

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, July 17, 1962

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1, Haley.

Mr. Steele moved that the minutes of July 3, 1962 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 17126: (postponed from July 10, 1962)

Authorizing the agreement with the State Highway Dept. for the cost distribution for construction of future structures and necessary roadway connections to be known as "Nalley Valley Viaduct".

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

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the Resolution were adopted, and the electorate voted down the bond issue, would the viaduct be completed.

Mr. Rowlands stated this is a reasonable risk, and he pointed out that eventually the structure will link the Freeway from a point north of So. 38th St. with a new limited access highway to the Narrows, which will utilize Bantz Blvd. The approaches have already been constructed by the State. The City's share in this project is in the amount of \$140,000 which is to be used for Engineering and right-of-way acquisition. The wording in this Resolution is a little nebulous, instead of referring to the project as "Nalley Valley Viaduct" it might be called Freeway-Sprague Ave. connection, if that is agreeable with the Council.

Mayor Tollefson stated this segment of the Freeway has been in the planning since 1951. For identification, he suggested that the viaduct be termed, Bantz Blvd. -Freeway connection.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be amended to insert the words, "Bantz Blvd. -Freeway connection" in place of the words "Nalley Valley Viaduct" wherever it appears in the Resolution. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich felt it would be logical to submit a bond issue to the electorate rather than to obligate the citizens for \$140,000.00.

Mayor Tollefson explained, if the City is going to participate in this project, its share will be approximately 25% and the State and Federal Government will pay the balance. For the purpose of a tentative agreement the City will contribute this portion depending upon the funds available, and he felt the Council should proceed to do so.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution as amended. Motion carried. Mr. Cvitanich requested the record to show he voted "no".

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17129

Fixing Monday, August 13, 1962 at 4 00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3540 for sanitary sewers in the vicinity of So. 58th to So. 80th Streets between Cushman and Wilkeson Streets.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17130

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. Inc. for L I D 4698 on their bid of \$24,463.12 including sales tax on Items 32 through 38, which bid is the only bid received.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated this exceeded the Engineer's estimate, however, less than 10% one way or the other is not out of line. Obviously, in the summer months the bids are not as low as they are in the winter months, but the Department cannot get them all prepared in time.

Mr. Bolt asked if the City had the equipment to do this type of job.

Mr. Rowlands explained the City was not equipped to do these large jobs and it has been the practice in the past to have the work contracted.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17131

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute fall out shelter license to Civil Defense for the use of Cushman No. 2 Powerhouse Annex at Woodport, Washington.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No 17132:

Accepting offer to sell property situated within the Center Street Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1 located at 2922 So "I" Street in the amount of \$1,400.00

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

Mr. Bott asked if the property was to be removed

Mr. Rowlands explained, there was a small three room house located on the property. It depends upon the condition of the house if it is to be disposed of or sold

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17133:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to appropriate \$6,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of constructing a storm drain in Mullen St. between So. 9th and So. 10th Sts. and on So. 9th St. from Mullen to Verde Streets.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 17134:

Awarding contract to Rogers Construction Co. for W. O. 53520 on their bid of \$5,028.90 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No 17135:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute the sale of six (6) light poles to the town of Fircrest in the amount of \$864.57.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 17136:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a local improvement assessment deed to Jos. & Jane McGhee for the sum of \$10.00 for property located at So. 49th & Prospect.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Tollefson welcomed the Civics Class from Stadium High School stating if they had any questions the Council would be happy to answer them at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Steele moved that the Rules be suspended to consider Resolution No. 17137. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17137:

Commending Dr. Maurice M. Dodge for seven (7) years of service as a member of the City Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Tollefson stated for the benefit of the Civics Class, as a member of the Planning Commission for seven years, Dr. Dodge has devoted many hours of time and effort to the transaction of the Commission's and the City's business which required great personal sacrifice upon his part.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17130:

Amending sections 13.06, 210, 220, 230 and 375 of the official code of the City relating to Zoning for Group Care Homes, Nursing Homes, Foster Homes, etc. to provide for increased controls. Read by title.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 17131:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a contract for the furnishing of water to the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma and setting forth the provisions of said Contract. Read by title.

Mayor Tollefson explained this is an extension of the former agreement between the City and the Tacoma Housing Authority for a five-year period. This provides for billing the remaining unconverted units on a master meter basis until such time as they are either disposed of or converted to permanent low cost housing.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 17118:

Appropriating \$5,500 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund of the City for the purpose of paying certain expenses of the Tacoma Humane Society. Read by title. 269

Mr. Rowlands said he received a communication from the Tacoma Pierce County Humane Society requesting another \$500.00 for the year 1962, or a total of \$6,000.00. This money is needed to meet a budget deficit and to increase the salaries of the present employees. The budget for the Humane Society will be reviewed for the first time in August or September of 1962. In previous years the budget has been completed, and the Council has had to re-open the matter after the City budget for the subsequent year has been determined. There will be some recommendations made to the City Council at this time by the Humane Society regarding changes in dog license fees which would help balance their budget for 1963. The communication also indicates that the Union will be willing to sign a contract running through 1963 at a 4 1/2% increase. This would be in lieu of a 3% increase for the balance of 1962.

Mr. Fidler of the Tacoma Pierce County Humane Society, said the Society was in favor of a long-term contract as they did not like to bother the Council with requests for additional funds.

Mr. Hatfield, Union representative, requested that if the Council considers an increase for City Employees for the year 1963, he would like them to also consider an increase for the Humane Society Employees.

Mayor Tollefson stated that the Council would not forget Mr. Fidler's and Mr. Hatfield's requests.

