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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
April 18, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Johnston.

Present on roll call - 9: Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Nalley, Moss, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Absent - 0.

The Flag Salute was led by student council member, Steve Whittaker of Stadium High School. April 18th, being "Student Government Day" the Mayor and Council members introduced their student counterpart seated beside them on the rostrum.

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 21615 which appears at the end of the Agenda, because the 60 day trial period for the Consent Agenda has expired. Motion seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote carried.

Resolution No. 21615 Authorizing the suspension of Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Tacoma City Council for an additional four-week period.

Mayor Johnston moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The resolution was declared adopted.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of April 23 thru April 29 as Secretaries' Week.

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C O N S E N T A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 1972.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21604 Fixing Tuesday, May 9, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for rezoning the northerly side of FAI #5 Freeway between East "E" and "F" Streets from an "R-4" to a "C-2" District. (David V. Sheean & Associates, Inc.)

- Resolution No. 21605 Fixing Tuesday, May 16, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for vacation of Steele Street from Railroad Avenue to South 56th Street. (Fred R. Roberson, et. al.)
- Resolution No. 21606 Fixing Tuesday, May 16, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for rezoning the east side of Steele Street between South 56th and Railroad Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (Fred R. Roberson)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Board of Adjustment meeting of March 9, 1972.
- b. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of March 22, 1972.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma City Planning Commission meeting of April 3, 1972.
- d. Minutes of Civic Center Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting of April 7, 1972.
- e. Department of Public Works filing Update Cost Estimate, Urban Arterial Project No. 8-1-128(14) and 8-1-128(26).
- f. Department of Civil Defense filing Administrative Claim for March, 1972.

Dr. Herrmann moved to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution 21604, 21605 and 21606. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. This is the date set for hearing the proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relative to Off-Street Parking. (3-2-72 Planning Commission recommended approval 7-0, 2 absent).

Mr. Jack Creighton, Assistant Planning Department Director, introduced Mr. Joe Quilici, Principal Planner, who outlined the proposed ordinance for the Council members and advised that the amendments deal chiefly with off-street parking areas, location of screening walls, landscaping requirements, and requirements regarding the asphalt surfacing of parking areas.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote carried.

- b. This is the date set for hearing the proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relative to Filing Fees for Board of Adjustment applications. (3-20-72 Planning Commission recommended approval, 6-0, 3 absent.)

Mr. Joe Quilici outlined for Council the proposed amendments and advised that the principal amendment was the proposed increase of the filing fee from \$15 to \$35.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote carried.

- c. This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning of the west side of Thompson Avenue between South 37th and 38th Street from an "R-3" to an "R-4" District. (2-23-72 Planning Commission recommended approval 6-0, 3 absent.) (Candoo & Assoc.)

Mr. Quilici reviewed the request for rezone and advised that in addition to the area contained in the present request, last evening the Planning Commission approved an additional 87½ feet adjacent to this property which will be coming to Council shortly. Petitioner plans to build apartment houses.

Mr. Candoo, Petitioner, advised Council that he and his associates are ready to comply with all the restrictions and recommendations of the Planning Commission, and urged approval of the rezone.

Dr. Herrmann moved to concur on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote carried.

- d. This is the date set for hearing relative to a proposed application for a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funds to acquire 32 transit coaches. (According to federal requirements this date for hearing is premature and will be rescheduled for another date.)

Mrs. Egan moved to remove this item from the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote carried. The item was removed from the Agenda.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19551

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to include the East side of Ash Street at South 35th Street from an "R-3" to an "R-4" District.
(Michael Scannell)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19552 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add the south side of 6th Avenue between Pearl and Mildred Streets (6110 6th Avenue) from an "R-2" to a "C-2" District. (Goofy's Inc.)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays : 1 - Nalley

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19555 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 3718 for sanitary sewers along East "D" from East 75th to 79th Streets; East 75th from East "D" to "F"; in alley between East "E" and "F" from East 72nd to 75th and other nearby streets.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 19556 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 4938 for paving Mason Avenue from South 7th to 8th Street; South 10th from Stevens to Verde Street; South 51st from Sheridan Avenue to Cushman Avenue and other nearby streets.

