

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
June 20, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, and Sonntag. Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Sonntag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 1972.

PETITIONS:

- a. Terry D. Reim requesting the rezoning near 40th and South Lawrence from an "R-3" District to an "R-4-L" District.

For referral to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21707

Fixing Monday, July 10, 1972 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 8000 for paving Copalis Street from Brown's Point Blvd. easterly 200 feet; 52nd Street N.E. from Brown's Point Blvd. to Enetal Avenue from 52nd Avenue N.E. northerly approximately 450 feet.

Resolution No. 21708

Fixing Monday, July 10, 1972 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 6938 for modern lights on existing wood poles at various intersections in the vicinity of South Puget Sound and Center Streets.

Resolution No. 21709

Fixing Tuesday, July 18, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for vacation of Mildred Street from North 11th to North 17th Street.
(Hal Murtland, et al)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Public Utility Board Meeting of May 24, 1972.
- b. Minutes of City Planning Commission Meeting of June 5, 1972.

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- c. Minutes of Pierce County Planning Coalition Meeting of June 1, 1972.
- d. Minutes of Human Relations Commission Study Session of June 1, 1972.
- e. Tacoma Emergency Services filing Personnel and Administrative Claim for May, 1972.
- f. Monthly Report, Police Department, Traffic Division, May, 1972.
- g. Monthly Financial Report, Water Division, Light Division and Belt Line Division, April 30, 1972.

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions No. 21707, 21708 and 21709. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

This is the date set for a public hearing regarding the Six Year Comprehensive Street Program - 1973 thru 1978. (6-5-72 Planning Commission recommended approval 7-0, 2 absent)

Mr. Bob Anderson, City Engineer, advised Council that in accordance with State Law, the Cities and Counties once a year must review their six year program for the development of urban arterials and submit the same to the State for their review and inclusion in their budget. The Six Year Comprehensive Street Program is broken into two sections: (1) The Urban Arterial Program and (2) The Arterial Street Program, which is financed by the one-half cent gas tax. He described the State and federal government participation in the financing of these programs. He pointed out that if Council adopts the program it does not mean that it would be final as each project considered for construction will go to the Citizens Arterial Committee and must come before the City Council for approval and alterations, if necessary, before the prospectus can be submitted to the State. Mr. Anderson also advised that when the individual projects come to Council for approval, the citizens will have an opportunity to speak at that time.

After the Public Hearing, at which everyone was given an opportunity to speak, the Council duly adopted the two amendments to the program, filed with the Office of the City Clerk, as follows: Mr. Maule moved to amend the plan to delete under the one-half cent gas tax program the North 37th Street Vassault to Stevens Project. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Motion carried.

Mr. Jarstad moved to amend the program by substituting Brown's Point Boulevard Project in place of the 37th Street Vassault to Stevens Project. The Brown's Point Boulevard Project will commence at the West City Limits line at the intersection of 51st Street Northeast and Slayden Road then continue along 51st Street N.E. to the intersection of 51st Street N.E. and Brown's Point Boulevard. The route then will generally follow the existing

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Brown's Point Boulevard right-of-way until the intersection of Brown's Point Boulevard and 33rd Street N.E. The alignment will then follow the existing 33rd Street N.E. right-of-way to the intersection of 33rd Street N.E. and Brown's Point Boulevard where the project will terminate. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann and motion carried. And thereafter duly adopted a motion approving the recommendation of the Planning Commission and duly adopted said Comprehensive Six-Year Street Program as amended.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19604 (Continued from the meeting of June 13th)
Amending Title 6 of the Official Code relative to fees for Merchant Patrolman, Guard, Security Officer and Private Police Officer and declaring an emergency making necessary the immediate passage of this ordinance and the taking effect immediately on publication.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Ordinance be removed from the Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote carried. The Ordinance was removed from the Agenda.

Ordinance No. 19605 Creating a new fund to be known as the Tacoma Public Library Grants Revolving Fund and appropriating therefrom the sum of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of expanding library services.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, and Sonntag.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19606 Appropriating the sum of \$18,500.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Model Cities Action Year Revolving Fund and authorizing a temporary loan from the General Fund for the purpose of purchasing property known as the USO Building at South 13th and Fawcett Streets and declaring an emergency making necessary the ordinance take effect upon publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder and Sonntag

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 19607 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 3727 for sanitary sewers in South Trafton from South 70th to South 72nd Street; South 72nd Street from South Trafton to South Wapato Street; South Wapato from South 72nd to South 74th Street; and alley between South Wapato and South Trafton from South 72nd Street approximately 300 feet north.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder and Sonntag

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19608 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 4994 for paving on South 92nd Street from Alaska Street east approximately 630 feet.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder and Sonntag

