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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
September 26, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Mayor Johnston.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Maule.

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CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21855 Fixing Tuesday, October 10, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the proposed Text Changes to the zoning ordinance relating to regulations for numbering buildings. (Planning Commission)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of August 15, 1972.
- b. Minutes of Citizens Arterial Committee meeting of August 28, 1972.
- c. Minutes of Metropolitan Development Council Board of Trustees meeting of September 12, 1972.
- d. Minutes of Civil Service Board special meeting of September 11, 1972.
- e. Monthly report, Personnel Department, June, 1972.
- f. Monthly report, Municipal Court, Traffic Violations & Court Cases, August, 1972.
- g. Monthly report, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, August, 1972.
- h. Monthly report, Police Department, I & R Division, August, 1972.
- i. Monthly report, Police Department, Traffic Division, August, 1972.
- j. Monthly report, Director of Finance, July, 1972.

Mrs. Egan moved to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 21855. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

(Continued from the meeting of September 21st)  
Shoreline Management Permit Application - Weyerhaeuser  
Company for maintenance dredging.

In response to questions posed by Councilman Nalley, Planning Director, Russell Buehler, indicated that the dump site for the dredgings proposed by the permit and as outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement appears to be consistent with the policies of the Shoreline Management Act. He said the dredgings apparently would go to State designated sites and that the petitioner, Weyerhaeuser Company, has agreed to the terms and conditions outlined in the permit.

The permit was placed on file.

Shoreline Management Permit Application - Metropolitan  
Park District of Tacoma - Concrete Block Retaining Wall  
and Additional Ramp Facilities.

Following a brief discussion, the permit was placed on file.

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HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing Rev. Ivory Crittendon's appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of his request for Special Use Permit for a church and off-street parking area on the southerly side of East Morton Street between Roosevelt and Grandview Avenue. (8-21-72 Planning Commission denied request 7-0, 2 absent)

Mr. Buehler reviewed in detail the two hearings the petitioner had before the City Planning Commission, noting that petitions were filed both for and against the Special Use Permit. He noted the Commission's final decision was that the site is inadequate for the proposed church and that it would be an intrusion in the neighborhood.

Reverend Crittendon, the petitioner, appeared before the Council and stated that the church will be for church activities and will not be a place for the rehabilitation of narcotic users, juvenile delinquents, alcoholics, etc.

Mr. John Hansler, an Attorney representing Reverend Crittendon, reviewed in detail Reverend Crittendon's hearings before the Planning Commission, noting that the church would be a small church and could have adequate parking in the amount of eight cars. He said he feels the main opposition comes from the neighborhood over a misconception of Reverend Crittendon's activities. He said the church would be for church activities and not for rehabilitation purposes, which is an outside activity carried on by Reverend Crittendon. He suggested a one year permit to see how Reverend Crittendon develops the church. He also presented a letter signed by four pastors attesting to the honesty, integrity, and sincerity of Reverend Crittendon in developing his church.

Councilman Schroeder said the issue does not involve a popularity contest in the neighborhood, but only if this permit is a proper use for this particular piece of property.

John C. Frai, 1423 South 43rd, spoke in favor of Reverend Crittendon's petition.

Speaking in opposition to the petition were:

G. Patton, 2042 East Harrison, who presented 18 additional names in opposition to the permit; Mrs. Arvella Lanson, 3536 East Roosevelt; Mrs. Stewart, 2206 East 34th; and Nathaniel Green, member of the Planning Commission, told the Council that the Commission had taken a field trip to the area and it was the general consensus that the utilization of the building for a church was not proper land use for the proposed church.

Councilman Sonntag moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission's denial of the special use permit for Reverend Crittendon. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19677 Submitting to the qualified electors on November 7, 1972 a proposition authorizing a bond issue in the amount of \$12,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for a civic center campus-type complex and declaring an emergency.

