

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, July 11, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Cvitanich, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 2: Bott and Easterday. Mr. Easterday coming in at 7:05 P. M. Mr. Bott coming in at 7:07 P. M.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of June 27, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD PINS TO CITY EMPLOYEES:

Mr. Easterday coming in at this time.

Mr. Rowlands remarked that this is an annual event and he was very pleased to report that there are a total of 25 employees receiving pins this year.

The Awards were then presented to one employee for 35 years of service; 9 employees for 30 years of service and 15 employees for 15 years of service.

Mayor Hanson and Mr. Rowlands both congratulated the employees and thanked them for their many years of service to the City.

Mr. Bott coming in at this time.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Smelter Air Pollution Problem:

Mayor Hanson said this is the date set for the public to speak on the Air pollution problem.

Mrs. Alsos, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee on Air Pollution, presented a petition to the City Council containing 1160 signatures, asking that something be done about the fumes from the Smelter. 52 434
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She said she wanted it known that they are not attempting to close the Smelter or put the Smelter employees out of work. The Smelter could turn this waste they disperse into a by-product, fertilizer, thereby employ far more men than they do at the present time.

Mrs. Alsos said not only does the Smelter fumes cause damage to lawns, flowers, gardens, etc. but the health aspect of this situation is most serious, as the effects of sulphur fumes are accumulative and the public needs to be protected against this.

She said the question may be asked what can be done about this situation. The Ordinance No. 15223 which is in effect provides that, "a person shall not discharge from any source whatever such quantities of air contaminants

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or other materials into the air which, by reason of their objectionable properties shall constitute a nuisance as defined by laws of the State of Washington."

This is a nuisance and is, therefore, subject to action by damage. The same laws that govern the general public should govern industry, she added.

Several other persons also spoke requesting that the City Council attempt to do something regarding this problem.

Mayor Hanson said there is no question whatsoever that there exists an extreme problem. The question arises, however, what action would be appropriate. First of all there is legislation through a complicated process whereby air pollution control districts can be created. The City has authority to place restrictions on industries located within the City's boundaries presently, but the City does not have the authority to place restrictions on industries located outside the boundaries. However, this is legislation available to extend beyond the boundaries of one governmental subdivision so as to create a governmental body, an Air Pollution Control District. However, that would, by its very nature, require the City to include the Town of Ruston. It is very reasonable to assume that it would be difficult to convince them to come into this situation, a situation which they have not seen fit to take action on as it is. Other means of coercive action could be taken against the Smelter, perhaps. The best answer is finding a use for the by-products. At the present time some of the sulfur dioxide is being used in the City's Chemical Industries located on the Tidelands. He thought if the Smelter had a market for the rest of this, they would be more than willing to sell it. The equipment necessary to make use of this by-product as a fertilizer costs money. In weighing the one against the other, he could not feel that he would be fulfilling his responsibility to the community generally in attempting coercive action against the Smelter. He said he could assure the people that the City would continue to use as much persuasive force as possible, but with reference to specific action on the part of the City of Tacoma, he saw no concrete and immediate steps that could be taken without seriously jeopardizing an industry upon which a great number of our families and businesses depend.

Mr. Steele said he thought the City Council would be somewhat remiss in their responsibility to Ruston and its principal industry if they did not recognize the fact that over the years the Smelter has availed itself of every possible step to eliminate these gases, etc.

Mrs. Olson said she thought it could be possible for the Council to at least explore the possibilities of what might be done in this situation. She was certain that it was not Mrs. Olson's intent, nor the intent of the 1160 petition signers to bring any coercive action about as far as the Smelter is concerned, but to attempt to solve this problem amicably and sensibly.

Mrs. Olson moved that a committee of the Council be appointed to work with some of the citizens of the west end and possibly meet with some of the officials of the Smelter and report back to the Council in a month to determine if it isn't possible and feasible for something to be done. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

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Mr. Hanson said he certainly is not opposed to the creation of such a committee. There has been a great deal of negotiation, discussion and investigation on the matter and it all adds up to investment in terms of plant facilities. It also involves the matter of the disposal of the waste collected in the process. This is not a problem that has been overlooked. However, he agreed that it was a problem and we must continue to work on it to see what can be done.