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19609 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 5521 for construction of fire hydrants and water mains in South 19th from Mullen Street to Mason-Tyler Transition, and in Mullen Street from South 18th to South 19th.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder and Sonntag

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19610 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 4960 for a permanent paving on East 54th Street from McKinley Avenue to Portland Avenue; also, a storm drainage line only in East "I" Street from East 54th to East 55th Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, and Sonntag

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19611 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 6912 for modern lights at street intersections on existing wood poles along 38th Avenue N.E. from Brown's Point Boulevard to 33rd Street N.E.; 43rd Avenue N.E. from Brown's Point Boulevard to 33rd Street N.E.; 33rd Street N.E. from 38th Avenue N.E. to 47th Avenue N.E.; Meeker Avenue N.E. from 49th Avenue N.E. west 100'; and other nearby streets.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, and Sonntag

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19612 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 6933 for installing modern lights at street intersections on existing wood poles along the following streets: North 24th from Proctor Street to Stevens Street; North 25th Street from Proctor to Stevens Street; also, one modern light on a new pole on South 14th Street midway between Adams and Durango Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, and Sonntag

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19613 Appropriating the sum of \$161,300.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Neighborhood Youth Corps Revolving Fund No. 9-71 for maintenance and operation costs of the Neighborhood Youth Corps summer employment program.

Mr. George Hauser, Neighborhood Youth Corps Director, advised Council that this is the second increment of funds appropriated for the program. This increment adds 383 enrollees. There will then be a total of 588 enrollees in the program. Mr. Hauser advised that the program benefits both the enrollee and the City. It is considered that the program is an extension of the enrollee's schooling. He then outlined the types of jobs, the areas of employment and the requirements for qualifying for the program.

Mr. John C. Frai, 1423 South 43rd, felt that some of the federal funds for youths should be applied to a State wide plan he is looking into which is the gathering of wood chips from the ground at various industrial sites. He was advised by the Council that this suggested program did not apply to this particular ordinance.

Speaking in favor of the ordinance were:

Mr. Ted Amell, 422 Tacoma Avenue South.
Mr. Al Varez, 1020 East 160th
Mr. Robert White, 1747 South M Street
Mr. Bill Buell, 32 California Street, suggested that the physically handicapped be included in the program.

After further discussion, the Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19614 Creating a new fund to be known as "League of Cities-Conference of Mayors, Inc., Summer Youth Employment Transportation Fund of 1972" and appropriating from said fund \$5,400.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of providing transportation for disadvantaged youths employed in summer employment programs.

Mrs. Egan requested that the discussion of this ordinance also cover Resolution No. 21716 which appears further on in the agenda.

Mrs. Regina Glenn, Manpower Planning Director, advised that this appropriation is to supplement ongoing summer youth programs. There will be four major contractors: (1) the Neighborhood Youth Corps in School (2) the Neighborhood Youth Corps out of School (3) the Employment Security for job related transportation needs, and (4) the Recreation Support Program. The funds will not be used for any administrative costs, supplies or equipment, only for transportation services.

Mr. Ted Amell, 422 Tacoma Avenue South, spoke against the ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 19615 Creating a new fund to be known as "Federal Aid Sewer Construction Fund No. II" for transactions pertaining to the Tideflats Sewer Project.

Mr. Bob Anderson advised that this provides for a construction fund for the development of the lateral sewers in the industrial area.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19616 Vacating South 67th Street between Adams Street and the Burlington Northern Railroad r/o/w. (Warland Wight)

Mr. Buehler, Planning Department Director, advised the Council that they have held a hearing on this and the petitioner has met all of the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission and the Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19617 Repealing and reenacting Chapter 13.04 of the Official Code relative to platting regulations. (City Planning Commission)

Mr. Buehler advised that Council held a Hearing on this and recommended concurrence with the Planning Commission. The Ordinance now sets in final form the platting of the City of Tacoma and is presented for Council's approval. Mr. Buehler was questioned as to the reason for the mandatory 60 foot width of the streets. He explained that the 60 foot width provides area for underground electrical wiring, telephone and gas mains and that in most instances specified distances between them must be provided. Mr. Buehler further explained, that there is a provision whereby the width can be reduced if it is deemed necessary by the City Council and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Anderson advised that there are areas of planned residential developments which give the developer the freedom to design the streets to fit the environment. However, in other areas of the City it is necessary to have the 60 feet for the reasons given by Mr. Buehler and also for allowance of curb parking and freedom of movement of traffic.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19618 Designating the section of r/o/w transition running in a southwesterly direction from a point on Hosmer Street approximately 1,100 feet north of South 96th Street intersecting South 96th Street approximately 600 feet west of Hosmer Street as Steele Street.