Gene Lewis, Chairman of the Civic Center Committee, appeared before the Council to pledge the Committee's support to assist in the promotion of the Civic Center Complex Proposition should the Council decide to place it before the voters on the November 7th election ballot. He listed approximately 30 groups and organizations throughout the Tacoma Area who have gone on record in favor of the Civic Center Complex and indicated he felt the community would respond with the necessary monies to promote the project to a successful conclusion.

Also speaking in favor of the Civic Center were:

Ted Amell, 629 St. Helens; Jim Reed, 709 South J Street; and Miles Ekkerson, Sands Hotel.

Speaking against the Ordinance were:

Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, 1105 North L; John C. Frai; Robert Williams, 2102 Browns Point Blvd; Mrs. Pat Collinge, 1712 Sunset Drive South, representing the Pierce County Action Committee; Mr. Henry Luna, 315 South 29th; Mr. William Buell, #32 California; John Zelenak, 5407 South G; John Davore, 826 East 29th, representing the East Side Action Club; Francis Smith, 4053 East G; Kenneth Swanson, 1417 South Durango; Anne Shaw, 2442 Pioneer Way East; George Russell, 3903 North Stevens; Mrs. E.K. Murray, who submitted a letter of opposition from Mrs. Virna Haffer; Gordon Jones.

Councilman Schroeder stated that there has been some confusion as to how the bond issue would affect senior citizens. He pointed out that senior citizens who make less than \$4,000 would pay nothing for the \$12,000,000 project and those that earn \$6,000 or less would pay only 50 percent of the regular assessed cost. Therefore, a senior citizen with a \$10,000 home earning between \$4,000 and \$6,000 pays only 37 cents per month. He stated that he personally felt the City cannot wait for 100 percent approval or for someone else to build it for the citizens and that the City Council will have to show faith in the City by adopting the Ordinance.

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Councilmen Nalley and Sonntag indicated that they were not in favor of resubmitting the proposition on the November ballot, Mr. Sonntag noting in addition that it would have a better chance of success in February going together with the Tacoma School District election in view of the complexity of the November ballot.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Schroeder, Mayor Johnston

Nays: 2 - Nalley and Sonntag

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Dr. Herrmann was excused at this time because of illness.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19674     Appropriating the sum of \$7,893.00 from the County-City Public Health Pooling Fund for the purpose of providing additional funds for the Environmental Health Project.

City Manager, William Donaldson, pointed out that this is part of an intensive vector control program in the Model Cities area and this ordinance was a bookkeeping procedure to set up the proper accounts.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 19676     Authorizing the execution of Grant Award Contract No. 747 with the State of Washington Planning and Community Affairs Agency in the sum of \$32,000 for the purpose of enhancing community relations and creating a new fund to be known as "Law & Justice Fund No. 747".

Chief Smith of the Police Department said that the Ordinance would be setting up procedures for grant for the community relations project as previously discussed before the City Council. He said there are no changes from the previous discussions.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 21856     Authorizing the release of sewer easement through certain property near South 18th and Verde Streets.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21857     Rejecting the one and only bid of \$6,500 for parcel of land and building at South 48th and "M" Streets.

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

Deputy Property Clerk, Leonard Morse, reported that the Council had previously set a minimum bid of \$17,500 for this parcel of land and the one and only bid of \$6,500 should be treated as an unresponsive bid and rejected.

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

**Resolution No. 21858** Accepting a bid proposal for the purchase of certain real property within the Center Street Urban Renewal Project Wash R-1.

Mr. Vince Fredericks, Urban Renewal Department, reviewed the Resolution pointing out that it was submitted in blank with two acceptable offers to purchase the land: Mr. Frank B. Rossiter, who bid \$45,100 and Mr. C. R. Merriweather, who bid \$56,100. Mr. Fredericks noted that Mr. Rossiter plans to erect a 6,000 square foot office building while Mr. Merriweather hopes to develop a four story intermediate care facility.

Mayor Johnston made a motion to insert the name of Mr. Merriweather in the Resolution as the best bidder. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Rossiter reviewed his bid proposal, pointing out that his offer was a concrete offer and that the proposed structure, a professional building, was needed in the area.