Mr. Murtland said he was very much in favor of some action being taken on what can be done. Nothing has been done since he has been on the Council and he for one would be very interested in trying to bring some solution to this problem to see that these homes are protected. 87

Voice vote was then taken on the motion to create a Committee to work on this problem. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson proposed that a committee of three, composed of Mr. Murtland, Mrs. Olson and Mr. Easterday, be created to report back to the Council in a month's time.

This is the date set for hearing on the appeal submitted by Marshall D. Adams, attorney, representing Ray Powell, in reference to the rezoning of property located on the south side of South 40th Street between Alder and Union Avenue from an "R-3" to an "M-1" District.

Mr. Benson, Senior Planner, said he was advised by Mr. Adams by telephone earlier in the day, that his client, Mr. Powell, did not wish to continue the appeal and that neither of them would be present at the hearing this evening. Evidently they have concluded other negotiations, he added.

Mayor Hanson said there being no one present to testify for this appeal, it would then be appropriate for a motion to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Steele moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the rezoning of this property be denied. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 16650:

Fixing Monday, August 14, 1961 at 4: 00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6773 for modern intersection lighting from East 43rd to East 56th, from Pacific to East "C" Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16651:

Fixing Tuesday, August 29, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the west 5 feet of Sheridan Avenue from the north right-of-way line of Center Street to a point 130 feet north of said right-of-way line.

It was moved by Mr. Bott that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. 151
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Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16652:

The Board of Contracts and Awards and the Director of Public Works recommending that all bids received on Improvement No. 3106-F be rejected .

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16653:

Awarding contract to Cascade Asphalt Paving Company for Improvement No. 4690 in the amount of \$24,547.94, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday ,

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16654:

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated within the Center Street Urban Renewal Project designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16655:

Authorizing the filing of an amendatory survey and planning application for the Downtown Tacoma (Wash. R-6) Area.

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

Mr. Rowlands said on January 31, 1961 a Resolution was adopted requesting the advance of \$21,500 for the undertaking of surveys and plans for the Downtown Tacoma Urban Renewal Project. The Urban Renewal Staff has since reviewed the program, and would like to extend the analysis of economic factors involved in improving existing buildings that would lend themselves to rehabilitation. Included in an economic analysis of rehabilitation feasibility, are such items as space utilization, land improvement, taxation, ownership, and income production. Again there is the problem of relocation of the individual families and businesses of the downtown area. The Staff feels that in connection with the business relocations as well as the families that there will be considerable detail work necessary to get the plan for relocation. This particular request will have to be approved by H. H. F. A. If H. H. F. A. approves, an amended contract will be offered to the Council. Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Maffin, Urban Renewal Director, if this sum of money would be sufficient to cover the expenses.

Mr. Maffin said it was the staff's judgement that by extending some of these studies, as outlined, they can cut the planning time on specific projects within the area, thereby reducing the planning time and cost of the entire area. The sum requested should be sufficient to do the work properly.

Mr. Rowlands said in other words this planning study of the entire downtown district will lend itself to the delineation of at least one or more specific projects.

Mr. Murtland asked for what purpose is this additional \$11,000 to be used.

Mr. Maffin explained it will extend the period of time for the study.

Mrs. Olson asked if the entire downtown area is to be surveyed before determining upon the project area.

Mr. Maffin said the general character of the area is such that it is felt that they cannot properly define a single project within the area without an analysis of the entire area.

Mrs. Olson asked if this meant that they will go through and decide which buildings are salvable and which should be torn down.

Mr. Maffin said that will be determined from the specific project plans. There have been two studies made in the United States on measuring blight deterioration of commercial areas. These two studies are the pioneering efforts in this area and Tacoma is the first to embrace virtually an entire Downtown. Different types of information has to be gathered in addition to the types used in the other two studies in order to properly assess what must be done in this area, he added.

Mayor Hanson said although the decision will not be made in this regard, information will be gained that will ultimately put the staff in a position to make this decision.

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Mrs. Olson said the immediate step from here, then, is to devise a project plan.

Mr. Maffin advised there will be a General Plan for the area and within that, the specific project or plans.

Mrs. Olson said it seemed to her that this was a vast undertaking, the City is embarking upon, and inasmuch as this is the first one of its size in the United States, she did hope that a good comprehensive plan would be devised before proceeding.

