

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 19th, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4:00 P. M.
Present on roll call 3: Banfield, Zett, Cvitanich, Herrmann, Johnson,
Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Mr. Finnigan.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Murtland.

Mrs. Banfield moved that the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 6th, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. James H. Nicholls, Manager of Radio Station KAYE, presented a Gold Award to Mayor Rasmussen in recognition of his services to the citizens of Tacoma during the past year.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of the alley between East 38th and George Streets and between A & East B Street, submitted by Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that 100% of the property owners abutting this property signed the petition for vacation. He explained that the petitioners intend to utilize the proposed alley vacation to consolidate properties and pave an off-street parking area for the existing church.

Mr. Buehler further added, the two easterly abutting property owners have signed a mutual right of entry agreement. No objections were noted against the vacation. The conditions set out by the Planning Commission are complied with.

No one appeared to protest, Dr. Herrmann then moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the vacation and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. This is the date set for hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes for Apartments in an "R-3-PRD" Districts and the reduction in the Setback Requirements for Canopies in a "C-F-P" District.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, explained the change would amend the "R-3-PRD" Two Family Planned Residential District, to include apartments at a maximum density of one unit per 3,000 sq. ft. of land area. In the "C-F-P" District, a setback reduction for motel and motor-hotels, the construction of canopies would more logically be allowed as they would provide a desired convenience for persons patronizing such uses. This setback would provide a minimum of twenty feet from a frontage road for canopies and would also limit signs on canopies to only those necessary to control vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Johnson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes as outlined, and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Petition submitted by Puget Sound National Bank requesting re-zoning of the N. E. corner of East 72nd and Portland Ave. from a "C-P-N" to a "C-1" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19861 (postponed from the meeting of Nov. 6, 1968)

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Establishing new rates of maximum assessment on assessable unit of frontage basis for property owners in Local Improvement Districts and rescinding Resolution No. 17395.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that an amendment submitted by Mr. Murtland on this resolution on Nov. 6th is pending.

Mr. Murtland withdrew his amendment with the consent of this second.

Mr. Cvitanich suggested that the dates on page 3 of the resolution be changed.

Mr. Johnson moved that on Page 3, 2nd line down, the date be changed to the 19th day of November and on the next to the last line of the same paragraph, change the date to December 19th. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

After some discussion relative to the cost of concrete paving against asphalt paving, Mayor Rasmussen moved to amend the resolution on the first page Item 1, 3rd line down to change the figure \$10.00 to \$9.00. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

Mr. Bott pointed out that the Council has received a report from the Washington State Highway Commission and also from the Asphalt Paving Association relative to the cost of asphalt or cement. Mr. Bott felt this decision should be left up to the Public Works Dept. whether the City should use asphalt or cement in the L I D program.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated, Mr. R. C. Hildebrandt of Portland Cement Association has indicated in his letter that a meeting could be held relative to the cost basis and, perhaps, the cost could be reduced to a very small deferential.

Mr. Johnson felt a meeting should be held before passing this resolution to see if the costs could be lowered.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained the City of Tacoma does not resurface the residential streets within the City as the State plans to do with the Highways within the next five years.

Mr. Johnson asked if it were possible for the City to do some experimental work in improving the visibility of the lines on the asphalt paving so it would be more visible at night.

Mr. Schuster explained, the Public Works Dept. is experimenting with various types of buttons to find out how they can improve the visibility on the roadways. He explained the types of buttons that can be used.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Schuster if his department has completed the report requested by the Council relative to constructing concrete crosswalks even though asphalt paving is used.

Mr. Schuster said the staff is working on the matter and a report will be submitted as soon as the figures have all been compiled.

Mr. Bott felt this entire matter is an engineering decision.

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Mr. Johnson said the City is receiving more for its money by using asphalt paving and he would oppose Mayor Rasmussen's motion.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to change the rate of \$10.00 to \$9.00 in Item 1 of the resolution. Motion lost.