Mr. Buehler advised that this is for identification purposes of an unnamed section of right-of-way.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19619 Amending the pay and compensation plan to reflect negotiated rates of pay in the Electrical Workers Agreement and authorizing the effective date of February 1, 1972.

Mr. Stanley Bixel, Personnel Director, suggested that Resolution 21713 be considered before this ordinance as the ordinance would amend the pay and compensation plan after the execution of the agreement which is listed under the Resolution.

Dr. Herrmann moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution 21713. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote carried.

Resolution No. 21713 Authorizing the approval and execution of an agreement with I.B.E.W. Local 483 commencing February 1, 1972 and terminating March 31, 1973.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. A. J. Banedetti, Director of Utilities, advised that I.B.E.W. Local 483 represents employees of the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, and that negotiations with the group have been in progress since December, 1971. He said that he felt the recommendation before the Council is a fair settlement of negotiations, and reflects the general wage pattern of the area, which is \$6.35 per hour for the journeyman level, and a 4.96 percent increase in wage. The general area includes Washington, Oregon and Idaho. He further advised that the effective date of February 1st is changed from that of previous years and the expiration date of the contract is changed from January 31st to March 31st. It is felt to be mutually beneficial from the standpoint of management and the union as they will be negotiating with more facts in hand than if they were negotiating at an earlier deadline date. The Department and the Utility Board is recommending approval. The contract contains many working provisions that were previously followed but were not contained in the contract.

Mr. Ron Miller, Business Manager of Local 483, advised that their negotiating committee recommends acceptance of this agreement. The membership voted by a 90 percent margin to approve the agreement.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Stanley Bixel, Personnel Director, advised that Ordinance No. 19619 would implement the changes that were authorized under Resolution 21713 which was just adopted.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19620 Amending Section 1.12.550 of the Official Code to add the classification of Police Investigator.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Ordinance be continued for two weeks. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was continued until July 5, 1972.

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Ordinance No. 19621

Creating a new fund to be known as "Recreation Support Program - 1972 Fund 583" and appropriating the sum of \$48,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of continuing the recreational support program and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Mrs. Regina Glenn, Manpower Planning Director, advised that the Resolution providing for this program was adopted last week. This ordinance creates the operating fund.

Mr. Ted Amell, 422 Tacoma Avenue South, spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19622

Amending Title 6 of the Official Code relative to persons subject to tax--amount, under Section 6.68.220 and Section 6.68.270.

Mr. Richard Newman, Assistant Director, Tax & License, advised that this ordinance is adding a subsection which places a tax on every bank, trust company, and building and loan association. The tax is to be on the gross income of the business at the rate of one-half of one percent. He advised that this rate compares with existing rates on like industries such as small loan companies, and it is recommended that the rate be the same.

Mr. Bill Phillips, representative of the Puget Sound National Bank, asked Council to reconsider the proposed tax rate because it is found to be higher than those in other cities throughout the State. Their information is that the City of Tacoma's rate is five times higher than that of Seattle and twice as high as that of Spokane.

Mr. John C. Frai spoke against the ordinance.

Mr. Ted Amell spoke against the ordinance.

It was the feeling of several council members that if the City's rates were not comparable with other areas it would harm the growth of the City.

After discussion, Mr. Schroeder moved to amend the ordinance under subsection g of section 6.68.220 on line six by changing the rate of tax from one-half of one percent to one-quarter of one percent. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mr. Bill Buell spoke in opposition to lowering the tax rate to one-quarter of one percent.

Mr. Sonntag moved to lower the tax rate to one-tenth of one percent. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and the motion was declared lost.

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Voice vote was taken on the motion to reduce the tax rate from one-half of one percent to one-quarter of one percent. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Ordinance was amended in subsection g to read "the tax rate of one-quarter of one percent."

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21710 Appointing John Trunk for a five-year term on the Building Code Board of Appeals commencing July 1, 1972 and expiring June 30, 1977.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21711 Authorizing the Director of Utilities to execute applications for federal disaster relief funds.