Roll call was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16656:

Referring the Urban Renewal Plan for the Fawcett Urban Renewal Area to the City Planning Commission for their recommendation concerning the conformity of said Urban Renewal Plan to the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Tacoma.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Rowlands said the Fawcett Street Urban Renewal Plan is being assembled and will be sent to the Council with next week's Agenda. The Plan is being referred to the Planning Commission and then will come before the Council for a public hearing at a later date.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16828: (postponed from the meeting of July 5, 1961)

Amending Sections 4, 6, 7 of Ordinance No. 16660 in reference to Bench Advertising. Read by title.

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Mr. Porter explained that last week before the Ordinance was postponed he moved, that the proposed amendment he submitted, be adopted. No roll was taken on the motion, therefore, it is his understanding that this motion is now before the Council for action tonight.

Mayor Hanson said that was correct.

Mr. Copeland, Attorney for the Statewide Advertising Co., Inc., spoke in favor of the Porter amendment. He said that the changes proposed in Section 5 are mainly that advertising of bond issues and special millage proposals for the City, Park District, School District, Port of Tacoma and Pierce County will be allowed; that non-denominational advertising of a religious nature meeting the approval of the City Manager will be allowed. It

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also prohibits the advertising of intoxicating beverages in violation of State statutes, while in the original Ordinance, there is an absolute prohibition against advertising intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Copeland continued that the proposed changes in Section 6 provide mainly that protests against the benches may be filed with the City Manager, who may grant them or refer the decision to a hearing before the City Council or a committee of three or more members so designated. Any dissatisfied person can appeal to the Council or Council committee who will then determine whether or not the bench is to be removed.

Mr. Hugo Metzler, Attorney representing the Retail Trade Bureau, objected to the complicated appeals system proposed in the Porter amendment. He said they had no objection to the types of advertising permitted, but did feel that the amendment was taking away the right of property owners to simply object to the benches and having them removed because of that objection. This amendment makes it more complicated in that respect, he added.

Mr. Murtland said although he had been opposed to the original Ordinance in its principle, but as with the other Ordinances, the majority speaks, and as a result he would work along with it and give any aid that was necessary in reference to the original Ordinance. As he understood it, the property owner or person on the property would have the right to say whether or not the bench would be placed. Mr. Murtland said he objected mainly to this amendment because an individual would have to have a reason for appeal, something other than just not wanting the bench by his home or business. His thought is that the person in control of the premises should have the right to say whether or not such a bench is to be placed in front of his property.

Mr. Bott said he felt this has gone beyond all reasons and proportions. As has been said before, he voted for the original Ordinance on the assumption that the property owner would have the right to object to having a bench placed in front of his property. He said he could see no end to such a thing if there is a Council committee that will have to pass on what they term a valid reason for anyone objecting to the benches. He thought the Council should stand upon the original Ordinance provision.

Mr. Porter said as far as Section 6 in the proposed amendment is concerned, he felt it still provided a clear cut way for the property owners to protest. It clarifies the matter much more than in the original Ordinance. He suggested that the Council vote affirmative on his amendment and then on the Ordinance as amended and if it does not work out, then it can be changed again as the Council has done in many other cases.

Mr. Steele said he has been opposed to this bench advertising from the beginning. It seemed to him that the basic problem here was that this Company obtained a franchise under Ordinance 16660 which provided that the property owner would consent. He thought there was a vast difference between the Ordinance as originally approved and the now proposed amendment of Mr. Porter's. He thought this Porter amendment should be voted down and the Murtland amendment adopted so as to allow the person in control of the abutting property to either give their consent or their refusal to the placing of the benches.

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Mrs. Olson said she did think in the granting of any franchise or the execution of any contract that good faith is one of the most important factors and it depends on good faith on both sides. It seemed to her that Tacoma has a history of getting itself embroiled in little conflicts which tear us apart so that we can never get around to being united on anything big and important. There are bus benches in practically every major city in America. When she voted on the original franchise she voted in good faith and hoped that these people would be able to operate under the conditions as set forth. She did not know why they have not been able to do so. It was not her intention when the Council granted the original franchise to vote in favor of an amendment, but she did think, having granted the franchise and having permitted these people to go into business, the Council should allow them to operate. If the Council is going to be constantly besieged by angry and unhappy people, the Council members will do something to protect themselves; but perhaps, we are borrowing trouble by assuming that hundreds of angry citizens are going to descend upon the Council time and again and demand relief from the benches being placed in front of their property. She hoped that the franchise holders would not deliberately place the Council in this position.

