

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 3, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 4 P.M.

Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections in the minutes of April 29, 1969.

Mr. Bott referred to Page 12, 6th paragraph from the top of the page, and asked that in his statement, the word 'then' be corrected to read 'ten'. Mayor Rasmussen said, if there were no objections, the correction will be made.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of April 29, 1969 be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the rezoning of the east side of So. "C" Street, approximately 520 feet south of So. 88th St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District, submitted by Woash Realty Inc.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained this was a rezone request so the applicant will be able to construct a 38-unit apartment complex. The applicants have agreed to a number of conditions imposed by the Planning Commission.

No protests being made, Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone the above property and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Murtland, Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Cvitanich. Absent 0. Motion carried.

This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of an alley on the west side of "G" Street and South of So. 23rd St. (petition of The Conifer Co.)

Mr. Buehler explained the alley right of way is not needed nor anticipated for future use and the efficiency of the street pattern of the area will not be affected by the vacation. This vacation request has been made to allow for consolidation of properties in order that the land can be redeveloped with a new low income housing complex.

No protests being made, Dr. Herrmann moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to vacate the above alley and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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This is the date set for hearing for the vacation of 10 ft. on both sides of an alley between So. 10th & 11th Sts. and between Yakima Ave. & "I" Sts. (petition of Minimus Corp., et al)

Mr. Buehler explained, with this vacation, the alley right of way would be reduced from 40 feet in width to the standard alley width of 20 feet. The traffic pattern in the area will not be affected with this vacation. The petitioners intend to utilize the proposed vacation to provide additional off-street parking for adjoining properties.

No protests being made, Mr. Finnigan moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to vacate the alley and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

REZONING:

Carl Laursen requesting rezoning of the north side of So. 76th St. from approximately 250 feet east of Sheridan Ave. to approx. 900 feet east of Sheridan Ave. from an "R-2" to an "R-3-PRD" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Murtland explained, that at last week's Council meeting he had said he would move for reconsideration of Resolution No. 20213 as the representative from Pacific Cascade Properties, Inc. had been late in arriving at the meeting. He asked for a ruling from the Chair as to whether Mr. Lane should speak at this time or after he had moved for reconsideration of the Resolution.

Mayor Rasmussen felt a motion to suspend the Rules would be necessary in order to take up the matter at this time, rather than at the end of the agenda.

Mr. Murtland stated he would move for reconsideration of Res. No. 20213 at the end of the resolution portion of the agenda.

Mayor Rasmussen explained the communication from James A. Furber, dated April 10, 1969 relative to an appeal by Value Village regarding the assessment against said Value Village by the Dept. of Tax & Licenses, was discussed at the May 20th and 27th meetings. He stated he presumed the Tax & License Dept. is now collecting the tax due the City. Mayor Rasmussen then requested that this letter be placed on file.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that last week a motion was made and seconded that the Legal Dept. institute action to collect the amount owing. Mr. Johnson at that time asked for more information on the matter before voting and moved to delay action on the motion for one week. The vote was taken, and it was four to four, so now everything is status quo. He asked if any further discussion would be in order at this time.

Mayor Rasmussen therefore ruled, that inasmuch as the matter will be taken to court, no further discussion should be allowed.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Hamilton if there had been anything filed in court or any papers served on the City Attorney regarding this matter, other than this Notice of Appeal.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained nothing has been filed.

Mr. Murtland felt it is not a matter of litigation at this time, and perhaps the Mayor should change his ruling.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he would presume that the City Manager would proceed in the expediency to see that the ordinance is enforced.

Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20212 (postponed from the meeting of May 27, 1969)

Approving proposals from Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc. and requesting the Public Utility Board to take formal action to accept the proposals and commence management and audit reviews.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that the Audit Committee met with representatives from Knight, Vale & Gregory, Dr. Arthur R. Anderson, Chairman of the Public Utility Board and Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities. Discussion was held on this resolution at the last Council meeting. Since they are still in the process of studying the Resolution he asked that it be continued until June 24th.

Mr. Johnson moved that Res. No. 20212 be postponed until June 24, 1969. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

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The Resolution was postponed until June 24, 1969.

Resolution No. 20217

Fixing Monday, June 23rd at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing for L I D 3685 for sanitary sewers in alleys between East L & M on East 38th to 57th and Q to Portland Ave.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20218

Fixing Monday, June 23rd at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4893 for paving on Fife St. from So. 62nd to 64th; So. J from So. 68th to So. 72nd and other nearby streets.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20219

Awarding contract to Munson-Smith Motors Inc. on its bid of \$5,520.22 for one cab chassis with body and crew compartment.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20220

Authorizing and directing the execution of an application for a grant under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

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

Mr. Cvitanich mentioned that the National League of Cities conducted a study nationwide in terms of the Omnibus Crime Control & Safe Streets Act of 1968. It was found that those persons charged with the responsibility of policy making, have in most instances, been left out of the planning and the formulating of policy. The NLC has placed this discrepancy high on their priority list to try to amend the act at the national level, he added.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Captain Russell R. Richardson Jr. has been the interim project director. The application for the grant has been submitted previously, consequently the specific grant offer is now being made. He outlined the purpose of the grant and felt it would be used to a good advantage. He urged the Council to approve this grant application.

Capt. Richardson explained this matter was of vital importance to the Tacoma Police Dept. He pointed out he has been able to obtain a broad knowledge of the police field over the past twenty-two years of service and was totally convinced there is a vital need for the Council's support in this matter. He also stated that the application has been submitted to and approved by the Washington State Committee on Law and Justice and no cost is accrued to the City at this time, as it has already been budgeted in the 1969 budget.