Mrs. Price moved to amend Ordinance No. 17118 to change the amount of \$5,500. to \$6,000.. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance as amended.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

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Ordinance No. 17122:

Amending Section 1.14.337 of the Official Code by adding to Precinct 29-56 recently annexed property. (by Ordinance No. 17033) Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17123:

Vacating alley between So. 18th and So. 19th Sts., also 20 ft. of So. 18th St. from Warner St. to Union Avenue. (Petition of Scottish Rite Lodge, etal) Read by title and passed. 282

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17124:

Vacating east side of East "D" St. between Ea. 18th and East 19th Streets. (Petition of Zellerbach Paper Co.) Read by title, and passed. 283

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17125:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4711 for concrete pavement on So. 17th - M to Sheridan, alleys between I and J from So. 4th to So. 5th Streets; and between K and L from No. 11th to No. 12th Street. Read by title.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Finnigan who was present at the L I D Meeting, to explain the deletion of a portion of the L I D on Jackson Avenue from No. 17th St. northward approximately 790 feet.

Mr. Finnigan explained there was a protest amounting to 59% against this area, and since the area was not contiguous, it was deleted, and the Ordinance has been prepared accordingly.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17126:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6800 for modern lights at intersections on existing wood poles on B and D from East 84th to East 96th Streets; E, F and G from 84th to 96th Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17127:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6802 for modern lights on existing wood poles on No. 11th from Madison to Stevens Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17128:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3523 for sanitary sewers in Vassault and Whitman from No. 37th to No. 46th Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 17129:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6773 for modern intersection lighting from Ea. 43rd to Ea. 56th from Pacific to Ea. "C" Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Haley.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment roll for L I D 5342 for cast iron water mains in South 76th Street from Sheridan Ave. to "K" St.

Dr. Herrmann moved that Monday, August 13, 1962 at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing the assessment roll for L I D 5342. Seconded by Mr Murtland Voice vote taken Motion carried

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from Tacoma City Planning Dept. for the month of June, 1962.
- b. Report from Tacoma Municipal Court for the month of June, 1962.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands stated, a proposed Ordinance governing licensing of music machines was sent to the Council for study. There is one change suggested, that the members of the music machine industry, when changing machines in an establishment, authorize by waiver the deletion of the 10-day period.

Mayor Tollefson stated the Ordinance had been discussed by the Council, and they are in accord with the change.

Mr. Steele stated that the City Attorney should reflect the change in the Ordinance before presenting it for Council action.

Mr. Rowlands informed the Council of HB 1158, whereby funds are made available to Cities having mass transportation systems. The bill would make it possible for Cities to petition for a federal grant up to 2/3rds of the amount that is needed. This is similar to other federal programs. Many Cities favor this bill while others believe they should try to solve their own problems. In some Cities, it is virtually impossible to replace rolling stock out of operating funds. This is true in Tacoma and the Transit System will be fortunate if they break even. All indications favor the passage of this bill in Congress.

Mayor Tollefson said the Association of Washington Cities had been insufficiently informed as to whether or not they should press for passage of this particular bill. Cities have been urged to support the bill by the American Municipal Association. If the Council wishes, a letter may be written to our Congressmen telling them that we want them to support it or we want them to examine the bill more thoroughly. If the Council thinks it is a good thing, then of course, it should be supported. If the Council questions it, the Congressmen should be so instructed.

Mr. Steele asked if the bill was still in Committee. He suggested that in the trip to Philadelphia our representatives make it an order of business.

Mayor Tollefson stated that the bill may be disposed of by that time.

Dr. Herrmann stated he felt it was time for the City to resist Federal aid. It seemed so simple for the City to accept these funds, but it did not seem to him that the City of Tacoma was so depressed, particularly in the transportation field now, that Federal subsidies were needed.

Mr. Murtland stated the Cities cannot constantly look to the Federal Government for subsidies. He felt that a firm stand must be taken by the City to keep within our own control.

Mr. Finnigan stated that he agreed with Dr. Herrmann and Mr. Murtland. The Cities should try to support themselves, however, Cities that are not as fortunate as Tacoma have to be considered.

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Mrs. Price said she agreed with the others to a point, however, she did feel that Tacoma should take advantage of these funds.

Mr. Steele felt that the State Representatives in Congress should be encouraged to bring money back to the State level as 80% of the tax dollar goes to the Federal Government.

Mr. Cvitanich stated he agreed with the opinions of Dr. Hermann, Mr. Murtland and Mr. Finnigan.

Mayor Tollefson stated that perhaps the Council should ask the Representatives in Washington to exercise their best judgement, keeping in mind that if this bill passes Tacoma will be asking to participate in the funds made available.

Mrs. Price then moved that the Council send a letter to the Washington State Representatives instructing them to use their best judgement. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Rowlands stated there were about 1,000 copies being made of the Tacoma 1961 Report for limited distribution, costing about \$600.00.

Mr. Bott stated that Mr. Evans and the staff of Allied Arts should ⁵⁶⁻¹²⁷ be commended for the time and effort they spent in renovating the Old City Hall Clock and the Public Safety Building.

Mayor Tollefson asked if there had been any action taken regarding the removal of the adjacent building.

Mr. Rowlands stated it had been discussed 3 or 4 years ago, however, this will be before the Council at budget time.

Mr. Ketler, Civil Service Representative, invited the Council to the City Picnic to be held at Titlow Park on Saturday, July 21, 1962.

Mayor Tollefson reminded the Council of the meeting with the Utility Board, Thursday, July 19, 1962.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 P. M.