Mr. Bott said the Council is not subsidizing a business. They have a commodity to sell and if it is salable they can sell it. That is their problem. The Council negotiated a contract with them in good faith. There was a technicality on the property owner that has given the Council all this difficulty. He thought the Council should stick to the terms of this contract and vote down the Porter amendment and vote in the Murtland amendment.

Mrs. Price said she felt that in all fairness to the Franchise holders that the Council should give them every opportunity to work out this Ordinance, and if there are abuses by either side the Council will certainly be aware of them and take steps to rectify them. For that reason she would vote for the Porter amendment.

Roll call was taken on Mr. Porter's amendment resulting as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 4; Bott, Murtland, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 0. Motion carried.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance as amended resulting as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 4, Bott, Murtland, Steele and Mayor Hanson; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson leaving at this time. Mr. Porter, Deputy Mayor, assuming the Chair in the absence of the Mayor.

Ordinance No. 16847:

Amending Ordinance No. 16377 which authorized the Director of Utilities to enter into a contract for the furnishing of water to the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, by extending the agreement for one year to July 1, 1962. Read by title and passed.

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Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16848:

Vacating Rainier Street at the S. E. corner of South 7th and Commerce Street. Read by title and passed. 53

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson .

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16849:

Vacating Air Rights over a portion of the alley lying between St. Helens Avenue and Tacoma Avenue from So. 3rd to South 4th Streets. (Petition of E. J. Zarelli) Read by title and passed. 53

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson .

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16850:

Vacating South 23rd St. east of South "J" and alleys to the south within the McCarver School area. (Petition of Tacoma School District #10) Read by title and passed. 53

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson .

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16851:

Vacating East "E" Street from East 26th Street to the alley between East 25th and East 26th Streets. (Petition of Lyle Smith et al) Read by title and passed.. 53

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

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Ordinance No. 16852:

Amending Section 13.06.160 (2) of the Official Code of the City to correct an error in the description in the rezoning of property on the north side of Wakefield Drive between South L and South K Streets. 53
Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16853:

Amending the Official Code of the City of Tacoma with reference to Admission Taxes being extended. Read by title. 53

Mrs. Olson said she made the statement at the time this was discussed at a study session that she would vote against any move to increase taxes in the City of Tacoma. On the other hand, if it is true that the State is going to collect 4% and that by the City levying taxes of its own, the City is in the position of actually saving the citizens money by levying taxes upon them, therefore, she will modify her stand in this particular instance. She asked Mr. McCormick if there was any question that the State would levy such a 4% tax.

Mr. McCormick said there was no discretion as to the tax being imposed. The law simply states that a 4% retail tax will be collected.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16854:

Appropriating the sum of \$300.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the Tacoma Transit Department for the cost of transporting blind persons. Read by title. 54

(Verbatim)

Mr. Murtland: I have been thinking this over since I saw it last week, which is, of course, the first time I knew of it. I suppose it is like speaking against the flag and motherhood, but the only thing that I question in this again is, here is the City paying \$300, \$300 which I assume is cash, is that correct, Mr. McCormick? This Ordinance . . .

Mr. Rowlands: That is correct.

Mr. Murtland: This is to be cash paid into the Transit Department fund

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to transport these blind persons. I believe they are worthy of help. I believe they are worthy of consideration, but is this where it can end? I just see where there is, certainly in our present day, the blind person receives certain aids that perhaps were not there many years ago. Also there is quite a number of blind persons that are gainfully employed. But what about the person that perhaps has lost his arms, or lost his legs or in some way is disabled from performing what we would call the ordinary work that would be required of individuals. Again, I am not speaking against the blind person as a group or as an individual, but I am just questioning within myself, how can we take \$300 out of the pockets of the City of Tacoma, which certainly means the citizens of Tacoma, and pay for the transporting of these persons. It is not as if it were a service that could be granted without a cash payment, it is not something where perhaps with a little over extension of merely opening the bus door, that the same thing could be accomplished. I am not saying there is any other group that is organized that might come before us to ask for something of this type, but as I say, I am just questioning the right we have to say that a blind person is any more disabled, and therefore, more entitled to the welfare of the City of Tacoma than is a person that is paralyzed or a person that has no arms, or has lost one leg or whatever else it might be, which has made it perhaps impossible for him to do ordinary work that he could do otherwise. Speaking of a laborer who perhaps has lost an arm or a leg - he is not trained by education or other means perhaps to do other work. Should we not transport him; should he not have the right to take and say, "All right, I am incapacitated and you do it for one, you do it for me." I raise that query to the Council before we certainly consider the Resolution. (End of Verbatim)

