, 524 No. C Street; Mr. Andrew Apalseth, 1015 East 34th Street; Mr. E. W. Breite, 1061 East 64th Street; and a Mrs. Mullens.

Mr. Schuster, Director of the Public Works Department, said Mr. Charles McFail who is in charge of this improvement will contact each person appearing this evening in an attempt to solve any difficulties that might exist.

Mayor Hanson pointed out that the principal purpose of this hearing is to identify areas of dissatisfaction. He said these areas will be rechecked. In many instances it has been found in the past on a more thorough examination that repairs on the walks will suffice rather than installing new walks. He felt additional time should be given for the engineer to check the areas in question. Therefore, he believed this hearing should be continued to a later date in order that this can be accomplished.

Mr. Bott asked how long would it take to investigate all the complaints made this evening?

Mr. Schuster said at least two or three weeks should be allowed for this investigation.

Mayor Hanson asked that all of those persons having any problems should leave their names with Mr. McFail this evening so that he can contact each one during the next two weeks. It is hoped that a good share of the problems can be worked out before this again comes up before the Council.

Mr. Bott moved that this hearing be continued until March 7th. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson said the Sidewalk Improvement program includes hundreds and hundreds of individual owners and he thought the staff is to be commended in terms of narrowing the objections down to this extent. It is hoped they will be successful in narrowing them down even more prior to the next hearing.

PETITIONS:

G. T. Gagliardi and L. Seiwerath requesting the rezoning of property located at So. 11th and L Streets from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

Harold Jewell requesting the rezoning of the property located at 6605 - 6th Avenue from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

Resolution No. 16435:

Fixing Monday, March 27, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on LID 2322 for oil mat surface on East "G" Street; Bell Street; South 76th and South "L" Streets.

Mr. Bott moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16436:

Fixing Monday, March 27, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on LID 3520 for sanitary sewers in Locust and Linden Lanes, from 6th Avenue to South 12th Street.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16437:

Fixing Monday, March 27, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on LID

4677 for paving in various streets between So. 52nd and East 72nd and between East "T" and Park Avenue.

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

Mr. Rowlands asked that this Resolution be amended on page 2 next to the last line, by changing the date of the 13th to the 27th.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be amended on page 2 next to the last line by changing the date of the 13th to the 27th. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion to amend resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution as amended resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16438:

Fixing Tuesday, March 14, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the alley between Washington and Union Avenue from No. 13th to No. 14th Street. (University of Puget Sound petition).

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

Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16439:

Fixing Monday, March 13, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on LID 5328 for water mains in South 12th to 19th from Jackson to Meyers.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16440:

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. for the construction of the Leach Creek Holding Basin in the amount of \$81,001.10 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Cvitanich said, inasmuch as he is now an employee of the Fisheries Department, if conflict of interest arises on this matter, he would terminate his employment as of now. He added, his primary responsibility is to the City of Tacoma and to the electors of the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Hanson said it would appear to him that there is only an "incidental interest" in this with reference to the Department of Fisheries and it would be up to Mr. Cvitanich to determine whether a conflict of interest existed.

Mayor Hanson said he believed, after the meeting held with the representatives of Fircrest, it was pointed out that there are a number of interests to be considered before proceeding on any type of program. He said another meeting is being arranged with the County and the City of Fircrest sometime within the next week, and he did not believe that it would be proper to take action on this Resolution this evening.

Mr. Easterday said, at the meeting held with the Fircrest officials, one of their objections was the mosquito situation which Mr. Schuster and everyone else agreed would not be made any worse than exists at present. Mr. Seabrook presented an alternate plan of using the old peat area north of 19th Street, and it was pointed out by Mr. Schuster as being of little value in retaining the bulk of the water. Mr. Easterday said another question was asked as to whether or not it was intended to fence the area to safeguard children. Mr. Schuster explained that there would be only a few days of the year when that area would have any more water in it than it had in the past. It was also pointed out that the entire dam could be lost and the damage down below would be terrific. Mr. Schuster again explained that spillways were to be provided that would take several hundred feet per second more than could ever be produced.

Mr. Easterday said he desired to be courteous and good neighbors to Fircrest but at the same time that land was bought upon the advice and recommendation of the Public Works Department, and did not think that any facts have been brought out to change his mind since he voted for the Resolution authorizing the purchase of that site. Although he could see no particular harm in waiting another week on this matter, he said he still could see nothing to be gained.

Mayor Hanson said, as a matter of courtesy, since the deadline on the contract has not been reached, an additional week would allow more time to observe by action the City's courtesy to our neighbors in Fircrest.