Capt. Richardson continued, the planning project will be specifically oriented for review of current programs related to the local crime problem, definition of immediate action needs to overcome obvious deficiencies in existing procedures, personnel and equipment, development and implementation of plans to meet those immediate needs and the development of the basis for long range planning capacity in the Tacoma Police Dept.

Mrs. Banfield stated she had ordered copies of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 for the Council members and she hoped that someone would postpone this resolution until the entire Council is able to read the Act. She also felt that such a grant from the Federal Government would involve the Tacoma Police Force too deeply in federal control.

Mr. Zatkovich felt the Council should agree to have this study made, as it might help to combat the rising crime rate.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he also thought with federal funds, federal control will come.

Mayor Rasmussen felt there should have been more significant planning in previous years in the Police Dept. He wondered if it would be possible to add a shift to the IBM Dept. so that it might assist the Police Dept. in their present computations.

Mr. Rowlands explained this has been studied by Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, and Mr. McIlroy, Director of the IBM Dept., and it has been found that it was more economical to rent equipment on an interim basis. He also explained that over the years each department submits their requests but many requests have not been able to be met because of the City's budgetary limitations. He hoped that future Legislatures would see fit to give the cities more funds due to the fact for many years no funds were received from the State. He also noted that some planning has been accomplished in the Police Dept. but not under a centralized system, per se.

After some discussion, Mr. Cvitanich requested that copies be made of the National League of Cities' study and mailed to all members of the Council so it may be read this coming week-end.

Mr. Rowlands stated they would send them out in the agenda on Friday.

Mrs. Banfield moved to postpone the resolution for three weeks, until June 24, 1969. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote was taken. Motion LOST.

Mr. Zatkovich further urged the Council to support the resolution as he felt it would help to subsequently maintain law and order.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Rowlands to direct the Police Dept. to take immediate steps to stop vandalism on "K" Street.

Mr. Rowlands explained the Chief of Police issued orders but he would do so if the Council wished.

After further discussion, Mr. Cvitanich moved that under Title II, METHODS, subsection A, of the Project Plan and Supporting Data, second line down, that the sentence "City budgetary limitations have consistently precluded specific assignment of personnel to the planning function" be deleted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion LOST.

Roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 2: Banfield and Cvitanich. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20221

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State University covering the utilization of certain students of the University who are eligible to participate in the College Work-Study Program.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that this resolution, as well as Resolution No. 20222 has previously been discussed. The City is to pay 40% of the total salary cost together with payroll taxes. He noted that twenty-nine students will be involved from Washington State University and the University of Washington. The criteria used for eligibility is yearly income of the parents, number of children at home, etc. Then the Universities refer the applicants to the City. He said that the Universities would perhaps recommend forty-five students and out of that number, twenty-nine will be employed.

Mr. Cvitanich did not feel anyone could vote on the resolution until the specific rates are established, as the agreement does not state the exact compensation rates.

Mr. Rowlands explained he can obtain these rates within a few minutes.

Mr. Gaisford, explained that he had contacted the Personnel Dept. about the rate of pay for the College Work-Study Program and they had informed him that the rate would be (\$1.95) per hour for Clerical help; (\$2.50) per hour for semi-professional help, such as engineering aids, sanitary aids in the Health Dept. and Public Works Dept.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 6: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Zatkovich. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20222

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the University of Washington covering the utilization of certain students of the University who are eligible to participate in the College Work-Study Program.

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

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Rowlands to provide the Council with a list of those selected for this program, showing their names and majors at the Universities.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 6: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 3: Banfield, Cvitanich and Zatkovich. Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20223

Authorizing a local improvement assessment deed to the Public Works Dept. from the L I D Guaranty Fund for property located at 31st St. NE between 49th Ave. & 53rd Ave. N.E. for the sum of \$27.00.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Roll call was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20224

Authorizing the sale of one parcel of surplus property to B & L Trucking and Construction Co., Inc. for the sum of \$24,795.00.

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

Mr. Murtland felt this price was lower than it should be for land in the industrial complex of the City, as compared to the next resolution which is for a strip of property for the sum of \$4,000 near a substation site.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities, explained this resolution is relative to the sale of one parcel of land which is surplus to the Utilities Dept. He noted that it was acquired by the Department for the utilization of transmission lines a number of years ago. It is located directly across the street from the Cowlitz Substation in the vicinity of the Belt Line Shop office building at East 11th and Taylor Way. It has been leased to Anderson Fuel Co. Originally this property was a large, deep indentation and over the years it became filled with sawdust and slab wood so that it is now a level piece of property. For all practical purposes, however, the fill does not make it practical from a building standpoint.

He added, the Port of Tacoma was asked if they were interested in purchasing the property but they indicated they had no use for it. However, at that time the Port did submit an evaluation of it as far as their purposes would be concerned and that figure was far below the present bid of \$24,795.00. He also noted that this figure is also considerably in excess of the Department's appraisal of the property.

Mr. Benedetti stated it is now surplus to the needs of the Utility Dept. and recommended that the Council accept the bid.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20225

Authorizing the purchase of an additional strip of property abutting the Menlo Substation site for the sum of \$4,000.

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

Mr. Benedetti explained the property is a portion of a seven and one-half acre tract fronting on Bridgeport Way. It is a desirable building area and zoned for commercial development while the property fronting on 35th St. S.W. is zoned for multiple family dwellings. The appraisal was made on the use that could be made of the property. He noted that the Department is acquiring the property on a figure less than the appraised value.

