

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 26, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4:00 P.M.

Present on roll call 7: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herimann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 2: Finnigan and Zatkovich. Mr. Zatkovich arriving at 4:15 P.M.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Murtland moved that the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mayor Rasmussen presented fifteen and twenty year Safe Driver Awards to various employees from the Police, Fire and Public Works Dept.

Mayor Rasmussen, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and members of the City Council congratulated the recipients for their safe driving record over the years.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the vacation of the alley between 26th St. N.E. & 25th St. N.E. and between 62nd Ave. N.E. and 64th Ave. N.E., submitted by Clarence Mosier etal.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that this alley has never been used or improved and that no cost to the City is involved for the alley. All the abutting property owners have signed the petition for the vacation.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mr. Murtland moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to vacate the alley, and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. The City Planning Commission recommending denial of the request of the Puget Sound National Bank for rezoning of the south side of 29th St. N.E. between 61st Ave. N.E. & 62nd Ave. N.E. from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

The last day to file an appeal was November 18, 1968, and no appeal was filed.

Mr. Johnson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the request for the rezone. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Thomas Hoffo requesting rezoning of the N.E. corner of 29th St. N.E. and 53rd Ave. N.E. from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Zatkovich coming in at this time, 4:15 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A communication was received from L. S. Baskin, President of the Tacoma Pierce County Civic Arts Commission relative to the old City Hall. The communication was in the form of a resolution which was passed unanimously by the Civic Arts Commission at their meeting on November 21st, pointing out that the Civic Arts Commission has been actively working toward the preservation of the old City Hall as a historic landmark and are developing plans and ideas for its re-use in the community. The Commission explained that the proposed developer intends to maintain the clock tower and operation of the clock and re-develop the inside of the structure with shops and businesses that would be of credit and benefit to the entire city, and further, since the proposed development is entirely compatible with the aims and desires of the Civic Arts Commission, the Commission highly recommends the proposed redevelopment to the City Council and urges that it be given every consideration.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked that the City Council accept the communication and a letter be sent to Dr. Baskin thanking the committee for their efforts over the years in endeavoring to find a use for the old City Hall.

Mr. Cvitanich felt that any reconstruction should be referred to the Planning Commission by the Civic Arts Commission so that a coordinated effort can be achieved in the downtown area.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19940

Fixing Monday, December 23, 1968 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for L I D 3678 for sanitary sewers in Vistaview Drive from No. 23rd to No. 27th and other nearby streets.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0; Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19941

Fixing Monday, December 23, 1968 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing on I D 4851 for paving on Bridgeview Drive from Narrows Drive to 27th and other nearby streets.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0; Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19942

Fixing Monday, December 23, 1968 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing on I D 4869 for paving on Vistaview Drive from No. 23rd to No. 27th and other nearby streets.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0; Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19943

Fixing Thursday, December 26, 1968 at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of Ash Street between Center Street and the NPRR right-of-way.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0; Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19944

Fixing Thursday, December 26, 1968 at 4 P.M. as the date for a public hearing to consider amending the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Plan Wash. R-14.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0; Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19945

Expressing the intent to approve generally the revised building plans of Dean Witter & Company, Inc. in the downtown Urban Renewal area.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Johnson.

James Wright, Director of Urban Renewal, explained that the purpose of this Resolution is expressing the intent to set the general approval of the City Council of the proposed building plans that Dean Witter & Co., Inc. have for the properties on 12th and Pacific. The Council has approved the sale of fifty feet of this property in the Urban Renewal Plan. The additional fifty feet which they would like to have is included in the street and bond fund and includes the 12th Street Escalade.

Supplementary information listing (6) items on policies to be reviewed by the Council regarding the pending sale of the 12th St. escalade property and the development of the Dean Witter building has been submitted for Council's approval.

1. Shall the City approve removal of public open space requirements at the 12th Street escalade.
2. Shall the City permit air rights to be vacated for the full 100 feet on Pacific Avenue and Commerce and indicate what, if any, considerations the City will require as to establishment of the market value for the air rights.
3. Shall the City remove existing escalade at City expense.
4. Shall the cost incurred by the purchaser to install a new escalator receive consideration in determining the market value of the land.
5. Shall the City permit a pedestrian walkway connection from an upper level of the Dean Witter building to the public garage and skybridge over Commerce Street as well as similar connections to the Commonwealth Title Company building.
6. Shall the City accept the offer of the Dean Witter Company at the appraised value of \$50,400 plus a new escalator as the consideration for the escalade site, all the vacated air rights adjoining the Dean Witter property, and the basement rights below the escalator.

Mr. Wright explained that the Planning Commission will consider the vacation of the air rights for both buildings at their meeting on December 2, 1968, and then the Planning Dept. will propose a resolution to set a date for public hearing for the vacation of air rights to coincide with the public hearing amending the Urban Renewal plan on December 26, 1968.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Jones, representing Dean Witter & Co., to explain the company's desires.

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Mr. Jones explained their objection in keeping the land at the 12th Street escalade as public open space became a legal matter, as they could not resolve in their own minds how they could properly control the area and still have it as a public park. He, therefore, hoped that the City would approve the removal of the public open space requirements for the 12th Street escalade so the company may own the land.

Discussion was held relative to the public open space requirements and air rights at the 12th Street escalade, and what consideration the City will require as to the establishment of the market value for the air rights.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that Dean Witter has planned a larger building than first proposed and will also pay for the air rights.

Mr. Jones explained that the commitments by Dean Witter Company have been extensive as the first land was purchased for \$55,000 and the value of the appraised property under question is \$50,400. The building that houses the escalator as well as the mechanical portion to be built by the company is estimated at a cost of \$190,000.

Mr. Murtland felt the City should assume the cost of the removal of the escalade as the construction replacing it is an advantage to the City and the City will have the use of the present escalade at another location.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what it would cost to remove the escalade.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, thought it would cost approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000, and it is hoped that it can be used in some other location.

Mayor Rasmussen said the other question is shall the cost incurred by the purchaser to install a new escalator receive consideration in determining the market value of the land.

Mr. Wright explained he felt if the City will consider the cost of installing a new escalator in the appraisal and reducing the amount of usable space within the structure over the land it should be reflected in the market value.

Mr. Jones explained the company wants the air rights over the escalade portion, however, it is their intention to set back at least ten feet on both the north and south sides of the building in order to affect a tower type of building, so they would not be building directly over that space.

After some discussion Mayor Rasmussen explained if there are no objections relative to the supplementary information submitted by the Urban Renewal Dept. on Item 1 thru 6, he will consider it agreeable to the Council.

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

Ayes 6: Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich & Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19946

Approving the Final Plat of Fern Hill Terrace No. 1 between So. K and I Streets from South 88th to South 90th Street.

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

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

Votes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Votes 0; Absent 1: Finnigan.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19947

Authorizing the expenditure of \$3,901.14 from the Fixed Bridges account of the City Street Fund for emergency expansion joint repairs on the Tacoma Avenue Bridge.

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

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

Votes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Votes 0; Absent 1: Finnigan.
The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 19948

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a dedication deed for street purposes to Pierce County for the extension of South 80th Street west from State Highway F.A.I. #5.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that Pierce County Commissioner's have requested that the City of Tacoma dedicate a portion of city owned property for street purposes for the extension of South 80th Street west from State Highway F.A.I. #5. This property is near a gravel pit and holding basin which has since been cleaned up.

Mayor Rasmussen asked since this is a holding basin, would it be possible to stock it with fish and use it as a children's fishing pond.

Mr. Schuster stated it would be possible to stock this basin without sealing the bottom because of the ground water level.

Mayor Rasmussen requested Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, to explore the possibility of converting this basin into a fishing pond and report to the Council on the findings.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would look into the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he was going to arrange a meeting with Mr. Lauren Donaldson from the University of Washington, representatives of the Utility Department Sportman's Club, Fishery Dept. & the Park Dept. to discuss the renovating of the Titlow Beach area. He added Mr. Donaldson said since the rainbow trout have been crossed with steelhead, fishing in Commencement Bay could be good all winter.

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

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Present: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Absent: Finnigan.

Resolution No. 19942

Expressing the intent to sell the old City Hall to any interested persons or developers who may desire to remodel the building to substantially comply with the existing City building codes.

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Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Banfield.

Mr. Bott felt that the Council's intentions were that the clock and chimes be maintained in operating order.