Mrs. Olson asked if it were possible that the proposed meeting with the County and Fircrest may result in the fact that one or the other or both might be induced to share the cost with the City in the construction of the holding basin.

Mayor Hanson said those matters will be discussed. He said he hesitated to predict any results.

Mrs. Olson moved to postpone the Resolution until February 28, 1961.
Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mrs. Price said since it was determined at the hearing that the County and the City of Fircrest contributed water to the Creek, perhaps they should be contacted in regard to sharing the cost of the Basin.

Mayor Hanson said he believed it was also established that the joint responsibility for the problem would indicate joint responsibility for the cost. It did not necessarily indicate that there should be a sharing of cost of this particular project, but only in the solution of the overall problem.

Mr. Cvitanich said the City has postponed construction on this Holding Basin for several months already. There has been a tremendous amount of damage done downstream, not only to the property but within the bed itself, he added. He said he feels in all sincerity the City should proceed to construct the Basin and if there is litigation involved, this can be taken to court in a friendly manner - but the dam should be built.

Mr. Bott said he recalls when the Resolution was requested calling for bids on the Basin that this was done for the specific purpose of ascertaining what the cost would be because of the various estimates that were given to the Council. It was specifically stated at that time that this was not an indication that this was a decision on the part of the Council to build the dam. However, it seems to be the general opinion, now that these bids are in, that the City is obligated to go ahead without any further delay. He said he does not agree to that.

Mr. Porter said he agrees with Mr. Easterday that after listening to the alternate proposals this is the only one which offers any solution. However, as far as the necessity of proceeding right now, construction could not be started until the drier seasons, and he could see no harm in waiting one or two weeks on the possibility that there might be some token contribution from the other parties who are contributing some of the water.

Mayor Hanson said he did not anticipate an effort to convince Fircrest and the County that they should contribute to this particular project if that is the basis for the motion to continue. His concept is rather a discussion of the various responsibilities to the overall problem. However, he is in favor of the continuance, he added.

Voice vote was then taken on the motion to continue the Resolution to the 28th of February, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 2, Cvitanich and Easterday; Absent 1, Murtland. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16441:

Awarding contract to George Madsen Co. for LID 4673 in the amount of \$9,112.31 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Rowlands asked that Resolution No. 16443 be taken up before Resolution No. 16442, as under Resolution No. 16443 the proper officers of the City are being authorized to sell personal property at 1308 South 27th Street to Angelo and Evelyn DalBalcon. They would like to know if the Council is going through with this particular proposal inasmuch as Resolution No. 16442 is authorizing the City to buy the property of Angelo DalBalcon and Evelyn DalBalcon at 2830 South "K" Street. This is more or less predicated on their being able to purchase the property at 1308 South 27th Street.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how many points is the City assigned so that we do not have to worry about the \$200,000 deficiency that may come out of the General Fund in the event our points are not sufficient on this Urban Renewal Project.

Mr. Rowlands said, as far as the Center Street Project is concerned, from all indications, as from the amount of money we are paying for the purchase of this property, it appears that we will still have a credit balance.

Mayor Hanson asked if the Council would be informed if we reached a dangerous area

Mr. Rowlands replied that the Council will be informed as we proceed with the acquisition.

Mayor Hanson asked that Resolution No. 16443 be taken up at this time.

Resolution No. 16443:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell the residence of Angelo and Evelyn DalBalcon at 1308 So. 27th Street for the sale price of \$400.00, situated within the Center Street Urban Renewal area.

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

Mrs. Olson asked if it would be customary to call for bids on these properties.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City has the right under the Urban Renewal Act to negotiate for the sale.

Mr. McCormick said he thought this was part of the Urban Renewal procedure for the disposal of the property, but it also can be done by competitive bidding through Council action.

Mr. McCormick said this is not actually a sale, it is an exchange of property as part of the consideration for the purchase of their property.

Mrs. Olson said she would not mind voting for this Resolution under the circumstances but she would not like to see a precedent set on the first piece of property to be disposed of in the area, and wondered if by approving this sale the City will adopt this policy in the future or if some assurance will be made that under normal circumstances bids will be called for on the properties.

Mr. McCormick said he did not believe the Council would be setting a precedent as they have the right to determine each piece of property on its own merits.

Mayor Hanson said he did not regard this as establishing a precedent. He believed the point was well raised so it can be clearly identified as a specific instance. Perhaps the general policy, not only involving disposing of real estate, but also of personal property should be discussed.

Mr. Bott said, for his own information he would like to know how much this property, including the house, costs the City.