Mr. Cvitanich requested that the Dept. of Public Works and the City Manager's staff meet with representative of the firm who sell concrete to discuss the price factor.

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

Resolution No. 19934

Authorizing the exchange of property between the City of Tacoma and Arthur F. Green in the vicinity of Gravity Pipeline #2 Road and 126th Ave. East, to be used for a pump station site.

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

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

Resolution No. 19935

Authorizing the renewal of leases to Foster & Kleiser covering portions of Water Division property for poster panel signs in the area abutting South Tacoma Way for a 5 year term effective Dec. 1, 1968 and terminating Nov. 30, 1973.

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

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

Resolution No. 19936

Certifying that the City of Tacoma has exhausted all available legal procedures for demolition of certain structures by owners before governmental action is taken to demolish them.

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

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained, this resolution is relative to the demolition program that the City has been involved in since the earthquake in 1965. The City has received a grant from the Federal Government for demolition of earthquake damaged buildings. The resolution will be forwarded to the Federal Government so the City can recover the costs that have been involved in the demolitions as well as the costs for relocating persons who were in the demolition area.

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

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Resolution No. 19937

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute for and on behalf of the City of Tacoma quarterly allocation project agreements for various urban arterial projects.

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

Mr. Schuster explained these are the various urban arterial projects that have been approved by the Urban Board for construction within the City.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ayes 3; Nays 0; Absent 1, Finnigan.

Resolution No. 19938

Accepting an offer from Frank H. Fishburne Moe et al in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of property at 1322 Market Street in the Urban Renewal Project No. Wash. R-1.

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

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 7: Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 1, Finnigan.

Resolution No. 19939

Authorizing the execution of a supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Seifert, Forbes & Berry for the design and supervision of construction projects at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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

Mr. Cvitanich inquired if a City employee inspects the construction work at the Airport or if the Engineering firm does its own inspecting

Mr. Phillips, Airport Manager, explained that the supplemental agreement provides for supervision and inspection on the part of the engineering firm.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the City should have their own engineer to double check the work.

Mr. Arthur G. Forbes from the firm of Seifert, Forbes and Berry, explained, he felt it was the matter of two things, one, there are certain basic inspections that must be done by the designers, and the other, the resident engineer is the man who sees that the job is correctly done. He felt it is a matter of which is the most costly. He felt any resident engineer would be definitely qualified for the position.

The Resolution was passed by voice vote.

Ayes 6: Bott, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich; Absent 1, Finnigan.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18678

Vacating East 32nd St. between East L & East M Streets. (Vacation of L & R corners)

Mr. Bode asked that the Planning Dept. submit a report relative to the business of the L & M Enterprises and what they propose to do with the vacation for yard space.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained he did not have the detailed information regarding this vacation but he would have Mr. Buhler submit a report at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Cvitanich explained, the Commission does not question the petitioner as to what type of business they are engaging but they do determine whether such a vacation is good zoning and good planning for the City. Perhaps, a policy should be set by the Council so they will know what type of business is planned for a vacation or rezoning request.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINISHED BUSINESS:

a. The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of L I D 4823 for paving on No. Villard from No. 37th to No. 38th and other nearby streets.

Mrs. Banfield moved that Monday, Dec. 23, 1968 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment roll. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. William Tuel, 32 California, asked if there were any sidewalks involved in this particular L I D. He had information indicating that in Minneapolis, Minn., they are constructing ramps on curbs so it will be easier for the handicapped to negotiate curbs.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the City Manager take this matter up with Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, to see what can be developed.

Mr. Rowlands, stated he would be happy to do so, however, he explained that the rainfall in this part of the country makes it difficult to construct ramps, that do not interfere with drainage.

b. Pending motion of Councilman Zatkovich for the removal of appointive personnel from the Classified Pay Plan.