Mr. Benedetti further stated that this acquisition is in connection with a planned program for conversion of various areas in the City to a higher voltage. The developer who is in the process of subdividing the property has granted an option for the City to acquire the property at this price.

Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20226

Authorizing the sale of three surplus transformers to Loveland Mutual Company for the sum of \$714.00

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.
Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20227

Fixing Monday, June 23rd at 4 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5487 for water mains in So. 17th from Sunset Dr. to Brookside Terrace and other nearby streets.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott.
Voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 0: Absent 0:

Resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Mr. Murtland moved to reconsider the vote by which Resolution No. 20213 was adopted on May 27, 1969. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 3: Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Nays 6: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Hannigan, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0. Motion LOST.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18837

Amending Sec. 1.12.290 and 330 of the official code relative to reducing the workweek for certain Fire Service employees to 50 hours.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what percentage of the \$69,345 has been allocated for overtime.

James Reiser, Fire Chief, explained that none of this figure is for overtime. He further added, that if the new hours are placed into effect on July 14th there would be an extra cost of \$39,614. The reason for this is, that new firemen would not be available for duty until Sept. 15th and the existing personnel would have to be paid overtime until the recruits were added to the department.

Mr. Cvitanich inquired as to the number of persons presently on the eligible list and the date of the last examination.

Chief Reiser explained the list now is composed of four persons and a month's basic training is needed before they can be placed in a Fire Company. The last examination was held last year, he added.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City does not have the money for this particular appropriation. He noted that the City was given \$2.29 million by the State for the 1967-69 biennium, but the estimated assistance for 1969-71 will be only \$2.17 million. Consequently, the 1969 Tacoma budget over estimated by \$428,794 the amount of State aid to be received for this year.

Mr. Bixel, Director of Personnel, explained that at the time of Chief Reiser's request for an examination early this year there were ten to twelve persons remaining on the eligible list. He noted, he was not aware of any action by the Council directing that the workweek be shortened. At the time of management's negotiations with the firefighters' union it was stated that unless the City received a substantial increase in biennial aid from the Legislature, no reduction of hours would be recommended.

Dr. Herrmann stated that the Council told the firemen during the budget hearing that their hours would be reduced if the City received as much as, or more State assistance than in 1967. He also felt this request for a reduction in hours should be discussed at the budget hearings.

Mayor Rasmussen explained he had handed to the Council the Washington State Treasurer's statistics which advised the Mayor at this time they could not tell the specific dollar amount the cities would receive in the 1969-71 biennium. However, the Treasurer indicated that the amount appropriated to the cities was in excess of the figures Mr. Rowlands had quoted.

Mr. Cvitanich explained he felt the firemen would submit a referendum to the people for more than a two hour reduction if this ordinance is not passed.

Mr. Murtland felt this ordinance should be postponed or tabled until there is a definite statement as to how much money will be received by the City from the State.

Mr. Cvitanich asked what the cost will be for hiring ten additional trainees in the Police Dept.

Mr. Rowlands explained the new rate will be \$2.75 an hour and approximately \$58,000 has already been budgeted.

Mr. Zatkovich felt the hours for the firemen should be reduced as the Council certainly gave the impression they would act on the matter before next year.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the increase in taxes, because of the growth in population in the City, would compensate this appropriation even without aid from the State.

Mr. Gaisford explained that the anticipated normal growth to the City is between 7.4 and 7.5 per cent. The total increased income for 1969 will be approximately \$980,000. He wished to call the Council's attention to a statement of the ordinance adopting the annual budget for 1969. The statement notes that the Legislature does not see fit to allocate to the City of Tacoma the amount of money which was budgeted, approximately \$1,666,000, the City Council shall reduce the budget or find revenues to support that particular reduction in revenues. The revenue reduction is approximately \$428,000. He noted his staff is trying at this time to finish a report in regard to the financial status of the City, which is of great concern. Further Mr. Gaisford stated, if Ordinance 18845 is adopted in the amount of \$69,345, the 1969 budget will have to be reduced.

Mr. Gaisford said that from information received from the State Treasurer's April report, the amount of money that will be received from the State will be approximately \$1,237,000. The City has budgeted approximately \$1,666,000. Therefore, he felt that the City Attorney would say that it is mandatory that legislative action be taken to correct the revenue situation in the City. It can only be done by increasing other sources of revenue or a reduction in expenditures for the balance of the year 1969.

Mr. Cvitanich felt the tax dollar must be spent on the number one priority, which would be the Police and Fire Services. He noted that a memorandum was submitted to the Council in the agenda stating that an analysis of the financial status of the General Fund indicates that funds are not available for appropriation now. He requested that in the future any time an emergency appropriation is submitted that the Council obtain similar information from the Finance Dept.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if it would be possible to borrow from the L I D Guaranty Fund.

Mr. Gaisford stated this would mean that the General Fund would be on a borrowing basis.

After some discussion Mayor Rasmussen asked how long it would take to call for new Firefighter's examination and have a list available.

Mr. Bixel explained his department can initiate immediate action and, in perhaps five weeks an employment list would be available.

Mr. John Willis, Business Representative for the Firefighter's Union, felt that the City had saved money during the last six months due to the fact the hours were not shortened as requested on January 1, 1969. He explained there are eight cities in the State of Washington that now have shorter hours than Tacoma for their firemen. The Union feels there are funds available in the City budget and urged that their request for shorter hours be approved.

Mr. Gaisford explained the basic part of the budget in predicting the revenues for the City is estimating the taxes and utility revenues. When the Finance Dept. estimates the 1970 revenues, a reduction will be noted in the State aid to Cities because the funds from the Legislature were fixed on a biennium basis.