Mayor Hanson asked the Staff to submit a report on this matter and also not to change their position to such an extent that it would preclude the Council's reconsideration of the Resolutions at the next meeting.

Mr. Easterday suggested that in the future the transactions of this nature be covered in one Resolution.

Mayor Hanson said he thought this should be investigated.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16442:

Accepting certain offers to sell Real Property situated within the Center Street Urban Renewal Project designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16444:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an amendment to the power contract between the City of Tacoma and St. Regis Paper Company.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Mr. Ferguson, Light Superintendent, explained that this Resolution increases the contract demand of 16,000 kilowatts of power to 32,500 kilowatts effective May 20, 1961.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16445:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County to provide for the relocation of the roads and bridges which will be inundated by the City's Cowlitz Power Development Project.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Mr. Henry A. Cole, Manager of the Major Projects Division, explained that the City entered into a road relocation agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County, which provides for the relocation of the roads and bridges that will be inundated by the City's Cowlitz Power Development Project, Mayfield Reservoir. This agreement requires that the City deed to the County all necessary right of way required by the County for those portions of the highways and bridge approaches located within the project boundaries.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16446:

Authorizing the sale of surplus equipment to the Kenning Equipment Company.

Mrs. Olson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Ferguson, Light Superintendent, explained that this Resolution authorizes the sale of two used transformers which are no longer usable under the present system. They were purchased in 1929 and the Department has been trying for some time to sell them. Only one bid has been received, he added.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Steele moved that the rules be suspended in order to consider Resolution No. 16448 which does not appear on the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion to suspend the rules resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16448:

Rescinding Resolution No. 14916 which established the policy of the City of Tacoma not extending any of its water facilities, sanitary sewers, or disposal system facilities, to any incorporated areas outside the City limits.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Mayor Hanson said this Resolution does not authorize any extension of the City lines outside the City; it merely rescinds the previous policy so that the Council will have an opportunity to review each proposal on its own merits.

Mr. Bott said then it is planned that a new policy will be set forth?

Mayor Hanson said he believed that would be a matter of discussion. He asked Mr. Schuster what the decision has been with reference to the matter of extending services on sewers.

Mr. Schuster said this Resolution would be the first step in reference to extending sewer services.

Mr. Bott said the point he wished to make was by rescinding this Resolution, the Council does not have an open door policy.

Mayor Hanson said this Resolution does not authorize the extension of these services because it still requires Council action.

Mr. Rowlands said the Council, however, did give the Staff direction in reference to extending services to the Town of Milton. The overtures were made to Milton, and it is now up to them to submit a detailed proposal which can be reviewed by the City Council. This other question with reference to some of the property owners abutting the City limits adjacent to a sewer line - should they be allowed to hook up to the sewer line - will have to be re-examined, he added.

Voice vote on the Resolution was then taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Steele moved that the Rules be suspended to consider under First Reading of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 16745 which does not appear on the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16745:

Vacating the alley between Puyallup Avenue and South 25th and Pacific Avenue and "A" Street. (Medosweet Dairies petition) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16743:

Amending Section 1. 30. 300 of the Official Code of the City in reference to Exclusion from Membership in the Retirement System. Read by title.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. McCormick if it would be proper for him to vote on Ordinances No. 16743 and 16744.

Mr. McCormick answered that it would be.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16744:

Amending Section 1. 30. 640 of the Official Code of the City relating to Disability Retirement-Allowance by increasing the minimum disability pension from \$85 to \$100 per month. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

Report on the Hearing by Department of Labor and Industries for separate Industrial Insurance Class. Address by James Porter, Deputy Mayor, before the Department of Labor & Industries Hearing.

Mr. Porter said the contents of the report submitted to the Council was basically his complete report. He said they hope to have a hearing in about 60 days at which time they may find a solution that will save the City some money.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Hanson said the matter of certain projects eligible for Federal funds and which would require studies, has been discussed previously by the Council. He thought it would be proper to go into this matter at this time. He asked for a summary of the various projects, and then perhaps a discussion could be held on whether or not it is the type of project that should, first, be sent thru ugh to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Rowlands said the President of the United States sent a telegram to the City of Tacoma approximately 10 days ago, indicating that the Federal Government is going to do everything possible to cut red tape and promote and effectuate the program of Urban Renewal community redevelopment. He explained that there are some 295 cities in the United States participating in the Urban Renewal Program. Under the Community Facilities Division of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, advances are made to communities throughout the United States to develop plans for contemplated projects within the foreseeable future. There are several projects which the City Council might want to consider, for example: The 15th Street crossing; the possible study of the Auditorium - site, cost, and relationship to other Urban Renewal projects in the downtown area; the possible consolidation of the maintenance garage - the Public Works Department and the Garbage Utility - how it will relate to the existing Transit facility - if it will be possible to consolidate those efforts into one structure. Also, he continued, there has been considerable discussion of the effect of the more or less dead end on "A" Street. When the Pacific Avenue interchange is developed, the "A" Street extension will run into 25th Street, coming down behind the Union Station. The State and Federal Funds together will pick up about 75% of that total cost, and the City, as indicated, will pick up approximately one-quarter. The total cost is believed to be about \$1,000,000. This is contemplated for the next three to four years, he added.

