

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
September 7th, 1971

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 7:00 P. M.

Present on roll call - 7: Corsi, Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Absent - 2: Finnigan and Jarstad.

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The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Herrmann.

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Mayor Johnston, assisted by Mary Frances Borden, Tacoma Public Library Director, presented service awards to Miss Elfriede Gudelius for 40 years service and to Mrs. Cecilia Homier for 20 years service with the City Public Library.

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Mr. Moss moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 17th as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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HEARINGS & APPEALS:

(a) The Planning Commission recommending denial of the request for rezoning of the property on the southeast corner of South 12th and Pearl Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District. (Dr. James M. Luzzi)

The last date to file an appeal was August 30th, 1971, and no appeal was filed.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the request for rezoning. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

(b) The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition submitted by David V. Sheean & Associates for the rezoning of the northerly side of F.A.I. #5 Freeway between East "E" and East "F" Streets from an "R-4" to an "M-1" District.

An appeal was filed by the petitioner and the suggested date for hearing is October 19th, 1971.

Dr. Herrmann moved to set October 19th, 1971, as the date for the hearing. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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PETITIONS:

Edwin C. Brenden requesting rezoning of the south side of South 72nd Street between Ash and Alaska Streets from an "R-2" to a "C-F-V" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21310

Authorizing the execution of a mutual fire protection agreement with Tacoma School District No. 10.

Dr. Herrmann moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Deputy Fire Chief Jack Wilbert advised that the proposed agreement provides that the City Fire Department will loan to the Bates Vocational-Technical School a pumper truck for use in their fire fighting training. The truck is one of their reserve pumpers. In exchange, the fire fighter trainees of the Vocational School will be available for use by the City during major fire emergencies. The Vocational School will maintain insurance coverage and the City will be held harmless.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 2: Finnigan and Jarstad.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21311

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Gross Aviation, Inc. relative to air taxi commuter service at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

Dr. Herrmann moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mr. Al Barney, Airport Manager, advised that presently there are only two flights daily by Air West from the Tacoma Industrial Airport to Sea-Tac and Olympia for connection to other cities. Gross Aviation, Inc. requests permission to load and deplane passengers and rental of counter space at the airport in order to provide air taxi commuter service to passengers who wish to be taken to and from Tacoma and Sea-Tac to make major airline flight connections. The proposed monthly rental fee for counter space is \$50. The service would be offered on a no-load no-stop basis.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 2: Finnigan and Jarstad.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21312

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a lease agreement with the U. S. Government for land and building at 13th & Fawcett Avenue.

Mr. Corsi moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Bill Donaldson, City Manager, advised that the City owns all except one lot at the location where the U. S. O. building has recently been vacated. The federal government owns the seventh lot and has been leasing the other lots from the City for many years. The lease is due to expire on June 30, 1972, and the government proposes to sublease to the City its interest in the lease of the six lots and in addition, lease their one lot to the City. The present resolution would merely authorize the City Manager to execute the lease. The Model Cities Program proposes to use the building as a Community Center

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 2: Finnigan and Jarstad.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21313

Authorizing the proper officer of the City to execute a permit to certain organizations for use of City-owned facilities at 710 Pacific Avenue.

Dr. Herrmann moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Bud Bond, City Clerk-General Services Officer, advised that the Deputy Property Clerk had made a study of some City property and determined that the property in question is being used by the Junior Rifle Club about twenty weeks out of the year. It was formerly used by the City Police Department as a pistol and rifle practice range, but is no longer needed for this use.

The City from time to time receives requests from certain youth groups and organizations for the purpose of training in the handling of firearms. The resolution would authorize the City Manager to grant permission to certain groups to use the facilities.

After further discussion Mr. Moss moved to continue the matter for one week and the City Manager was requested to investigate and advise the Council of the name of the group leader. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken on the motion to continue and carried with one dissenting vote by Mrs. Egan.

The resolution was continued until September 14, 1971.

Resolution No. 21314

Awarding contract to Freigang Construction Company on its bid of \$19,858.00 for Improvement No. 4-4981.

Mr. Corsi moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 2: Finnigan and Jarstad.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 21315

Authorizing City forces to remove blackberry vines, vegetation and shed on property known as 4317 South Union Avenue.

Dr. Herrmann moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. George Unger, Vector Control Officer for the City Health Department, reported that the unhealthful conditions had existed at the subject location for a long time. The resident had been given many verbal and written requests to remove the growth of blackberry vines and the old shed underneath them because they caused a harborage for rats and mice and were a menace to the health of the community, but had failed to do so. The tests for plague in the rodents had been positive.