Mr. Cvitanich said, before this Ordinance was submitted there was quite a bit of thought given to the particular point raised by Mr. Murtland. However, he added, Mr. Bond, has done some research work on this matter and asked Mr. Bond to read the letter outlining how many people in the City of Tacoma would fall into this category.

Mr. Bond said a letter was received from Wesley M. Osburne, a member of the local Association of the Blind, stating that there are some 46 members of the organization in Tacoma and that there would be a maximum of 7 daily riders on the busses.

Mr. Cvitanich said the people who will receive this transportation are those who are absolutely in need of it, which is a very small minority. Here we are discussing \$300 as though it were a tremendous appropriation for something that is a worth while cause while at other times we have made emergency appropriations for things that are not half as worthy. He said he would like to see it extended to other people who have limited incomes if the City could afford it at a future date.

Mr. Murtland: I want to reply to Mr. Cvitanich. I am not in any way criticising the amount. You raised the fact that the amount of \$300 was a very small amount, and I voted for \$30,000 at times without, shall we say blinking an eye, but I feel that there is a difference in the idea involved and not the amount. If it were \$3,000 or \$3.00 I would say the same thing. It has nothing to do with the amount, so I do want to make that clear.

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Mr. Osburne said as a general rule there are very few blind persons employed as industry hesitates to hire them from the standpoint of safety, etc. unless they are specifically qualified. Many receive assistance which is barely enough for them to get by. Therefore, he felt this would be a very worthy cause. He said many other cities have this service and the question ended with visually handicapped persons; other groups did not pressure for free rides.

Mr. Steele moved the previous question. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland: I would like to preface my vote again. Mr. Osburne, it is not my feeling to harm you, your association or any individuals that might be referred to by this Ordinance and it is with great reluctance that I vote "no".

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 1, Murtland; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report of the Tacoma Municipal Court for the month of June, 1961.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said each member of the Council received a copy of the report sent to Senators Jackson and Magnuson and Congressman Tollefson relative to the proposed closure of the Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot. This information has been compiled by the local committee of employees, etc. who worked together with County and City officials.

Mr. Rowlands said several weeks ago he spent over an hour with Senators Magnuson and Jackson and Congressman Tollefson going over this report quite thoroughly. In checking with Mr. Tollefson today, he feels that the report is as complete as it can be under the circumstances, and if he needs additional information on it he said he will ask for it. A hearing date has not yet been set but it is expected sometime this month. He said this will be more or less a closed session and the only one permitted to attend will be members of the Defense Department and Mr. Tollefson. The two Senators have agreed to jointly submit a letter through Mr. Tollefson which he will also present at that time. He added, this will be a real fight to retain the Ordnance Depot as it now stands. The Senators and Congressman Tollefson do not feel that the battle is entirely lost, and in the event it is impossible to save what they have, that some other kind of activity will be directed to the Ordnance Depot.

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Mr. Rowlands said a report was received last Friday from Mr. Buckley

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on the Master Plan for the Airport, a copy of which will now be submitted to the Council.

Mrs. Olson asked if the Airport has been officially named as yet.

Mr. Rowlands said it has not as yet been officially named. Several members of the Council met with the Port and there will probably be other meetings scheduled in the future. He said, at least it is the Tacoma Industrial Airport until the Council discusses the matter again. It is not a closed issue because as the Council will recall a letter was received from the Oswald Flying Service in connection with the possible conflict with the Tacoma Airport showing on the navigational map.

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Mr. Porter said so far as he is concerned there has been no motion by the Council naming the Airport.

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Mrs. Olson said she could recall no such motion either and felt that Mr. Oswald had a very valid objection. She did not know what had been done to take note of his communication, but thought Mr. Oswald should be notified that this is not a final decision and that further consideration will be given his request.