Mr. Murtland explained, since the budget was passed last month, he felt changes such as this should not be made for next year. Therefore, Mr. Murtland moved to amend Mr. Zatkovich's motion to include, that the suggested action be for the calendar year 1970. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann.

Mr. Cvitanich spoke against the motion as he felt this change should take effect now.

Mr. Bott felt it was the desire of the Council to have the City Attorney draw up the necessary ordinances for the changes as suggested effective for next year.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained, if an ordinance is drafted removing the appointive personnel from the classified pay plan of the City, another ordinance would have to be drafted setting up an additional pay and compensation plan for those who have been removed.

Mr. Bott moved to postpone any action on this matter for two weeks. Seconded

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by Dr. Herrmann. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 3: Bett, Herrmann, Johnson. Nays 5: Banfield, Cvitanich, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Finnigan, Motion lost.

A number of Councilmen felt since the budget and the compensation plan were passed for 1969, the plan should not be disrupted, and if such a plan is enacted for 1970 the attorney's staff will have sufficient time to prepare recommendations for the appointive positions before the 1970 budget hearing.

Mayor Rasmussen called for a vote on Mr. Murtland's amendment, that if any change, if and when adopted, will become effective during the calendar year 1970. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen called for a vote on Mr. Zatkovich's motion that an ordinance be prepared to remove appointive personnel from the classified pay plan, to become effective in the year 1970. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 5: Banfield, Bett, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 3: Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 1: Finnigan, Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann felt to take the appointive personnel out of the compensation plan takes away the benefits of being included in the plan. He felt the efficiency in office and recognizing the responsibilities of an appointive office should be in the compensation plan, that such persons may enjoy the increases that are available. If they are removed from the plan, the salaries would be decreased, and he felt this would be wrong.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that elected officials do not enjoy salary increases every year, also, he felt the Councilmen do not wish the higher salaries to be subject to the escalation clause, as there is a tendency to increase the salaries out of proportion.

Mr. Fred VanCamp, Representing the Civil Service League, said the Council could place approximately forty-five appointive positions back into the classified pay plan which would remove them from appointive status. He noted that under the Personnel Rules, Section 1.24.570, entitled, Non-competitive positions, the Civil Service Board may, upon recommendation by the Director of Personnel, suspend competition and recommend to the appointing authority, the appointment of such a person who has peculiar and exceptional qualifications for a position.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that Mr. Cvitanich, Mr. Murtland and Mr. Zatkovich meet with Mr. VanCamp and discuss the problem.

Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mr. Bett, Mrs. Banfield and Mr. Murtland as the AID Committee for the months of December, January and February.

A communication was read from Mr. George Cvitanich submitting his resignation as the Council's representative on the Planning Commission. He also suggested that the Council should seriously consider adopting a procedure of rotating the representation on the Planning Commission which he felt would work to the ultimate benefit of the City of Tacoma. He suggested as a matter of policy the Council representative to the Planning Commission should not serve for longer than one year, thus giving an opportunity for more members of the Council to serve on the Commission and thus become better acquainted with the planning problems.

Mayor Rasmussen accepted Mr. Cvitanich's resignation in behalf of the Council with regret.

Dr. Herrmann moved to accept the resignation of George Cvitanich from the Planning Commission with regret and commendation. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mrs. Banfield to serve on the Planning Commission.

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Mr. Cvitanich moved that Mrs. Benfield be appointed to the Planning Commission for one year, seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen mentioned that Rev. Winckley of the Church of the Holy Communion at So. 14th & I St., brought to the Council's attention at the study session on Monday, Nov. 18th, a proposal to vacate I St. between 14th and 15th Sts. and the two alleys vacated from I St. to Yakima Avenue. He asked that the Council look over this site. Rev. Winckley hoped that the City could assure an open-space area in connection with a housing development planned by the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, suggested if more information is obtained from Rev. Winckley a discussion could be held at the study session next Monday, Nov. 25th.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a letter had been sent to the Council in regard to plans of the State Highway Commission which has suggested changes and alternatives in System 6. A meeting has been scheduled for one o'clock Monday, Nov. 25th with the Highway Commission. The Planning Commission has also been asked to participate in this discussion.