Mr. Rowlands further added, that for many years there has been a discussion of the extension of Ruston Way; and the intersection at 7th and Stadium Way near the old City Hall could also be one of the projects. In brief, he added, it is quite possible that the Federal Government will make funds available to cities to stimulate economy. The Cities that are prepared and have logical plans ready, might be in a better position to use the funds more effectively and more usefully.

Mayor Hanson said he thought the priority of approaching these projects with reference to their effect on the City's finances certainly would be an area in which the Planning Commission should be consulted. He said he thought it would be well to authorize the staff to apply for funds in all areas that would be helpful to the City in its planning and preparing for future growth.

Mr. Rowlands said these plans would not be acceptable to the Housing and Home Finance Agency, and the advance could not be made unless there was some assurance of the project being accomplished. On the other hand, the City Council may proceed in all good faith, unless some other circumstances develop which may make it impossible to construct within a certain time. He would like to stress, if the advance is made it will not have to be repaid unless the project is definitely planned.

Mayor Hanson asked for a motion to authorize the staff to proceed to obtain funds for the projects outlined for study and report.

Mrs. Olson asked what will be the amount of the request?

Mr. Rowlands said the request will be comparable to the funds which the City requested for the Western Slope Sewer program. The maximum amount, he believed, was approximately \$105,000.

Mrs. Olson said she is opposed to the hiring of outside expert consulting services without very careful consideration and review as to the purpose. She feels Mayor Hanson's request is not unfair, but on the other hand she feels that each project should go through on separate Resolutions so that the Council will know to what extent they are committing themselves. She appreciated the use of Federal Funds for study purposes, but she is constantly reminded that these Federal Funds come from the pockets of the taxpayers of which we are a part, and therefore she

thought the Council should move very cautiously, whether we are using Federal Funds or City Funds. For that reason she would urge that the Council retain the control over the application for the projects.

Mr. Schuster said he was sure that the Federal Government would not take a blanket application. It would have to be for an individual project, which the Council would have to approve.

Mr. Porter asked for an explanation of the request.

Mayor Hanson said the request is actually authorizing the staff to contact the Federal Agency immediately for possible areas of financial assistance in studies and as soon as an area in which the City qualifies is found, the matter will come before the Council for formal action.

Mr. Cvitanich said in all this discussion of hiring consultants and spending money, he thought the Council should return to the local scene and think of the unemployment in the City of Tacoma and take some action on the matter.

Mayor Hanson explained that this is part of the program which has actually been urged by the President of the United States, and it is designed to assist us to solve this unemployment problem. This is not an answer to the problem but before these projects can be put into construction, the necessary studies must be accomplished.

Mr. Cvitanich said, while on the subject of unemployment, he would like to mention that the hearing on the merger of the railroads is scheduled for February 21st in Seattle. He said that Seattle is to obtain a \$6,000,000 project on a Railroad Terminal expansion, and Secretary of Labor Goldberg stated that the United States is probably in the worst state of affairs than it has been either in 1927 or 1932. Mr. Cvitanich added that an Employment Committee has been formed and thought that another meeting should be held as soon as possible.

Mayor Hanson said he has scheduled a meeting for next Tuesday.

He added that there will be a substantial and ambitious program ahead of us.

Mr. Cvitanich said it has been brought to his attention that the Dow Chemical Company, now settled elsewhere, was contemplating on settling in Tacoma but was confronted with roadblocks all down the line. He said if we do not have industries, there will be no opportunity for employment. "We have to start here at home and work upward. We cannot depend entirely upon Federal Funds," he added.

Mayor Hanson said on Monday he had made contacts with five business firms, and also talked to the President of the Ohio Ferro Alloy Corporation, who happened to be in the City. He said along with our industrial program it is also necessary to prepare for expansion, and this is the reason he is so emphatic in his position that Tacoma needs an airport. Also, it will tie in with the Cowlitz and Urban Renewal Projects. Not only the incidental aspect of employment in terms of demolition and new construction, should be considered, but also of supplying light industrial land for those industries being moved by the Highway project, and also for new industries, he added.

