

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1968

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Mr. Bott moved that the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 13, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen presented Jerome A. Taylor of the Public Works Dept. a check in the amount of \$250.00 for his suggestion relative to changing the type of monuments used by the City.

Mr. Taylor was congratulated by Mayor Rasmussen, Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, and members of the City Council.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of the alley between Fife and Prospect St. from a point approximately 200 feet north of So. Tacoma Way north to the N. P. R. R. R/W, submitted by the National Oil Company.

Mr. Russell Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the vacation will allow for the consolidation of the applicant's property since they do own all properties abutting the east and west sides of the alley in question.

No protests being made, Mr. Johnson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the above vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of the alley between 26th St. N. E. & 27th St. N. E. from Highline Road to 59th Ave. N. E., submitted by B. H. Petersen.

Mr. Buehler, explained that the right-of-way is unimproved and the street dead-ends at a steep bluff. This vacation will consolidate the applicant's property and allow for a 20-unit multiple family complex.

Mr. Buehler added, that a request for an "R-3" zoning reclassification is the next item on the agenda, submitted also by Mr. Petersen.

Mr. B. H. Petersen, 10901 Villa Lane, S. W., stated he was representing the applicant and would try to answer any questions regarding the property.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the above vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

c. This is the date set for hearing for the rezoning of the N. E. area bounded by Highline Road, 59th Ave. N. E., 26th St. N. E. & 27th St. N. E., from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District, submitted by B. H. Petersen.

Mr. Buehler explained that the applicant originally filed for an "R-4-L", Density Multiple Family zoning. At the third scheduled hearing of the Planning Commission, the applicant amended his petition to an "R-3", Two-Family Dwelling District which reduced the proposed number of living units to twenty from the original twenty-four unit request. The Planning Commission felt with the re-evaluation in zoning the proposed development would be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. A number of improvements were agreed to by the applicant in connection with the development site, and with these improvements the Commission felt that additional development would be encouraged in this general area which is presently sparsely developed, he added.

Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the above rezoning, and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19578 (postponed from the meeting of Feb. 10, 1968)

That no urban renewal project will be instituted, established or carried on in any area within the City of Tacoma unless such project is first approved by the owners of a majority of all property, based upon its last assessed value for tax purposes, lying within such proposed urban renewal area.

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Mr. Bott felt this resolution should be enacted, however, since the Model Cities application has been resubmitted, this resolution can be acted upon at a later date. He noted that any urban renewal program has to stem from the Council and he was opposed to a residential urban renewal district without an expression of the people involved.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that the majority of the people of Tacoma desire to exercise their vote as to whether a majority of property owners within a proposed urban renewal project are in favor of such a project. He added, problems have arisen in other cities because no vote was taken by the property owners.

Mr. David D. Rowlands, City Manager, pointed out, if and when the Model Cities application study is approved by the Federal Government, they then offer to Tacoma whether or not the Council wishes to accept the grant. If the City accepts the grant, it can then be decided whether urban renewal would be included within the project. He added, the City Council controls the application from the beginning until the final determination.

Mr. Murtland moved to postpone Resolution No. 19578 until Tuesday, Aug. 27th, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call was taken on the motion. Ayes 5; Nays 4; Hanfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19585 (postponed from the meeting of Feb. 10, 1968)

Awarding contract to Harley-Davidson on its bid of \$14,761.25 for the furnishing of five Solo Motorcycles and one Servi-Car Cycle.

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

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

Resolution No. 19590

Commending Howard Wernick for his years of service on the Civil Service Board from February, 1958 through November 7th, 1967.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested, since this resolution is a commendation, he would prefer that his name be stricken and that the resolution be made at the request of the City Council.

Mr. Murtland moved that in place of "By request of Cvitanich," the wording "By Request of City Council" be substituted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Resolution No. 19591

Awarding contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on its bid of \$56,243.25 for L I D 4805.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

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

Resolution No. 19592

Awarding contract to Cascade Asphalt Paving Co. on its bid of \$16,698.26 for Proposal "I" and \$373.07 on Proposal "A" for Apron & Hangar Area Paving at Tacoma Industrial Airport.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19593

Awarding contract to Morris Construction Co. on its bid of \$61,497.16 for L I D 3648.