Roll Call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 19557 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 4910 for paving along South 7th from Mullen to Huson Street; South "J" from South 35th to 36th Streets; Thompson Avenue from South 65th to 68th Street and other nearby streets.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder, Sonntag, Nalley, and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19553 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to add Section 13.06.045(17) for rezoning the southwest corner of South 15th and Puget Sound Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District. (Nelsen, Krona, Ziegler, Architects)

Mr. Joe Quilici, Planning Department, advised that Council has held a hearing on this and the petitioner has met all the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission. After discussion, the ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19554 Creating a new fund to be known as "Traffic Evidence Improvement Fund" and authorizing a temporary loan from the General Fund in the sum of \$4,090.00 for the purpose of improving and updating equipment and procedures in law enforcement activities.

Police Chief Smith reviewed the ordinance for Council and advised that the equipment would primarily be for video recording equipment. The ordinance merely sets up the fund. After discussion, the ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21603 (Continued from the meeting of April 11th.)
Establishing and amending salary ranges of certain Emergency Employment Project employees and adding the classified position of Automotive Serviceman.

Mrs. Egan moved the substitution of Substitute Resolution No. 21603. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote carried.

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Mrs. Regina Glenn, Manpower Coordinator, reviewed for Council the changes in the resolution. She advised the resolution provides for step increases for Public Employment Personnel. The Department of Labor requires that the existing rates for regular employees be extended to the Public Employment Employees. She also explained that the substitute resolution was necessary in order to include positions not provided for in the original resolution. On inquiry, Mrs. Glenn advised that the position of Automotive Serviceman is an existing classification not previously filled. Funds are now available and the Department of Labor requests that it be filled.

Mrs. Egan moved that the Substitute Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote carried.

Resolution No. 21607 Authorizing the sale of one Synchronous Condenser to Myers Sales Company, Inc. on their bid of \$31,000.00.

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

Mr. Joe Cockrell, Superintendent of the Light Division, recommended approval of the bid.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21608 Authorizing the purchase of certain property in the vicinity of South 11th and Cushman Streets in the sum of \$58,300.00 for the purpose of a substation site.

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

Mr. Joe Cockrell advised Council that he had met with the Planning Commission and the Model Cities Department and this project meets with the approval of both. The proposed substation will have an aggregate fence on three sides, and a cyclone fence on the fourth side. If the neighborhood wishes, the aggregate fence will be provided on the fourth side.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21609 Awarding contract to Pacific Outfitting Company on its bid of \$16,571.00 for the furnishing of uniforms for Transit Drivers.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

Mr. Doug Hendry, Transit Director, described the new uniforms proposed for the transit drivers. The difference in price of the uniforms and the uniform allowance will be picked up by the drivers.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 The resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21610 Authorizing the City to acquire from the Guaranty Fund deeds on certain properties in L.I.D.'s 2255, 5218, 2273, 5503 and 6841 for the sum of \$241.97.

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

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21611 Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement between the City and the University of Washington to establish the reimbursement to the City by Federal funds as 80% instead of 65% relative to the student's Work Study Program.

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

Mr. Ron Skaggs, Chief, Recruitment and Examinations, advised Council that the increase in participation by the Federal Government in this work study program would amount to approximately an additional \$2,000 to the city.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21612 Awarding contract to Sprague's Inc. on its bid of \$11,960.00 for Improvement No. 4844, Unit "D" for construction of irrigation system on Sprague Avenue between South 19th and 23rd Streets.

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

Mr. Gilbert Schuster, Public Works Director, advised that this project meets with the approval of the Citizens Arterial Committee.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9 Nays - 0. The resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21613 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with Urban Arterial Board on Project No. 8-1-128(43) Stadium Way-North 1st-Division Avenue from South 7th to North "I" Street.

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

Mr. Gilbert Schuster, reviewed the resolution and advised that this allows for an application to be made for Urban Arterial funds. He advised that the Public Works Department had submitted nine projects to the Citizens' Arterial Committee and they have concurred in eight of the nine projects. This is the ninth project and the Citizens' Arterial Committee had voted 4-3 against its approval.

Mr. Bob Anderson, City Engineer, advised Council that since there is disagreement with the Committee that the decision for this project now rests with the City Council. This would be a \$300,000 project. He suggested that Council approve the project and if changes should be desired they could be made later.

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Mr. Yoshio Kosai, Traffic Engineer, described the traffic pattern, the no parking zones, the bus zones, and the restricted parking areas.

Mr. Maule moved for a ten minute recess. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

Mr. Lou Cantor, Member of the Citizens' Arterial Committee, reported that they had studied the project and submitted the report to Council. He said that the committee did not feel that this was a project that the Council should approve. He felt that the committee shared many of the basic objectives of the Public Works Department and the Council. Some of the members felt that this was just a piece meal part of a larger picture, and they were not able to evaluate the piece meal portion without evaluating the whole picture.