After some discussion the ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18845

Appropriating the sum of \$69,345.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of hiring (14) additional fire personnel.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that Mr. Bixel initiate immediate action so that a Firefighter's examination may be given as soon as possible.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18846

Appropriating the sum of \$36,514.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Sewer Utility Fund to provide for the payment of salaries and wages and M & O resulting from temporary overtime employment.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained this appropriation is to be used in two areas. First, in the 1969 budget the Public Works Dept. had estimated a 5% increase for salary and wages for employees. However, since the time the budget was approved by the Council, an additional amount was used for employees in temporary and overtime categories. Secondly, there is a program for rodent control in the sewer division, and although it is under the supervision of the Health Dept., the Public Works Dept. does provide manpower. There was also overtime work in the Sewer Dept. for cleaning out catch basins due to the snow and ice problem last winter.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that a financial report on any request for an appropriation above a certain point that the Council determines is adequate, be submitted to the Council for their information.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18847

Amending sections 1.12.360-450 & 570 of the official code by adding subsections 0003 Clerical Helper, 2008 Engineering Helper and 5003 General Laborer Helper.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Ordinance No. 18847 be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 6: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 3: Finnigan, Herrmann and Murland. Absent 0. Motion carried.

The ordinance was removed from the agenda.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18836

Amending Section 1.12.628 of the official code relative to the pay and compensation by adding a new category - 8010 of Police and Fire Trainee.

Mr. Rowlands explained it is the staff's intent to keep within the budget of the Trainee Corps. If some of the Police Trainees pass the Police Patrolman examination, it is hoped they will be employed permanently as Police officers.

Mayor Rasmussen thought this ordinance would reduce the number of trainees.

Mr. Rowlands explained it would not reduce the number, but would perhaps, reallocate or redistribute the type of trainees in the employment of the City.

Mr. Bott felt it would be practical to set a time limit to serve in the trainee corps if a person does not qualify or pass an examination.

Mr. Bixel explained that the Trainee Corps Ordinance provides for a limitation of eighteen months on the Trainee Corps program, with a provision of an extension of six months under certain circumstances. This has not happened so far, and it is not the intent of the Dept. to retain people for employment who do not have the potential, as demonstrated by testing.

Mr. Zatkovich moved that the ordinance be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Johnson felt that, perhaps instead of placing a time limit for a trainee, the ordinance could be amended so that a trainee could take two examinations if necessary. If the second examination was not passed then the trainee would be removed.

Mr. Cvitanich said there is a Building Inspection Division within the Dept. of Public Works and he noted there was an eligible list of three employees. Vacancies had recently occurred and two provisional appointments had been made which he felt bypassed the Civil Service eligible list.

Mr. Bixel pointed out that provisional employment is in accordance with civil service regulations in cases where an eligible list for appointment has fewer than three names. This was the situation recently in the matter of the two openings in the Home Inspection Division.

He further stated, that there are only two eligibles on the list at the present time but it is an incomplete certification. So far, there have been no provisional appointments made.

Mr. Cvitanich stated he had information that two Black candidates have been appointed for the provisional jobs.

Mr. Bixel stated it would be his best judgment that they are not working as of today.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Bixel had made it clear there was no eligible list. He informed the Council that Mr. Button had been interviewing candidates for the job of Housing Improvement Agent as of 3:30 or 4 P.M. today. He could not say whether individuals were selected.

Mr. Rowlands further explained that Mr. Button has planned for some time to set up a racially integrated team of representatives to work on home improvements in the Hilltop area. If provisional appointments are made, obviously these persons who fill them will take the examination, and if they pass will be on the list and will be appointed on a permanent basis.

Mayor Rasmussen inquired when an examination will be held for Housing Improvement Agent.

Mr. Bixel stated there are at least (75) examinations scheduled at the present time for the balance of this year, therefore this examination would not be given until the first of next year.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if the two people on the eligible list were offered the jobs.

Mr. Bixel stated he had not talked to them, but he was sure they were not offered the job if the department was going to make provisional appointments.

Mayor Rasmussen asked who issued the orders that these people were not to be considered for the job.

Mr. Rowlands stated, in view of the fact there was an incomplete list, he had told Mr. Schuster and Mr. Button to make provisional appointments until a complete list was developed.

Mr. Murland felt this ordinance does not in any way circumvent civil service and will not reduce the qualifications of the applicants for this trainee corps, as far as Police Patrolmen are concerned. He urged the Council to pass the ordinance. He read passages from an Editorial of the Tacoma Labor Advocate dated May 23, 1969 that said the demands which were drafted by an Ad Hoc Committee of the concerned black citizens are reasonable and just. It also stated they deserve serious consideration by the City Council, and wherever possible, they should be met. He also asked that the Council not take the ordinance off the agenda but give it further consideration next week.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the City Council must treat everyone who applies for this examination fairly.

Mrs. Banfield asked for a list of Negroes who are employed by the City and how this ordinance would affect unions. She also asked why this ordinance was submitted, as it seemed to her it was discrimination in reverse.

Mr. Rowlands explained the City has had the Trainee Corps in existence for only a year and one-half, and that under this proposal they were trying to secure additional candidates among the Negroes who serve in the Community. He felt it would be advantageous to try to obtain more negro officers on the force, if they can qualify at the examination.

Mayor Rasmussen asked why more Negroes had not been hired by the City previously.