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

Mr. A. J. Benedetti, Director of Utilities, advised that in February and March there was considerable flooding in the area and approval of the resolution would authorize application by the Department of Public Utilities on behalf of the Light Division for flood damage approximating \$5,000 which the City is qualified for and entitled to under the Federal Disaster Relief Act.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21712 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make necessary applications to the Economic Development Administration for a 100 percent federal grant to construct the 1.5 million gallon Indian Hill Reservoir Project.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Benedetti advised that this is a 100 percent federal grant for a project in the Water Division for which they already have the plans and for which they could meet the deadline. He described the structure and the need for such a project in Northeast Tacoma. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$206,000.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21714 Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Dept. of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for Project 8-53-0076-02 for acquisition of additional land for future extension of runway at Tacoma Industrial Airport.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21715 Authorizing the acceptance of additional sum of \$161,300 offered by Department of Labor for Neighborhood Youth Corps Project Summer Employment Program.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21716 Authorizing the execution of a contract with the National League of Cities-Conference of Mayors, Inc. for acceptance of a \$5,400.00 grant to provide transportation in the summer youth employment programs.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21717 Authorizing the execution of an application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in the amount of \$68,000.00 for the purpose of carrying out the Public Service Careers Program.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Charles Kennedy, Civil Service Coordinator, advised that this Resolution would give the authority to apply for a federal grant to initiate a public service career program. The program would be funded entirely by HUD. The purpose of the program is to enable employees to be upgraded in the City services and additionally, the program will facilitate the employment of persons at an entry level who will receive training to enable them to fulfill their full scope of duties of particular vacancies in which they are involved. This is to be an experimental program. Therefore, the plan presented is subject to modification. He pointed out that it will be necessary to present the final plan to Council for its adoption and approval.

Lucile Anderson associated with the Native American Education Center at Fife, suggested that Mr. Kennedy cooperate with the various centers that are training disadvantaged people at the present time. She questioned whether this program was the type of program that the disadvantaged people could relate to. She also inquired as to eligibility requirements and as to whether it was limited to municipalities. She also questioned the system for recruiting the disadvantaged.

Mr. Kennedy advised that the program would be directed toward the citizens of Tacoma. Criteria for enrollment would be that the individuals would have to meet the specified guidelines to determine the classification of the economically and educationally disadvantaged.

The recruitment would be done through the various agencies within the City of Tacoma; MDC, Central Employment Agency and the Native American Society. He also advised that the application has to be in Washington D.C. by June 30, 1972. He pointed out that the \$68,000 is not for salaries--it is for training. There was a question raised as to the advisability of a new department being created since the functions could be delegated to one of the existing departments that presently are involved in training programs, and it was suggested that a study session be scheduled and the resolution be continued.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be continued for one week and a study session be scheduled for next Monday. Seconded by Mr. Nalley.

Mr. Maule moved to suspend the rules in order to allow people to talk before voting on the motion. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Mork, Assistant City Manager, advised that next week the Study Session has a full agenda and the following week would be July, which is too late for the application as the fiscal year ends the end of June. He suggested that the application be submitted and that the Council and those concerned continue to work on modifications and schedule a study session.

Mr. Sonntag moved to withdraw his motion to continue the Resolution.

Mr. Deutscher, member of the Civil Service Board, advised that he and Mr. Hatfield, Chairman of the Board, had voted to authorize the application. These funds would allow 40 new entry level positions and the upgrading of 16 positions. It is his understanding that the money is to be used for training individuals so that they can eventually come into the Civil Service System through the normal civil service procedures of competitive examinations.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21718

Authorizing settlement of claims against the City of Tacoma by Vernon J. Hendricks, William T. Hardy, John A. Haygood and John & Shirley Smith.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that the Claims have been investigated and it is recommended that settlements be approved.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 21719 Awarding contract to Union Wholesale Distributors for furnishing annual supply of oil filter cartridges from June 1, 1972 through May 31, 1973.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

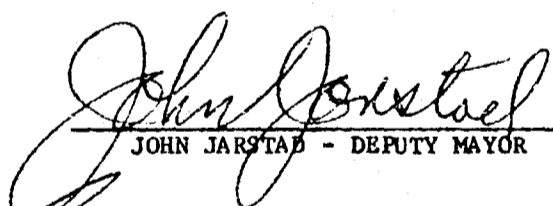
COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Sonntag said that he did not concur in the stand reportedly taken by the members of the Pierce County Health Board relative to the providing of contraceptive devices and birth control pills to young school girls without permission or knowledge of their parents or guardian. He felt that if contraceptives are to be made available by the government to young girls, it should be with the consent of the parents or guardian.

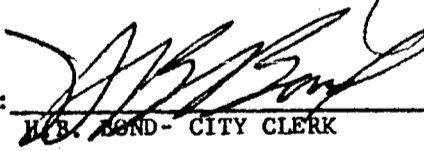
Mr. Nalley said he wished to call the Council's attention to the fact that he had received several complaints of citizens residing in the neighborhoods of the "clam chowder type taverns" in the 6th Avenue and the 26th and Bristol Area and felt that the Council should be aware of the complaints regarding the noise factor from these clam chowder type taverns. He thought that some consideration should be given to enforcing Ordinance No. 17957.

Mr. Nalley also referred to the Public Service Career Resolution No. 21717 and wondered as to whether the program would include handicapped persons.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.



JOHN JARSTAD - DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 

H.B. BOND - CITY CLERK