Jan Hudak, Member of the Citizens' Arterial Committee, advised that she looked upon the project as a conflict in values. She said their committee job was to look at the needs around that particular traffic problem--the needs of the people, the aesthetic values, and the environment. They collected their information from individuals living in the area and by their own observations. Their concern was livability of people living in the area and the pedestrians. They admit that there is a traffic problem but they would not be able to solve the traffic problem and retain the livability and the unique characteristics of this particular area. Therefore, because of the nature of their jobs, they are in conflict with the Public Works Department and present the matter to the Council to resolve.

Mr. Chuck Lane, 1124 No. 27th, spoke against the resolution.

Mr. Ted Amel, 422 Tacoma Avenue South, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Roll call on the resolution.

Ayes - 3: Herrmann, Jarstad, Schroeder

Nays - 6: Egan, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Sonntag, and Mayor Johnston

The Resolution was declared failed.

Resolution No. 21614

Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Departments of Urban Renewal and Model Cities for the purpose of preparing a relocation plan in conjunction with the housing development program of the Model Cities Department.

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

Mr. Keith Palmquist, Assistant Director of Model Cities, advised Council that the Federal Government requires that the city submit a relocation plan prior to carrying out any housing program in the model

neighborhood, either rehabilitation or new construction, which uses Model Cities or HUD funds. It was the feeling of the Model Cities Department that it would be in the best interest of the citizens and the City to enter into an agreement with the Urban Renewal Department to develop a relocation plan for the model neighborhood and also to carry out any relocation that might result as a result of any housing program they may carry out in the future. The resolution is preparing a letter of agreement which accomplishes this. The Urban Renewal Department has the expertise and many years of experience in relocating families and individuals.

On inquiry, Mr. Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that Council has passed an ordinance providing that before any transaction authorized by R.C.W. 35.81 could be undertaken by the City there would have to be a vote by the people. The resolution before the Council is not an activity as envisioned by the Urban Renewal Chapter of the State Law. It is merely a lending of the expertise of the Urban Renewal Department to the Model Cities Department to develop a relocation program.

Mr. John Epps, 2333 South Bell, expressed concern about the neighborhood development project in the Hilltop Area and requested that citizens be heard when the plan comes before the Council.

Voice vote: Ayes - 7: Egan, Herrmann, Maule, Moss, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston

Nays - 2: Jarstad and Nalley

The resolution was declared adopted.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mrs. Egan advised Council that there will be a Seminar in the Regency Room at Pacific Lutheran University, Thursday, April 20th at 8:00 p.m. to consider the subjects of Bayside Drive and the development of a deep water port.

Mr. Sonntag advised Council that he has received numerous communications and phone calls regarding a Company which was the successful bidder recently on the City's police towing contract. These complaints included insurance company claim's adjusters. The complaints alleged that the towing company was not complying with the contract.

Mayor Johnston felt the Council meeting was not the place to accuse a private business enterprise on a subject that has not been proven to be in violation.

Mr. Moss moved that the investigation into these charges be turned over to the City Manager's Office and a report be made. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Voice vote carried.

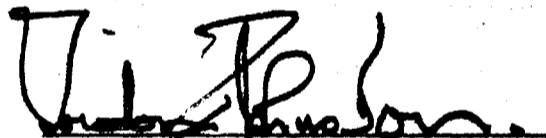
Mayor Johnston had the Clerk read a letter received from Dick Sonntag, City Councilman and Jim Walton, Director of Tacoma Urban Coalition, regarding the Neighborhood Resident Employment Plan. The letter stated that the Committee appointed to resolve the conflict between the Tacoma Civil Service Board and the Model Cities Executive Board with regard to the employment plan learned that the only problems between the two groups was language and terminology. The desires of both Boards was quite similar. The Civil Service Board has amended its plan to reflect the desires of the Board to provide Civil Service protection for all City employees. The Committee felt that in Section H4 of the Resident Employment Plan there may be a legal conflict in the wording of the relationship between the Mayor's Manpower Director, the CAMP Committee and the CDA.

For the sake of clarification, they requested the City Attorney to review this section and make recommendations.

CITIZENS REQUEST TO BE HEARD:

Larry Briel spoke regarding the Aquinas Academy Save Our Schools Fund Drive.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
R.B. BOND - City Clerk