Mr. Rowlands explained, this refers to the Civil Service organization. Many of these individuals have not been able to qualify. During the last few years the City Council has tried to help as programs have been set up, such as the Summer Program, Neighborhood Youth Corps, the Urban Coalition and the National Alliance of Businessmen. As a result of these programs, many individuals have been placed in private employment.

Mr. Bott felt all this ordinance does is to increase a Police & Fire Trainee salary from \$391.00 to \$478.50 a month.

Mr. Cvitanich felt this was aimed at putting ten Black police trainees in the Trainee program.

Mr. Zatkovich explained he felt this ordinance, if passed, would mean the deterioration of the Civil Service System. He quoted advertisements from other cities asking for applicants for their police departments, and noted that these cities are not lowering their standards nor attempting to delete the Civil Service System.

Mr. Bixel explained he wished to make it crystal clear that the Personnel Dept. is operating in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Tacoma as ratified in the Personnel Rules.

Mrs. Banfield asked that it state in the record that she did not vote for this.

Mayor Rasmussen stated if this ordinance was removed from the agenda, the present Trainee Program will continue in exactly the same state as it has in the past.

After some discussion, Roll call was taken on the motion to remove Ord. No. 18836 from the agenda. Ayes 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland. Absent 0. Motion LOST.

Mr. Murtland explained he was very concerned about this problem and suggested trying to find ways of integrating these people into the mainstream of the business world before anything tragic happens in this City.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that law and order must prevail and the lowering of standards should not be allowed.

VERBATIM REQUEST BY MR. CVITANICH:

Mr. Cvitanich: I've seen everything. I have before me an editorial from the Tacoma Labor Advocate which was read by several members of the City Council. And I remember six or seven years back, when some of the Labor backed candidates on the Council tried to read from the Labor Advocate; they were attacked, the paper was attacked, labor's position. I would point out that there are those at the Central Labor Council who feel that they speak for all of labor when they come out with an editorial like this.

Mr. Finnigan: Point of order, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Rasmussen: State your point of order.

Mr. Finnigan: This has nothing to do with this ordinance. I demand the previous question.

Mayor Rasmussen: The gentleman hasn't made his point yet. He's speaking on the ordinance. Your point of order is not well taken.

Mr. Cvitanich: Considering, Mr. Mayor my distinguished colleague on the left made some comments and I didn't hear a point of order raised. Just because it pertains to the ordinance specifically before us. As a matter of fact, it covers all five demands if you choose to read it. I would state, I remember this Council discussing at private meetings and public meetings, labor's role in endeavoring to eliminate discrimination in the City of Tacoma. Mr. Rowlands and I have discussed this several times. So I say, in terms of the editorial, here once again is a classic illustration of hypocrisy. I want to make it crystal clear that this isn't the bulk of labor talking but it's a handful of hypocrites at the Central Labor Council.

END OF VERBATIM

After some discussion, roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

- Ayes 5: Bott, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson and Murtland.
- Nays 4: Banfield, Cvitanich, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 0.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18838

Amending Title 13 of Section 13.06.010 of the official code relative to zoning ordinance text changes "Building" and "Vehicles."

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

- Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
- Nays 0: Absent 1: Murtland (temporarily)

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18839

Amending Section 8.96.040 of the official code relative to Termination of Proclamation.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the words, "the Deputy Mayor (or any three members)" be deleted from the ordinance and that the words "a majority" be inserted in their place. Seconded by Mr. Zatkovich. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

- Ayes 6: Banfield, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
- Nays 2: Bott and Johnson. Absent 1: Murtland (temporarily). Motion carried.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, amended, resulting as follows:

- Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
- Nays 0: Absent 1: Murtland (temporarily)

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18840

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5486 for water mains in Ea. 44th St. from McKinley Ave. to the Water Division's Pipeline R/W and in Ea. "J" from Ea. 43rd to Ea. 44th St.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

- Ayes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
- Nays 0: Absent 0.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18841

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5410 for water mains in 32nd St. N.E. from 49th Ave. N.E. to 53rd Ave. N.E. and in 53rd Ave. N.E. from 32nd St. N.E. to 33rd St. N.E.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Yes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
 No 0: Absent 0.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18842

Approving & confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5452 for water mains in Vassault from So. 8th to So. 12th St. and in So. 10th from Whitman to Vassault St.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Yes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
 No 0: Absent 0.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18843

Approving & confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2367 for grading, oil mat and storm drains on 33rd St. N.E. and 53rd Ave. N.E.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Yes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
 No 0: Absent 0.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18844

Approving & confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3639 for sanitary sewers in Titlow Rd. from So. 16th to 17th; in So. 16th from Titlow Rd. to Walters Rd. and in So. 17th from Titlow Rd. to 300 feet west.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Yes 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
 No 0: Absent 0.

The ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Rasmussen stated he had asked Mr. Rowlands whether the City is earning interest on the money deposited in the various banks in Tacoma. He noted that C 586 concerns the Bank Depositories, but no statement of interest earnings is included.

Mr. Gaisford explained that at the present time the City of Tacoma is depositing funds in the National Bank of Washington, Puget Sound National Bank, the Bank of California and The Bank of Tacoma. The accounts in these banks are usually \$100,000 or over, as the average cash transaction during a day is on the basis of approximately \$240,000. He noted that approximately 99% of cash available is being invested. The accounts do not earn interest because they are on a demand deposit basis. The only way interest could be earned is to go on a time deposit basis and the limit on that is \$15,000 for each account.

Mr. Gaisford recalled that Mrs. Banfield had asked why the City had not deposited funds in the North Pacific Bank. He noted that the bank was not large enough to handle the City's account and he knew the President would agree with that statement. Any bank the City would use must be financially capable of making monies available upon short notice, sometimes amounting to several millions of dollars. He explained that the City of Tacoma operates the same as a bank.

Mayor Rasmussen felt further study should be made relative to the large amounts deposited in Tacoma banks and how a method could be devised so that interest could be earned on these monies.

Mr. Rowlands explained that over the years, as a result of conferences with the banks, Finance Dept. and Legal Dept., relative to the investment policy of the City, the interest earnings have doubled.

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Mr. Bott stated a rough draft has been submitted to the Council relative to the proposed CATV franchise. He suggested that under the Statement of Qualification a question be included asking if they presently own any franchises that they have not exercised, and if so, how many and where.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained the rough draft was hurriedly put together but he had understood the proposals would have to be filed on June 20, 1969, which is a Friday. He asked if it was the Council's intention that these be received by the Clerk and opened on Monday, or would the Council open them at the Council meeting, as they should be opened publicly.

After some discussion, Mr. Rowlands suggested that the bids be opened publicly in the City Council Chambers at 11:00 A.M., Monday, June 23 by the City Clerk. Then Monday afternoon and Tuesday will be available to correlate the information for the Council meeting on Tuesday, at which time the Council may take them under advisement until such time the award is made.

Mr. Cvitanich then moved that (15) proposals each for the CATV franchise be filed with the City Clerk before 11:00 A.M., Pacific Daylight Time, on Monday, June 23, 1969. They will be opened publicly in the City Council chambers and consequently referred to the City Council on Tuesday, June 24, 1969 at its regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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Mr. Cvitanich asked if the mop sink and drinking fountain had been installed at Fire Headquarters.

James Reiser, Fire Chief, explained a bid had been received in the amount of \$1,000. He had referred this to the Public Works Dept. who handle this type of thing for the Fire Dept. They are trying to find available funds to do the job.

Mr. Zatkovich inquired if the Trainee program for the City of Tacoma has been copied after the Seattle program.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City of Seattle established eight trainee classifications and this came about due to the fact there was a change in their charter which made it permissible. He noted the difference is the fact that appointees to the Trainee Program receive Civil Service status in Seattle. The Tacoma trainees do not have this status.

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Mrs. Banfield stated she had asked Mr. Rowlands for a report as to what the two officers had done who had been suspended.

Mr. Rowlands stated the report has been completed and he felt she should have received it.

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Mayor Rasmussen announced that five of the new buses have arrived in Tacoma. The City will experiment with new bus routes and a new Crosstown bus route should be in operation for better service to the Mall.

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Mayor Rasmussen complimented Chief Reiser and the firemen who constructed the Daffodil Float as they certainly accomplished a wonderful job with little funds.

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Mr. Cvitanich explained that a few weeks ago he had requested copies of the Transit Department's billings to the Fire Dept. for equipment repair.

Mr. Rowlands stated these matters will be looked into.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated that the Transit Dept. should be submitting a report to the Manager's office as to whether the school fares are paying the appropriate costs.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that Dean Witter & Co. will be starting construction on their new building shortly and he wondered if the City has let the contract for the escalade removal.

Mr. Rowlands stated he would look into the matter.

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Mayor Rasmussen said he had been advised that a Hostess Center for the Centennial is opening in the old Washington Hardware Building and the accommodations are not very inviting. He hoped that the Centennial Committee would see that hot water is available for the Center.

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Mayor Rasmussen stated that a gentlemen had been to his office requesting permission to pick up salvage at a City dump site. He noted that a letter had been sent to him subject to the Chief of Utility Service's approval. He thought there should be a call for bids.

A letter was read by the City Clerk, dated May 30, 1969 and signed by Wm. S. Buell, relative to a proposal that a medal be designed to be known as the Herman Knaack Special Award.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands stated the Council had requested that the report on the Local Development Program with Federal and State Assistance 1961-1968 be updated. The totals now amount to approximately \$50,000,000.00 over the past eight and one-half years. The City's investment was \$11,133,692.00 in cash. He added, that the figure given to the Legislature a couple of months ago was \$54,000,000.00, which was in error.

He also mentioned in the MC that those members of the Tacoma City Councils who, over the years, have possessed the foresight to take advantage of these grants-in-aid programs should be commended for their efforts.

He said that it was through the cooperative and knowledgeable efforts of the City of Tacoma, working with Port and County officials, that the Port was successful in securing a \$3,367,000.00 grant in 1966 from the Economic Development Administration. This was approved shortly before the deadline of July 1, 1966. He thought the City should again be commended for working with the Port and making it possible for them to undertake some of their improvements.

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Mr. Rowlands reported that his MC 584 explains the Transit System fares for school students. Students living beyond 2 miles from school are issued passes by School District No. 10. The Transit Dept. bills the school district 12½¢ for each ride. Students who do not qualify for a pass pay 12½¢ per ride if they purchase school tickets, or 20¢ cash.

He noted that the Parochial schools do not pay transit fares for their students, so each one pays their own fare of 12½¢ if they purchase school tickets, or 20¢ cash. He noted that Transit Dept. would be pleased to arrange the same contract with Parochial schools as they have with School District No. 10.

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Mr. Rowlands explained that during the time Police Officers are in training classes the City is provided with adequate protection by staggering the time officers report for duty. He added that his MC 585 covers this in detail.

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Submitting list of surplus properties to be released for sale at public auction on June 23, 1969, 9:00 A.M. 2nd floor of County-City Building.

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Submitting a report from Fire Chief Reiser concerning false alarms. ✓

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Submitting a report from Fire Chief Reiser concerning Daffodil float expenses for 1969.

Placed on file.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Kerlake of the State Highway Dept. would like to meet with the Council at a study session next Monday Noon, June 9, to review the plans for Sign Route #16 which ties in with the Narrows Bridge from the Freeway #5.

Mayor Rasmussen stated if there are no objections, the Council will meet at a study session on Monday, June 9, with Mr. Kerlake and the State Highway Engineers.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Cvitanich directed the Council's attention to the interdepartmental communication from the Acting City Attorney relative to an Amendment to Rule 12 of the Council Rules of Procedure. He mentioned he had asked for a suggestion pertaining to the right of the same persons speaking before the Council each week.

Mr. Cvitanich read the suggested amendment as follows: "Provided that no members of the public shall have the right to speak to the City Council more than one time in any _____ week period, unless the subject matter upon which such person desires to talk relates to a matter under consideration by the Council and about which current discussions are being held by the Council member."

Mr. Murtland moved to amend the suggested amendment to Rule 12 by inserting the word "four" in the blank space before the word 'week'. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Ayes 8: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Pinnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland and Zatkovich. Nays 1: Mayor Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland moved to approve the suggested amendment as amended. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen then explained a resolution will now be submitted to amend the rules and it will be given two readings.

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Mrs. Banfield asked if any conclusion had been reached as to who owns the property by the old Fire Station Headquarters.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, stated he had been asked to contact the Northern Pacific Railroad in regard to this matter. He had forwarded a letter from them to the Council. Nothing had been done since then on the matter.

Mr. Cvitanich explained his resolution on the matter had been postponed in order to clear the title and check with the Railroad.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Hamilton send another copy of the Railroad's letter to the Council.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the information he has only pertains to the claim of the Railroad. Other questions arising are whether it had been dedicated for street purposes, abandoned for street purposes and whether there is a possibility it would revert back to the heirs because the original use for which it was dedicated had been abandoned. These questions cannot be answered without a quiet-title action in Court which sometimes ties it up for years.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the Legal Dept. take the necessary steps to acquire title on the old Fire station property at 9th and A Street. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VERBATIM REQUESTED BY MRS. BANFIELD:

Mrs. Banfield: I have another question or two to ask. I saw in the paper last Friday, Model Cities may get added \$100,000.00 fund, and I don't get to read my paper right on time, so I didn't get to read it until this morning. And I find it most interesting that we don't know anything about it, at least I didn't, on the Council. I don't know if the rest of the Council did or not. It seems as though this is O.E.O. Funds and I called Mr. Herman Walker this morning and he sent me this memorandum that says, "that we have been selected along with San Diego for a \$200,000.00 Model Neighborhood Programming."

Mayor Rasmussen: San Diego or Seattle.

Mrs. Banfield: San Diego. And I just wonder what in the world they are going to use this \$100,000.00 for; maybe I shouldn't even bother asking. Mrs. Shackelford was the only member of the Hilltop Model Neighborhood Citizen's Association, Executive Board, to vote against the request, maybe she could add some light on it when she is able to get up and talk.

Also, I didn't see anything in the paper in Tacoma about a computer system; but I saw it in the P. I. Maybe Mr. Rowlands could help enlighten me a little bit; it says, "Tacoma is one City planning to request funds to participate", and it goes on emphasizing that the computer must not be used to gather information about how the city officials perform their duties, rather the computer must be used by officials to help them analyze staffs they have. It goes further, Mr. Mitchell, is quoting, "but the cities which participate will never be the same again; I would estimate the jobs of everyone of their employees will be changed." Mr. Rowlands, could you enlighten us on this, at all.

Mr. Rowlands: What was that you read.

Mayor Rasmussen: It's from the P. I.

Mr. Rowlands: City Council members, I didn't bring my file on that, but there is a possibility, a number of cities, some one hundred, or one hundred and twenty cities have routinely applied for; again this is a HUD grant which will go through the National League of Cities basically; to try to bring about some computerization in the various activities in the field of finance, planning, police work, etc. And, in order to qualify, they are going to have questionnaires sent out to see if the cities have the capabilities to meet the requirements.

One of the advantages that Tacoma has that many cities do not possess is the fact that we do have a local ^{Coastal} ~~Coastal~~ the local schools, UPS, TCC and PLU working together on a formalized basis. They would like to tap those resources possibly, the resources of the University of Washington also, in this type of program. This was merely to meet the deadline and when the information comes back I'll certainly discuss it with the Council because it is going to take about two months to fill out the questionnaire to see if the City would be selected. There would probably be, I'd say, ten or twelve cities in the whole United States selected for this work. There will be no contributions from the City itself; it is strictly going to be administered through the National League of Cities with this grant. When we get the questionnaire back and we get more information I will be glad to send you a run-down; but we didn't know whether we would be considered. I understand there are about (120) cities that have applied.

Mayor Rasmussen: Mrs. Banfield, I might say that this has never been discussed at the Puget Sound Government Conference. I am a member of the Puget Sound Governmental Conference. Mr. Johnson is, I don't recall this being discussed.

Mayor Rasmussen: But I note here "Mitchell spoke to educators, state agency staff and city representatives, invited by the Puget Sound Governmental Conference, to hear about the federal experiment." This, of course, is regional government. As far as they're concerned, the directors of the Puget Sound Governmental Conference, which we are, the elected officials, are not even advised that they are going to hold this conference and not invited to it.

END OF VERBATIM

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Rowlands explained he had not attended a meeting of the Puget Sound Governmental Conference last Thursday. He had received a routine notice and he felt that Mayor Rasmussen and Mr. Johnson should have also received one. He did not know if any representative from Tacoma was at that meeting.

Mayor Rasmussen stated they had not been invited.

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Mr. Rowlands mentioned that the \$100,000.00 grant Mrs. Banfield was referring to in connection with O. E. O., was an agreement entered into by O.E.O.

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Mr. Rowlands also mentioned that a City does not receive approximately \$50,000,000 if it is not alert. Former City Councils have been alert to the opportunities and took advantage of these programs to benefit the people in Tacoma. He stated that grant applications are approved by the City Council.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked the City Clerk to read an editorial from the News Tribune dated June 1, 1969 entitled, "Recipe for Grief--How to Raise Delinquent Children Successfully."

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Mayor Rasmussen mentioned there is an article in today's News Tribune which notes, "City Manager, David Rowlands, hopes Tacoma will be chosen by the Federal Government to develop a prototype computerized information system." Mayor Rasmussen stated that this means that Mr. Rowlands has already submitted the application without ever bringing the matter to the attention of the Council.

Mr. Rowlands stated he had informed the Council that a letter was received which merely asked if Tacoma would be interested in this project. He noted that the information requested had to be sent back to the Federal authorities before such a grant could be considered. If the Council wishes to take advantage of these programs they have to be reviewed by the Council and a determination made.

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Mr. Cvitanich requested that the City install seat belts for the firemen who ride inside and outside the fire rigs. He also requested that the matter of allowing firemen to wear short sleeve shirts during the summer be checked.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Cvitanich requested that Mr. Lane, Vice President of Pacific Cascade Properties, Inc. be allowed to speak at this time relative to Resolution 20213 passed at the May 27, 1969 meeting. This Resolution instructed the City Attorney to declare a forfeiture of the interests of Pacific Cascade Properties, Inc. in the Agreement of Sale dated June 17, 1968 regarding property in the Center St. Urban Renewal Project.

Mr. Lane explained their firm is a respected, well-organized firm in the City of Seattle and is an industrial developer. He said they are not speculators in land but buy specific land only for use for a specific purpose.

Mr. Lane explained in detail the transactions that had transpired since they purchased one parcel of land at the corner of So. 28th & Yakima from the City of Tacoma for the purpose of building a structure for the Graybar Electric Co., and subsequently the J. C. Penney Company. Graybar Electric Co. advised they were no longer interested in the project and J. C. Penney Company also advised them that their plans had been changed.

Meetings with the Urban Renewal Dept. had been held numerous times in order to resolve the situation Mr. Lane remarked. He noted that their company had invested slightly in excess of \$20,000 improving the property. He said the time limit has expired under the Contract Agreement with the City of Tacoma and he would request that the City Council waive the provisions contained within the Agreement of Sale and permit his company additional time to perform, as they do have clients who are interested in the location.

Mr. Lane also requested that the Council reconsider Res. No. 20213 and give to Pacific Cascade Properties, Inc. an additional (180) days to build a building at the corner of So. 28th & Yakima.

Mr. Wright, Urban Renewal Director, stated his department felt that the inability of the Cascade Properties Inc. to perform was due to circumstances beyond their control. He also mentioned that his department has asked for a final audit of the Center Street Project but the final closing is now dependant upon the completion of this land sale. HUD has been notified of this situation and he had been informed verbally they would not object if the Council approves a (180) day extension.

After further discussion, Mr. Finnigan requested that a Resolution be brought to the Council next week providing for the rescinding of Res. No. 20213 and to include a (180) day extension of time to Pacific Cascade Properties Inc. with the concurrence of HUD.

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Mr. Cvitanich moved that since seventeen persons have requested to speak their talks be limited to two minutes each. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Roll call was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 6: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Johnson and Zatkovich. Nays 3: Herrmann, Murtland and Mayor Rasmussen.

The following persons expressed their views on various subject matters to the City Council:

Elliott Backup, 3911 No. 30th St.
Ken Forbes, Mgr. Earlham Court Apts.
Rev. Robert Yamashita, 1311 So. M
Eddie Karnes, 1120 No. E
Barbara Clements, U.P.S.
Joel H. Mochida, Todd Hall, U.P.S.
Jan Frey, 4301 No. Stevens
James D. Baker, 2153 So. Ainsworth
Earle W. McNeil, 1501 No. Mason
William F. Uhlhorn, Jr., 1818 1/2 So. L
G. E. Coates, 3611 So. 8th
George W. Goe, Sr., 5646 Cedar St.

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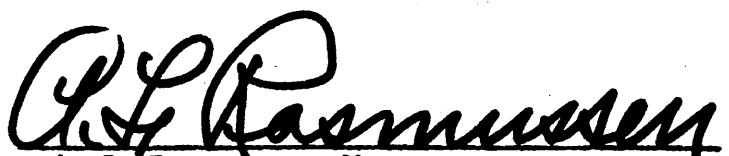
ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Tacoma City Council Study Session of May 19, 1969.
- b. Report from the Personnel Dept. for the month of April, 1969.
- c. Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of April, 1969.
- d. Report from the L I D Committee in regard to the abandonment of L I D 4887.
- e. Report from the City Clerk advising the filing of protests for L I D 3681, 3682 and 5478 have expired.

Placed on file.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. Rowlands have an ordinance prepared eliminating the Fire call boxes, except in the hospitals and nursing homes, as it will save a lot of false alarm runs.

Mr. Murtland moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Voice vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned by 11:55 P.M.


 A. L. Rasmussen - Mayor

Attest: 
 Josephine Melton - City Clerk