Mr. Rowlands said if Mr. Oswald has not been so notified, he would see that he is.

Mr. Easterday asked if the Port of Tacoma has made any effort to sell those \$350,000 worth of bonds for the Airport.

Mr. Rowlands said they had not. He said there will have to be some meetings over the next few weeks to get some of these matters clarified. The Public Works Dept. is proceeding with the plans now and they expect to be ready for bids to be taken within three weeks.

Mr. Easterday asked if a contract would be awarded without that \$350,000 being available.

Mr. Rowlands said that \$350,000 had to be available because the Federal Government is not going to make an agreement with the City and Port unless they are sure of finances. That has to be accomplished very definitely before the contract is let.

Mr. Easterday said Mayor Hanson saw fit to appoint Mrs. Olson, Mr. Murland and himself to serve on the Air Pollution Committee and he wondered if Mr. Rowlands could, through correspondence find out what was done in Northern Stevens County to eliminate their Air Pollution problem.

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Mr. Murray Morgan, news commentator, said that there was a report on this matter in the Tacoma Public Library.

Mr. Rowlands said he was also certain that Mr. Joe Durnin, a City Inspector, had information on this matter.

Mr. Easterday said he would like to have the information on this as to what really happened and what means were used to correct this situation.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like to say that the Staff has repeatedly met and talked with the people of the Smelter on this problem. Again the problem of economics was brought up, that if there was a market for the by-products there would be no question about being able to take care of almost all of the sulfur dioxide fumes.

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Mrs. Olson said she thought it would be very nice if the Council made a public acknowledgment of the very gracious gesture of Goodwin Chase in inviting the City Council of both Tacoma and Seattle to a luncheon at the Country Club last Friday, and that an official communication be sent in behalf of all the members of the Council thanking him for that gesture.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Mayor be instructed to write a letter of thanks to Goodwin Chase. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Bott leaving at this time.

Mr. Steele leaving at this time.

Mrs. Olson said in connection with this luncheon, she personally felt she benefited from conversations with the members of the Seattle City Council. She thought particularly that the Seattle City Council had much closer contact with the people-for instance, every letter that is written to a member of the Council is given discussion before one of their council committees and then it is referred to the proper department or area of government and a report is made back to the committee so that the exact disposition is known of each citizen's request. She thought if the Tacoma City Council had some committees of its own, it might eliminate some of the controversial situations that occur which could be somewhat discussed by the committee and then presented to the Council with recommendations, or preliminary checking could be done by a committee. She moved that the Council create some such committees, among them a Public Relation committee which would work with the City's public relations officer. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mrs. Olson said she thought Pat Steele is doing quite a bit in an unofficial capacity in the armed service line and that it would be better to give him status by way of an Armed Service Liason Committee. There is no official body of the City that works closely with the Armed Services now. Also it might be well to have a committee that works with people in the City on Special Events and also a Publicity Committee. She was sure other members of the Council would have further suggestions.

At this time, Mr. Copeland, personally and on behalf of the State Wide Advertising Co., thanked the majority of the Council for the action taken on Ordinance No. 16828 this evening. He assured the minority that his clients will make every effort to cooperate with the Council, Manager and others delegated to carry out the intent of this Ordinance. 64

Mayor Hanson coming in at this time, and assuming the Chair.

Mr. Collins, CPA, said he would like to suggest that in reference to the Audit question, the Council put the burden on the CPA, instead of the Council members appointing a Council committee to go into this technical

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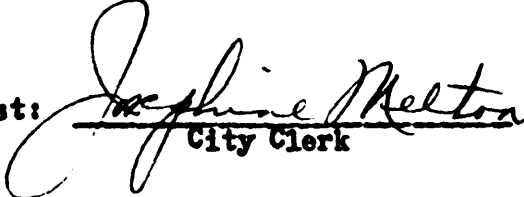
matter to work out an audit program. He thought they should ask for proposals from interested CPA firms to submit proposals for performing an audit in accordance with the City Charter, and they will be forced to decide among themselves what would be in compliance with the City Charter. When these proposals are obtained, the Council can decide whether or not these are acceptable. He thought this would certainly expedite matters. If the Council does want a current audit, a firm should be working on it soon so that by December 31st the report can be completed.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Collins for his suggestion. He said he thought the Council will be approaching a decision on this matter shortly.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest:


City Clerk