Mr. Cvitanich thought the Council would be premature in expressing intent to sell until the Planning Commission has reviewed the matter in terms of the over all downtown area.

Mr. Johnson felt it was in order to express the intent to sell the City Hall at this time. However, he also felt the maintainence of the clock and chimes should be included in the resolution.

Mr. Johnson moved to amend the resolution in the third paragraph after the word condition and add the words "including maintaining in operating order the existing clock and chimes." Seconded by Mayor Rasmussen. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Steve Turlis of Forrester Realty and Mortgage Co., representing Ron Hunts of Phoenix, Arizona, explained the different structures that Mr. Hunts has remodeled in other parts of the country. He urged that the Council approve this resolution. He felt that Mr. Hunts would not object to preserving the exterior in its present condition, as well as maintaining the existing clock and chimes in operating order.

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

Ayes 7: Banfield, Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Noes 1: Cvitanich. Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

NEXT READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18679

Amending Title 13 of the official code relative to Zoning Ordinance but changes for apartments in an "R-3-PRD" districts and reduction of the required setback for a canopy in a "C-F-P" District.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18676 (postponed from the meeting of October 29, 1968)

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Amending Sec. 6.15.100 of the official code to provide for the nomination of a Charity Solicitations Advisory Board by the Mayor and appointed by the City Council.

Mr. Clay Patterson, President of the Washington Disabilities, Inc., felt that some organizations have not obtained the proper license from the City to conduct solicitations. He urged the Council to adopt a stronger ordinance, modeled after some in California.

Mr. Patterson brought up that in 1958 an outside professional firm came into Tacoma for one of the larger non-profit corporations and raised \$500,000.00 in charitable contributions. The old code and the new code specifically state that where the collected sum is in excess of \$10,000.00 a full and complete financial report shall be filed with the Dept. of Tax and License and also must be published in an advertisement in the local papers fifteen days prior to the date when the license applied for shall become effective. If any person receives remuneration, then automatically the license is \$1,000.00 and \$100.00 for each person engaged in such solicitations. If no person receives any remuneration, the license is \$5.00. After a thorough research of the matter it was found that the above particular firm did not pay the \$5.00 fee. He felt if the City had had a Citizen's Advisory Council, this particular matter would have been checked.

Mayor Rasmussen said that in some cases, the so-called charitable organizations will take 95 to 99% of the money and leave just 5 to 10% for the organizations that have hired them. This is why the Legislature has passed a law for the returns to be filed so the so-called charitable institutions can be exposed.

Mr. Patterson explained that Washington Disabilities, Inc. have placed contribution containers for a drive and on November 13th filled out the necessary application blanks and received the license. Prior to starting their drive, they found that nearly every business establishment in Tacoma had a container asking for solicitations for Muscular Dystrophy. It was found that these are placed in the stores by the local Fire Department. These containers have been out since Nov. 1st, so he immediately contacted Mr. McLennan, Director of Tax and License, to find out whether or not the Muscular Dystrophy or the Fire Dept. had obtained their solicitation license. A solicitation license had been issued for a Mother's March effective November 1, 1968.

Mr. Patterson further indicated that he had contacted Mr. H. K. White of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Mr. White had admitted that one hundred percent of all the contributions from the Mother's March and containers are forwarded to New York to the headquarters of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. No money stays within the City of Tacoma, only 20 to 25% is returned to the local chapter in Tacoma. He felt that the administration of the laws applying to charitable organizations should be removed from the jurisdiction of the City Manager. He urged that a Citizen's Advisory Board be appointed.

Mr. Patterson, therefore, suggested that this ordinance be postponed for one month.

Mr. Bott moved that the ordinance be postponed for one month until Thursday, December 26, 1968, because of litigation over delinquent B & O taxes in the City. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

The ordinance was postponed until December 26, 1968.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that on October 29, 1968, this ordinance was introduced and he had suggested that it be held over until a report was submitted by Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, as to whether or not charitable non-profit institutions had been paying \$10 taxes to the City. He explained since there was discussion on the ordinance at that time, he suggested to the Clerk that the ordinance brought in on first reading and postponed which has not been discussed be placed on first reading on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

Ordinance No. 18673

(Vacating East 32nd Street between East L & East M Streets. Position of L & R Enterprises.)