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.

Resolution No. 19594

Awarding contract to Grinnell Construction on its bid of \$10,444.78 for W.O. No. 55717.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Schuster if there were other boat launching facilities in this area.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, explained that he knew of one private facility in that area. However, there are public launching facilities at Pt. Defiance and under the 11th St. Bridge.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Cvitanich to investigate to see if there are other public boat launching facilities in the area.

Mr. Cvitanich said he would be glad to report on the matter.

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

Resolution No. 19595

Authorizing the execution of a lease with the Tacoma Pierce County Opportunity & Development, Inc. providing for the leasing of a portion of the building located at 711 Commerce Street.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Herrmann.

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

Resolution No. 19596

Authorizing the proper officers to execute an agreement with the State Auditor of the State of Washington providing for an audit of the Federal Aid Sewer Construction Fund.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

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

Resolution No. 19597

Appropriating the sum of \$819.28 from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation for the purchase of 1 Ade Duplicator and 1 Master Maker.

Mr. Johnson 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. 19598

Appropriating the sum of \$2600.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay & M & O for the purpose of paying F. I. C. A. & Industrial costs of (twenty-one) participants in the "Operation Mainstream" work program.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.  
Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained, this resolution relates to Resolution No. 19346 which was passed by the City Council on September 5th, 1967. In this

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resolution the City will be obligated to pay only the cost of two fringe benefits the F. I. C. A. and Industrial Insurance for twenty-one employees, as the Federal Government will pay the wages and all remaining fringe benefits due and owing any of the employees engaged in the "Operation Mainstream" work program, who are not deemed employees of the City.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 8; Nays 1, Banfield; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19599

Appropriating the sum of \$1600.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of replacing blinds, shades and drapes in (11) Fire Stations.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

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

Resolution No. 19600

Accepting a sealed bid for the purchase of real property in the Center Street Urban Renewal Area, Wash. R-1.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

Mr. James Wright, Acting Urban Renewal Director, explained that this was one of the last remaining properties to be sold in the Center St. Urban Renewal Project. It is located at the northeast corner of Center and M Streets. He pointed out that Saxon Enterprises, Inc. propose to construct a \$45,000 type of structure within the next 12 months and it is to be completed within 120 days from the start of construction.

Mr. Cvitanich asked the status of the Floor Covering Co. at Center and J Sts.

Mr. Wright explained there have been discussions with that company and the National Bank of Washington and it is hoped that some agreement will be forthcoming soon.

Mayor Rasmussen asked why only one or two bids were received for the purchase of real property situated within the urban renewal areas when it is put up for bid.

Mr. Wright explained that the property is advertised for four weeks and usually before a prospective buyer submits his bid, he will contact the Urban Renewal Dept. and submit plans. He added, the demand on the market is not always brisk and those parcels remaining are somewhat more difficult to sell.

Mr. Bott felt, perhaps, the difference is the fact that this cannot be speculative buying.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.  
Ayes 7; Nays 2, Banfield and Cvitanich; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19601

Fixing Tuesday, March 12, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the west side of Mildred from So. 12th to So. 19th St. from an "R-2" to an "R-3-PRD" and an "R-P" Planned Research Park District. (Petition of Weyerhaeuser Properties, Inc.)

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

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

Resolution No. 19602

Fixing Tuesday, March 12, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the west side of Oakes St. between So. 47th and So. 48th St. from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District. (Petition of Marvin E. Boys)

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

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

Resolution No. 19603

Fixing Monday, March 25, 1968 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 2400 for grading and oilmat on Ea. 60th St. from K to K Sts.; also storm drain line on Ea. 60th St. from L to M St.

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

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

Resolution No. 19604

Fixing Monday, March 25, 1968 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 6899 for lights on wooden poles along Vassault St. from No. 23rd to No. 26th Sts.