Mayor Hanson said he knew that the Port of Tacoma is constantly calling on prospects as well as the Industrial Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce. He said he is contemplating arranging a meeting with Secretary Goldberg in the near future, and will ask permission to go to Washington, D. C. to discuss that problem, as well as a number of others that should be taken up. He said he hopes that a representative from the Industrial Bureau of the Chamber, as well as one from the Public Utilities, and possibly one or two others will be able to attend. He hopes these arrangements can be made within the next two weeks.

Mr. Rowlands announced that on Friday, February 17th, a luncheon meeting will be held in Seattle at which time Mr. Pettibone, a national authority on Urban Renewal Development, will be heard. He asked if any of the Council Members would like to attend as he felt it would be a very worthwhile meeting, and perhaps suggestions may be made as to how we might expedite the community development program. He asked that those who desired to go notify him so that arrangements can be made.

Mr. Easterday said a pertinent matter in the Sunday issue of the local newspaper was reviewed as to the selection of a Sanitary Fill site. Julia's Gulch was mentioned as well as others. He said he investigated on his own and found an area on the Center Street continuation which goes into Fircrest, beyond the junction where the road turns off of Bantz Boulevard. The area is low, with two high hills, one on either side. The nearest dwelling to the property is over a quarter of a mile away, and he did not think that the owner of the property in question would develop it as a homesite. He asked that the Public Works Department examine this area and submit a report on their findings in the next two weeks.

Mayor Hanson remarked that he knew the staff has been concerned about this matter for some time. A report was submitted to the Council on January 23, 1961, on this matter, and he asked if this particular site was considered.

Mr. Schuster said this area has been considered, but it did not fit into the land use planning. Therefore, they did not go into the matter any further.

Mayor Hanson said since we do not have an area zone for "Sanitary Land Fills", sites will have to be found and then the Planning Department will have to be consulted.

Mr. Rowlands said that Mr. Easterday's suggestion will be investigated.

At this time the residents of Swan Creek filed an additional petition protesting the City's previously mentioned plans to have a sanitary fill in the Swan Creek area.

Mr. Bott also said he would like to take off his hat to the local newspaper for their very understanding cartoon printed on February 9th, entitled "They'll Do It Every Time," - "Ye Town Councilman Tries to Relax at a Non-Political Cocktail Party." He said this cartoon was sent by a Herb Jenkins of Ephrata, Washington.

Mr. Easterday suggested that a letter be written to this gentleman in Ephrata expressing appreciation for his timely cartoon and remarks.

Mr. Bott said he noticed that there has been quite a bit of repercussion on the announcement that Seattle and Tacoma were advocating a \$5 "Wheel Tax" on automobiles and he would like it to be known that Tacoma had no such proposal.

Mayor Hanson explained that he assured the officials of Seattle that he would discuss this matter of the proposed "Wheel Tax" with the City Council. Any method of taxing is painful, he added, and he did not foresee that this was the immediate solution to our problem. He said he could certainly understand what Seattle is facing. It would be permissive legislation and the responsibility would be on the Council if this were passed by the Legislature. Of course, the ultimate protection to the automobile users would be that the legislation not be passed, but he said he only presented it to the Council for their thinking. He said he would report that this matter was brought up before the Council, and that no action was taken.

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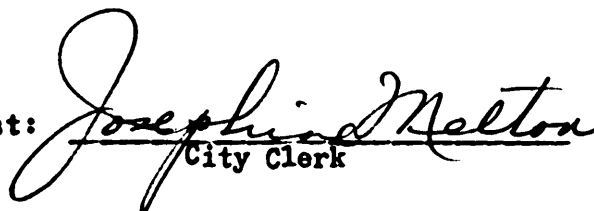
Mr. Easterday said a bill that is before the Legislature at present, of very great importance to the City, is Senate Bill No. 44 in reference to Transit systems exemption from State Gas Tax. If this passes, he added, it will save the City \$50,000 a year.

Mayor Hanson reminded the Council that the Interstate Commerce Commission is holding a hearing in Seattle in the Federal Office Building, February 21, 1961, at 10:00 A. M. to discuss the matter of the application of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul Railroad Company to discontinue passenger operation. Anyone desiring to attend is encouraged to do so, he added. A statement as to the City's position on this matter will be prepared, stating that the City would like to retain the passenger service and wants to be certain that everything possible has been done to solve this economic problem without this drastic step of discontinuing the service. 107

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest:


City Clerk