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

No Ayes 0; Absent 1: Finnigan.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. The Director of Public Works presents the assessment rolls as follows:

L I D 3657 for sanitary sewers on East D from East 93rd to East 94th and other nearby streets.

L I D 3666 for sanitary sewers in the vicinity of No. 9th and 10th; Alder from So. 15th to 17th Street.

Mrs. Banfield moved that Monday, January 13, 1969 at 4 P.M. be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that the request of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia to develop housing for the elderly and for low income families, and a children's day care facility in the vicinity of South 14th and I Street, had been discussed at the study session on Monday, November 25, 1968. It was understood the preliminary staff discussions indicate that there is a high probability of approval on grant applications for this project which covers 75% of acquisition and clearance costs. However, at the study session the members present felt that the 25% of the cost remaining would have to be obtained from other sources rather than from the City of Tacoma. He asked if a motion to this effect should be made for the record.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked if there is a determination as to how many parks are planned for the City, and if the Park Department would maintain such a park if developed. He felt that more planning is necessary before making a decision on open space for one area when other housing projects are to be built in the Hilltop area.

Mr. Rowlands stated he felt that the Model Cities program probably could be the source from which federal matching monies for development of the open space area could be obtained. He felt, perhaps, that the cost of the estimated \$75,000 cost of a half-block area could be raised by the diocese or some foundation.

Mr. Svidnich explained he had been assured that there will be legislation introduced at Olympia at the next session of the Legislature to rectify the tax situation. He had no objection for a church being tax exempt, however, any time you get into the private sector, he felt it is morally wrong to tax exempt that type of property.

Mr. Rowlands explained that two to four months from now there will be other programs recommended for immediate implementation, for example, the Office of HUD has asked that this matter be solved within two weeks, because other cities would like the grant. Mr. Rowlands felt the City could not afford even during the planning stages of the model cities area, to ignore any other group that might propose an attractive development as it would certainly alleviate the housing shortage situation.

Mr. Johnson felt the Council should back efforts to establish localized community parks and should welcome and cooperate with other churches that propose similar projects. He felt nothing was wrong in applying for funds for small parks from the federal government and the State if private sectors of the community can raise the other 25% to proceed with projects.

Mr. Murtland moved that the proper officers of the City endeavor to secure grants from the State of Washington and United States Government to acquire land for open space purposes near I Street between South 14th and South 15th Streets with the understanding that local matching funds of 25% will be obtained from other sources other than the City of Tacoma. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mrs. Banfield said she did not believe the taxpayers should have to support a park, though public, would be used almost exclusively by tenants of the proposed housing units.

Dr. Herrmann pointed out that the maintenance of the park could be taken care of by the persons who occupy the elderly and low-income apartments. He further stated that the day-care center is not a profit making organization and it benefits the children of working mothers. He felt that the Council should accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to assure a small park in the area of the housing units and expanded day care facilities planned by the Diocese of Olympia. He also felt this would be most compatible with the Model Cities planning.

Mayor Rasmussen said he was not opposed to the planned development, but he did not feel the Council had sufficient pertinent facts so they could make a determination at this time.

Mr. Bott felt more open-space that can be acquired would be a definite advantage. He noted that the Planning Commission stated this joint development proposal should serve as a demonstration of a cooperative approach to central area redevelopment, and one which could be considered for other areas of the City.

Mr. Cvitanich stated that Mr. Gordon N. Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Commission, had criticized the planning staff for bringing this to the Commission before this proposed plan was evaluated in detail for an over-all plan for the City.

Mr. Rowlands explained that monies are available from HUD and if the staff is to proceed they should be given that determination from the Council as soon as possible as timing is of the essence in regard to the Federal programs.

Roll call was taken on the motion by Mr. Murtland that the City prepare a grant application for the open-space near I Street, South 14th and 15th Streets.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

- Ayes 5: Bett, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich.
- Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Mayor Rasmussen.
- Absent 1: Finnigan. Motion carried.

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Mayor Rasmussen requested that his vote be changed to Aye so the matter could be reconsidered next week.

COMMENTS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Johnson felt that the new apartments on 27th Street that are not completed are an eyesore and he wondered if agreements could be formulated to take care of maintenance for the apartments at the Planning Commission level.

Mr. Cvitanich felt this was a matter of personal pride, but the City does have the proper agency to take care of the matter if problems are created.

Dr. Herrmann requested that he be excused for the next two weeks. Mr. Johnson moved to excuse Dr. Herrmann from the next two Council meetings. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that an ordinance be drafted for the December 17, 1968 meeting creating the Department of Public Information and General Services with the Director's salary as range 39.

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Mr. Zatkovich felt that the Harambee organization should not have been involved in the Model Cities program. He felt they have displayed arrogance at the Monday night's Model Cities meeting. He could not understand how the Harambee came to be listed among organizations invited to send representatives to the Monday meeting. He predicted there would be trouble if the Harambee members are included in the Model Cities project.

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Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, said the organization was invited to the meeting because the staff tried to include every possible organization so no one would be overlooked. There are some teenagers who are affiliated with this organization, but he also pointed out that some members have done an outstanding job with the employment center in the past year. They helped to find 375 jobs for the unemployed and this organization has also conducted a cleanup campaign in the Hilltop area. He thought that the attitude of militancy can be directed into constructive channels, pride and motivation.

Mr. Zatkovich suggested that the Harambee members in the employment office affiliate with some other organization.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would request that an ordinance be drafted and brought to the Council meeting on December 17th relative to protecting retiring radio engineers.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the protection of pension rights be extended to any person who is employed in this category, until the last employee is in the city service.

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Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, stated as long as there is still an employee working for the City there is no problem, but once the last employee in active city service leaves, then the problem arises. He will look into the matter, and thought a recital clause from this Council could be incorporated in the ordinance.

Mayor Rasmussen stated the new microphones for the Council Chambers have arrived.

Mr. Bott moved that the necessary expenditure be allowed to pay for the Council microphones. Failed for want of a second.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that an ordinance should be crafted for this expenditure.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that a ballot be prepared when electing permanent officers for the Model Cities program, as he had been criticized for asking for a standing vote on the temporary advisory committee at the Model Cities meeting on Monday, November 25, 1968.

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Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mr. Johnson and Mr. Murtland as liason officers to work with the temporary advisory committee of the Model Cities program.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that the ordinance be brought in for an additional V.D. Inspector in the Health Department.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated the millage that was passed will not be available until 1970.

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Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, explained that in all probability the fire equipment will arrive in Tacoma in about a year. If funds are needed, an ordinance can be passed by the City Council for a loan to cover the cost until the millage is available. He further added that the Fire Chief is preparing the specifications for the equipment and will present them to the Purchasing Dept. to call for bids.

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Mayor Rasmussen felt it would be necessary to appropriate monies for L I D's and the City has \$262,000.00 surplus in the City Treasury.

Mr. Gaisford stated that \$250,000.00 of that is budgeted already.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that an ordinance should be prepared to raise money for the L I D participation.

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Mr. Gaisford stated that the bond issue includes this type of participation and the earliest date that money will be available will be around the sixteenth of February of 1969.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, make copies of his motion that he made at the Model Cities meeting held on November 25, 1968, for the Council members.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Rasmussen stated that Mr. Elden Williams, President of the World Wide Advertising Company, had expressed a wish to speak before the City Council, however, he has requested that this be postponed until December 17, 1968.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated Mr. Williams will be allowed to speak at the meeting on December 17, 1968.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. City Clerk reporting the expiration date of filing protests on L I D 4855.
- b. Human Relations Commission minutes for Oct. 17, 1968.
- c. City Council Study Session minutes for Nov. 4th & 18th, 1968.
- d. Fire Dept. report for Sept. 1968.
- e. Personnel report for October 1968.
- f. Tacoma Police Dept. report for October 1968.
- g. Director of Finance report for October 1968.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that 299 false alarms out of 2,171 had been turned into the Fire Dept. from the box alarms. He wondered if they shouldn't be removed and be replaced by emergency telephones in strategic locations.

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Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated about five years ago an intensive study was made on this problem and it was found it was too expensive to continue with the box alarms. He noted that the best situation would be to have radio transmitters throughout City.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

A. L. Rasmussen
MAYOR

Attest: *Josephine Melton*
City Clerk