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

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

Resolution No. 19605

Fixing Tuesday, March 26, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of So. 29th St. between Delin and So. D St. (Petition of Art Stolen)

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

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

Resolution No. 19606

Fixing Tuesday, March 26, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of Chandler St. between So. 28th St. and a point 243 feet south thereof. (Petition of Doris M. Swanson)

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. 18503

Vacating the alley lying between Woodlawn Ave. & Pearl St. from the south line of So. 10th to the north line of So. 12th St. (Petition of C. Gordon & G. Long )

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18504

Vacating that portion of the alley between Sprague Ave. & Ferry St. from So. Tacoma Way north to the westerly line of P. S. H. No. 14 right-of-way line. (Petition of Steiner-American Corporation)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18505

Amending Chap. 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.120-53 to include property on the east side of Pacific Ave. approximately 50 feet south of So. 88th St. in a "C-1" District. (Petition of Wm. C. Marcum)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18506

Appropriating the sum of \$11,206.00 from the General Fund for the purpose of creating the Citizen's Information and Service Bureau.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Finnigan, since he was a member of the Building Committee, what part of the building on the second floor will be used for this office.

Mr. Finnigan stated it has been discussed and he asked Mr. Rowlands if he knew of the situation.

Mr. Rowlands stated they are having some problems, as one of the difficulties is that the office has to be manned at all times, and if it is placed in the center of the 2nd floor, the telephone wires will hamper the installation of the booth. Another meeting of the committee should be set within the week, and perhaps, it can be worked out.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18507

Amending Title 2 of the official code of the City of Tacoma by adding a new Chapter 2.17 consisting of three new sections, 2.17.010, 020 and 030 to provide for the development of shelter facilities in new public buildings and structures.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that this ordinance should be brought up at a study session, so perhaps, it should be removed from the agenda.

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Mr. Cvitanich moved that Ordinance No. 18507 be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18498

Vacating a portion of the north side of East 34th St. between East M and East N Streets. (petition of Rogers School)

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. 18499

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.130-45 to include property on the S. W. corner of So. 12th & Cedar Sts. in a "C-2" District. (Petition of Kay Parks Auto Body Rebuilding)

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

Ayes 6; Nays 3; Cvitanich, Johnson and Murtland; Absent 0.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18500

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official code by adding a new section 13.06.315 to include an "R-P" Planned Research Park District.

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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. 18501

Appropriating the sum of \$5,000 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of the City's participation in the repair or reconstruction of sidewalks & vaults on Tacoma Ave., So. 11th St. & Court E St.- Fawcett Urban Renewal Project.

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

Ayes 6; Nays 3, Cvitanich, Banfield and Mayor Rasmussen; Absent 0.  
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

REPORTS:

- a. Integrated Management Information Systems & Data Processing for Tacoma and Pierce County, Wash., submitted by John A. Donaho & Associates, Inc.-Dec. 1967.



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- b. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of Jan. 1968.
- c. Report from the Traffic Division for the month of December 1967.

Placed on file.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Rasmussen brought to the Council's attention that he has received the advance billing in the amount of \$1,548.00 for the regional transportation planning program of the Puget Sound Governmental Conference. 220

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Mayor Rasmussen remarked there is also a request from the Urban Renewal Dept. for the sale of \$5,313,000 short term notes, for the urban renewal projects.

Mr. Wright explained the signing by the Mayor of these short term notes is an administrative procedure and does not require official action by the Council. The bid opening on these particular notes is set for March 14, 1968.

Mr. Cvitanich thanked Mayor Rasmussen for informing the Council of this matter.

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Mayor Rasmussen remarked he has also received a request from Carl E. Hagberg, Supervisor of the Division of Management Service of the State Dept. of Public Assistance relative to their Food Stamp Plan. The Counties of King, Pierce and Spokane are now issuing food coupons and the State is requesting the City of Tacoma to provide locations where such food stamps can be issued.

Mayor Rasmussen added, the State Dept. will pay for this service and asked the Legal Dept. to prepare a Resolution to accomplish such purpose for action by the City Council.