During the discussion it was established that the owner and resident of the property was an elderly lady with insufficient funds to hire someone to remove the vines and shed. This resolution would allow the City to do the removal. The charge to her for this work would be approximately \$350.00.

Several councilmen expressed concern over the fact this lien would cause her to eventually lose her property.

Robert Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that it was doubtful that the City would abide by the foreclosure procedure in this case.

Council members suggested that some local citizens or civic groups could help out in the clean up of the property.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 2: Finnigan and Jarstad.  
The Resolution was declared adopted.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19438

Amending Section 1.24.420C of the Personnel Rules relative to age requirements of applicants for fire service and removal of certain Police Dept. employees from the commissioned police service.

Mr. Stanley Bixel, Personnel Director, advised that this ordinance would serve to reduce the age from 20 to 19 years for applicants in the Fire Department service which would assist in recruitment and also to remove from the Police Commission Service any future employees in the Police Dept. Bureau of Records (Identification & Records). The matter has been considered by both departments and by the Civil Service Board.

Police Chief Lyle Smith explained that the proposed procedure would be in accordance with the Management Audit which recommended that the positions would be more than adequately filled by civilian personnel. The Civil Service Board has already requested that they be removed from the Police State Pension Fund and put under the City Pension Fund.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19439

Amending Section 1.12.360 of the Official Code by adding the classes of Police Records Clerk I and Police Records Clerk II.

Mr. Bixel explained that the purpose of the reallocation of these employees would be to facilitate in the recruitment of individuals with experience in police activities. The proposal of the change has been endorsed both by the Personnel Department and the Civil Service Board.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19440

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.130(53) to include the east side of Hosmer Street between South 72nd and South 74th Streets from a "C-F-P" to a "C-2" District. (Robert D. Paulson)

Mr. Russ Buehler advised that all the conditions for the rezoning have been met.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19441

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.065(99) to include the area from South 82nd to 84th Street between South "D" and South "C" extended from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (Leo B. Seiwerath)

Mr. Buehler advised that the proper hearing had been held, the instruments filed and all was in order for the rezoning.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19442

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by adding a new section 13.06.130(54) to include the south side of 6th Avenue between Pearl and Vassault Street extended from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (N.W. Petroleum & Car Wash)

Mr. Buehler advised that the hearing had been held and the papers were all in order for final passage of the ordinance.

The ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19436

Approving the annexation of property on the easterly side of Hannah Pierce Road between South 58th extended and South 62nd Street extended. (Richard H. Shaw et al)

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 2: Finnigan and Jarstad.  
The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 19437

Establishing a new fund to be known as "Law and Justice Fund No. 421" and appropriating the sum of \$16,586.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of implementing the program authorized under Grant Award Contract No. 421.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Corsi, Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston.  
Nays 0. Absent 2: Finnigan and Jarstad.  
The Ordinance was declared passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Herrmann moved to excuse Mr. Finnigan from tonight's Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Corsi. Motion carried.

Mr. Maule moved to excuse Mr. Jarstad from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Motion carried.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Bill Donaldson advised that subsequent to some Study Sessions where the Library Board had met with the Council, the Board indicated they would need an emergency appropriation to cover expenses for the balance of this year. The Council had requested the Manager to determine whether funds could be provided, however, there were no funds available. Since that time, through the recent federal Public Employment Program, it was possible to add additional personnel in the Library.

The Library Board would like to meet again with the Council at a Study Session and the subject will be placed on next week's agenda for further discussion.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston remarked that the Council members had been given some correspondence from the auditors, Knight, Vale and Gregory, regarding management audits for their review. It will be discussed at next week's Study Session.

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Mayor Johnston announced that the September 14th Council meeting will be held in the South End of the City, Gray Junior High School.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Board of Administration of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System meeting of July 28th, 1971.
- b. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of August 16th, 1971.
- c. Minutes of City Planning Commission special meeting of August 25th, 1971.

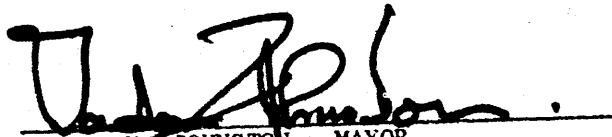
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- d. Monthly Report, City Planning Department, August, 1971.
- e. Quarterly Financial Report, June 30, 1971, Tacoma Industrial Airport.
- f. Monthly Report, Traffic Division, Police Department, July, 1971.
- g. Monthly Report, Director of Finance, July, 1971.
- h. Residential Area Analysis, a part of the Community Improvement Program--City Planning Department.

Placed on file.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P. M.

  
GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

Attest:   
H. B. Bond - City Clerk