Mayor Rasmussen stated the study session will be held in the Council Chamber and with no objections from the Council, the public may attend.

Mr. Rowlands submitted an MC-565 as requested by the City Council relative to the procedures and methods which are utilized in obtaining insurance coverage for the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Rasmussen remarked, since he had been on the Council, no ordinance has been submitted relative to the total insurance coverage for the City of Tacoma. He noted that the State of Washington called for bids on their insurance purchases and he felt the City should do likewise. He also suggested that an insurance committee be appointed by the Council. He felt this should be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Rowlands stated that St. Leo's, the Big Brothers and the Frink Foundation have donated the total of \$55.00 to the Community Betterment Fund. They would now like to donate this money to the Hilltop-Multi-Service Youth Center to use to replace the doors.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the expenditure in the amount of \$55.00 be made from the Community Betterment Fund for this improvement at the Hilltop Multi-Service Center. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Zatkovich referred to the letter written by Win Anderson, 1208 Sunset Drive, Tacoma, Wash., which referred to the 'press gag' ordinance recently passed. He asked members of the press present at the Council meeting if they have ever been 'gagged' by Ordinance No. 18669.

Members of the press stated they had not been 'gagged' as yet.

Mr. Zatkovich mentioned such an ordinance has been a State Law for nearly sixty years and it does not 'gag' the legitimate press

Mr. Johnson felt that certain persons are repetitious in writing letters to the Council, particularly, at this meeting the World Wide Advertising Co. He noted that the Council has turned down the request for installation of bus benches three times and he did not feel it was necessary to have their representative speak again on the matter. He felt there should be a limitation on such letters.

Mr. Cvitanich mentioned there are many automobiles parked in the lot at the old Fire Station Headquarters. He thought that the City should barricade the property.

Mr. Rowlands stated the barricades should be placed at that site, but he also mentioned that a meeting should be held with the Council for a determination as to what is to be done with the building.

Mrs. Zanfield stated she had noted refrigerators being ~~set~~ out ~~in~~ parking lots again and any number of cars have been on the streets with for sale signs. She asked that this be checked.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would check into the matter.

Mayor Rasmussen announced that a letter was sent out regarding a Model Cities meeting, to be held at Bryant Elementary School Auditorium at 717 So. Grant, Nov. 25th at 7 :30 P. M. He hoped that the citizens would participate in the neighborhood meetings if they live in the area between 6th Ave. and 27th St. and from Sprague Ave. to So. Fawcett Ave. He asked that they appoint a representative to speak for each of the groups at the meeting.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

a. Elden Williams, President of the World Wide Advertising Co. had asked to address the City Council concerning the installation of bus benches in the City of Tacoma, but was unable to stay for the length of the Council meeting.

Mr. Johnson moved that Mr. Williams' communication be placed in a suspense file in the City Clerk's office. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion failed.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that this communication be continued until next week, Nov. 26th, 1968. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. Mrs. John Naccarato residing at 3214 No. 19th St., spoke against the / seditious literature that is allowed to be printed in the United States, particularly on the school campuses.

c. Mr. Bott moved since Mr. Win Anderson who has submitted a letter to speak, is not at the meeting at this time, he should be able to speak at next week's Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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d. Mr. R. J. Roland, 1628 Ea. Columbia, requested that bus service be increased in the City and water service be improved in his section of town.

ITEMS AND REPORTS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. on traffic activities for Sept. 1968.
- b. Notification from the City Clerk Re the 30 day filing period for protests on L I D 6503 has expired.
- c. Minutes of the Board of Adjustment for Oct. 10th, 1968.
- d. Minutes of the City Planning Commission for Nov. 4th, 1968.
- e. Belt Line Division report for Sept. 1968.

Placed on file.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk

A. L. Rasmussen
MAYOR