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Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained he had been receiving calls relative to the University Place sewer program. He noted that several months ago a resolution had been passed which set forth three courses of action that could be taken by the people living in the University Place Sewer District: (1) Annexation to the City of Tacoma, (2) the people could connect with the University Place Sewer District; (3) the possibility that sewers could be provided through the initiation of an L I D district with the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Rowlands suggested that annexation to the City of Tacoma would be one solution or working out a program with the sewer district itself. This would not be as complicated as trying to set up an L I D in an unincorporated area.

Mayor Rasmussen explained this had been discussed by the Council, and they had asked that Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, check into the matter.

Mr. McCormick explained he had not as yet had time to check into the matter but he would obtain the information that the Council has requested relative to what would happen to the University Fire & Water Districts in the event of annexation to the City.

Mr. Rowlands also informed the Council that annexation of an area to the City would not affect the school district.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated he had heard over the air that the City was advertising for the position of a Coordinator for the Trainee Corps at a salary of \$725.00 per month.

Mr. Rowlands remarked that the action of the Council at the meeting of Feb. 20, 1968 was that the position should not exceed \$7,000 for a six month's period.

Mr. Murtland remarked that he understood that the \$7,000 must be predicated over six months because of the Civil Service League expressing the thought that if it were more than six months the position should come under Civil Service.

Mr. Rowlands said the salary could be adjusted if necessary. They had tried to establish the position to coincide with the title of Personnel Technician II as they felt the position was that important.

Mr. Johnson informed the Council that Mr. Finnigan had made an amendment to the original motion last week, and the motion which was voted upon was that the position of Coordinator for the Trainee Corps be approved for the balance of the year at a salary of at least \$7,000 a year.

After some discussion, Mr. Bott suggested that action be held in abeyance until next week.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked if it were possible to expand the Auxiliary Police Force to perhaps include a number of Mexican-Americans and Negroes.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the Council should proceed very slowly in regard to the Auxiliary Police Force as they have to be armed. He also felt that any one could not pass the physical examination for the Police Dept.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked if Mr. Rowlands had investigated the matter of sauna baths within the City.

Mr. Rowlands stated he had received a report today and these establishments had been checked as requested by the Council.

Mr. John Zelenak, 5414 So. J St., stated since he had brought up this question at the Council meeting last Tuesday, the places he complained about were closed.

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Mr. Richard Watson, 1004 So. Stevens, noted that teen-age servicemen have no place to go for entertainment or relaxation within the City of Tacoma. He asked that a list of the Servicemen's Clubs be posted in stores, bus stations, etc. for the convenience of these servicemen.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Watson contact Mr. Bond the City's Public Relations officer in regard to this matter.

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Mrs. Banfield thanked Mr. Wright, Acting Director of the Urban Renewal Dept., for the report he had supplied, however, she said she had desired figures for each parcel of property that has been sold in all Urban Renewal Projects. She wished to know what the City paid for them and what they were sold for after they were demolished.

Mr. Wright stated this would be an almost impossible task to calculate the original figures.

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Mr. Cvitanich said he had not received the Table of Organization as requested. He also felt the Council should be provided with minutes of the meetings of the Federal organizations.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, thought the committees that are formed that have a secretary who takes the minutes, could send copies to the City Council.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that a number of Councilmen were in his office Monday afternoon and they had indicated they had not had an opportunity of meeting all Department Directors and heads of their staffs. It was his understanding that Mr. Rowlands had a meeting in the Fireside Room at the Library last week with all staff members and City employees. He thought it would be courteous to invite members of the City Council to attend these meetings.

Mr. Rowlands said it could be arranged for the Council members to meet the staff if they desire. Mr. Rowlands added, that staff meetings have been held for the past twelve years to consider administrative matters and many other matters of importance. It has not been customary in the past to invite the Council members, but he would be very glad to have them stop in if they wish.

Mr. Murtland remarked, in eight years that he has been on the Council, he had not thought it necessary for any of the Council members to have to attend a staff meeting. It is definitely an administrative duty.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P. M.

A. L. Rasmussen  
MAYOR

Attest: Josephine Melton  
City Clerk