Speaking in favor of Mr. Rossiter's bid was John C. Frai and Mr. Ted Amell spoke in favor of Mr. Merriweather's proposal.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 4 - Egan, Maule, Schroeder, Johnston

Nays: 3 - Jarstad, Nalley, Sonntag

Abstentions: 1 - Moss

Absent: 1 - Herrmann

Mrs. Egan requested that her vote be changed to place her on the prevailing side with the intent to propose reconsideration of the Resolution next week.

The Resolution was declared lost.

**Resolution No. 21859** Authorizing the settlement of claim of John L. Kelly in the sum of \$900.00.

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. 21860** Approving the concept of neighborhood human rights councils.

Mr. James Walton, Director of the Human Relations Department, reviewed the entire project in detail, pointing out he hoped to man the facility with P.E.P. personnel and that the program would start in one area to insure that all of the

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problems are identified and worked out before moving into other areas with neighborhood human rights councils.

Councilman Maule stated he felt the councils would add another layer of government between the citizens and the City Council and perhaps it is not justified since Tacoma is not a large City.

City Manager Donaldson stated he felt people need to communicate with each other on the neighborhood level, and this neighborhood council concept is an effort to open avenues of communication and availabilities of information services to our citizens.

Mayor Johnston suggested a provision should be made for the Human Relations Department to file periodic reports with the City Council on its experiences with the project, together with recommendations.

Speaking in favor of the project from the audience were Ted Amell and Mr. John Devore of the East Side Community Club.

Speaking against the concept was Mrs. Virginia Shakelford of 1105 North L.

Following additional discussion, Mr. Sonntag made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Councilman Jarstad was excused at 11:05 p.m.

Resolution No. 21861 Approving the concept of a student government intern program to be conducted by the Human Relations Commission.

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

Mrs. Ruth Kors, 624 North J, a member of the Human Relations Commission, noted that the plan called for 18 students from Stadium High School to participate in the intern program from approximately January to the middle of June. She indicated that the school would give credit for the youngsters entering the program. She said it was felt that Stadium was the best high school to begin the program with since they are the mini quarter basis and could easily accommodate the program.

Councilman Sonntag said he hoped that the program could incorporate students from other schools if it can be worked out with the school district.

Mr. Paul Tanaka, 3409 North 21st, a member of the Human Relations Commission, reiterated that Stadium High School was the best school to begin with because of its mini quarter program.

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

Resolution No. 21862 Authorizing the sale of certain property in the vicinity of South 31st and Washington Streets to the abutting property owner Ernest C. Zarelli for the sum of \$75.00.

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

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Resolution No. 21863 Authorizing the sale of title and interest of the City of Tacoma Local Improvement Guaranty Fund property located between South 30th and 31st Streets and between Durango and Adams Streets to the City of Tacoma for the sum of \$33.80.

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. 21864 Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Hesco, Inc. for office space for the Neighborhood Youth Corps in a building located at 9th and Tacoma Avenue for the sum of \$500 per month.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Regarding the petition of eight firemen at the last Council meeting, City Manager, William Donaldson, indicated that he has met with Mr. John Willis of the Fire Department Union and that it is hoped the two sides can effect a compromise without a substantial sum of money involved for the City and that a proposal will be before the Council at a very near date.

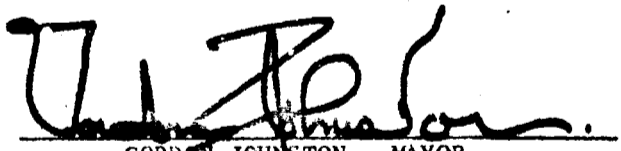
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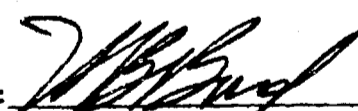
COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston stated that he has written a letter to Mr. Middleton of the Model Cities Executive Board asking the Board not to take any organizational steps in reorganizing the Board until Council has had time to appoint the nine members that are to be selected by the Tacoma City Council. He said that Mr. Middleton had indicated to him that they will do nothing until the nine members are appointed.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

  
GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK