

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
July 1, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Mayor Johnston, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag and Warnick. Absent: 1 - Nalley. Mr. Nalley arrived at 5:10 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Egan.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 24, 1975.

PETITIONS:

- a. Residents in the vicinity of North 39th and Baltimore petitioning for a solution to the traffic problems in their area.

For referral to the Public Works Department.

- b. Tacoma Realty, Inc. requesting the rezoning of the property located on the northeast corner of South 43rd Street extended and Fife Street from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23437

Fixing Tuesday, July 29, 1975 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for vacation of a portion of South 56th Street and Manitou Way at the south-east quadrant of the intersection. (Department of Public Works)

Resolution No. 23438

Fixing Tuesday, July 29, 1975 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the request for vacation of the alley between North 16th and 18th Streets from Ferdinand to Mullen Street. (Richard & Margaret Ach)

Resolution No. 23439

Fixing Tuesday, July 15, 1975 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for hearing the assessment roll for Sidewalk Construction Fund No. 74-1.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma/Pierce County Bicentennial Commission meeting of June 12, 1975.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma City Planning Commission meetings of April 7 and June 9, 1975.
- c. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meetings of June 2nd and June 9th, 1975.
- d. Minutes of Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee meeting of June 16, 1975.
- e. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of June 10, 1975.
- f. Minutes of Tacoma Model Cities Program Land Use Review Board meeting of June 16, 1975.
- g. Monthly report, Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society & SPCA, May, 1975.
- h. Monthly report, Personnel Department, May 1975.
- i. 1974 Suggestion Systems City of Tacoma Joint Report.
- j. Department of Public Works filing an Aging Schedule for various Urban Arterial Projects.

Mr. Moss moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved, including Resolution Nos. 23437, 23438 and 23439. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston declared members of the Tacoma Youth Symphony Orchestra as official representatives of the City of Tacoma while on tour of five European cities.

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of June 30 to July 6, 1975 as "National Awareness Week of the Handicapped."

Mayor Johnston, on behalf of the City Council, welcomed the Vietnamese refugees to our city and urged all residents to continue to extend a warm welcome to them and offer assistance where needed.

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Mayor Johnston distributed copies of Knight, Vale and Gregory's audit report on the Personnel Department and asked Mr. William Brown, auditor, to briefly review the report. Mr. Brown said he found no discrepancies in the department's records. One recommendation was made which deals with organization. They found the department operating with three directors - the Department Director, the Labor Relations Director and Training and Development Director, the latter two having direct responsibilities to the City Manager and the Director of Utilities. The report recommended there be developed an organizational structure for the department that will enhance centralized coordination and control over its responsibilities and activities.

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Legislative report to the City Council by Mel Gaumer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

Mr. Gaumer reported he would not have a written report until after July 2nd, the deadline for the Governor's action on 40 bills. He advised a special session may be called on or about July 14th.

- b. H. B. Bond, Acting Secretary of Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission, requesting the Council's action to designate Wrights Park as a City of Tacoma historic landmark.

Mr. Sonntag moved to approve the designation. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote taken and carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20466 (Continued from the meeting of June 24th)
Amending Section 8.12.010 of the Official Code relative to the practice of certain activities including fortune telling and astrology by religious organizations.

Mr. Warnick moved to consider substitute ordinance 20466, which would delete sub-section 11 of Section 8.12.010. Seconded by Mr. Nalley. Roll call resulted in 4 ayes: Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, and Warnick. 5 nays: Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, and Mayor Johnston. The motion failed.

Mr. Hudson moved to consider the Hudson substitute ordinance 20466, which amends sub-section 11 by prohibiting the receiving of compensation or gratuity excluding activities as part of theatrical performances. Seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Mr. Warnick moved to add the words "or magazine" on the last line following the word "newspaper". Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Roll call to consider Hudson's substitute ordinance resulted in 8 ayes: Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick, and Mayor Johnston.
1 Nay: Mr. Nalley.

Roll call was taken for the adoption of the Hudson substitute ordinance resulting in Ayes: 7 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Nays: 2 - Nalley and Nelson.

The Hudson substitute ordinance, as amended, was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20475 Appropriating the sum of \$6,406.78, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for the purpose of operating the Metropolitan Park District's summer recreation program for an additional two weeks.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20476 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8077 for permanent paving on South "M" from South 63rd to 64th and South Thompson from South 61st to 64th; also, storm drains only in South 63rd from South "M" to "K" and South 63rd from South Thompson Avenue to approximately 210' west.

Michael Evans, 6236 South "M", spoke in favor of the ordinance.

George Nemeč, 1128 South 63rd, spoke against the improvement of South "M" from 63rd to 64th Street.

Ron Button, City Engineer, advised there is now a 61 percent remonstrance on the area Mr. Nemeč was against.

Mr. Sonntag moved to delete that portion relative to South "M" Street from 63rd to 64th. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Ayes: 9 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Nelson, Sonntag, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Mayor Johnston moved to recess into executive session to discuss labor negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting recessed at 5:57 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20477 Appropriating the sum of \$2,309,148.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Community Development Block Grant Fund, for the purpose of carrying out certain programs in agreement with the U. S. Department of HUD and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20478 Authorizing the execution of a grant award contract with the State of Washington in the sum of \$14,780.00, authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$780.00 from the General Fund and appropriating the sum of \$15,560.00 for the purpose of continuing the Youth Service Bureau Volunteer Coordinator Program and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

John Rieber, Community Development Department, reviewed the purpose of the appropriation.

Joe Langlois, Youth Services Bureau, answered questions of Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20479 Accepting a grant in the amount of \$37,400.00 from the U. S. Community Services Administration to provide a Summer Youth Recreation Program for the economically disadvantaged youth of the City and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Tyrone Manson, Community Specialist Services for Youth, asked questions and was advised the activities would be recreation oriented. In answer to a question, Joe Langlois advised publicity for the program would be by newspapers, press releases, radio, bus signs, etc.

Dolores Vaughn, Volunteer, Tacoma Narcotics Center, spoke in favor and urged adoption.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20480 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by changing the classification of the area approximately 130 feet south of Sixth Avenue between Walters Road and Circle Way from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" and "C-2" District. (Phillip and Louis Jacobs)

Robert Backstein, Hearings Examiner, reviewed the hearings held and his recommendation for approval. He advised that no appeal had been filed.

Mrs. Egan referred to Mr. Backstein's letter of request that an additional condition be included under subsection d of item 4, which had inadvertently been omitted. Mrs. Egan moved that the following condition be included: "The Applicant shall improve Circle Way with no less than a 24-foot wide roadway, to City of Tacoma minimum standards, with concrete curbs and walks on the west side and including grading and necessary storm drainage from Sixth Avenue to the south property line of the site at no cost to the City of Tacoma." Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Hudson moved that another restriction be added as follows: "In that the application for rezoning was recommended for approval by the Hearings Examiner, and the request for rezoning was approved by the Council, all upon the representation of the applicant, that the property would be developed as a 51 unit apartment building and not as a "C-2" use, any change from this proposal to a "C-2" use

should be reviewed by the Hearings Examiner and City Council prior to the issuance of a building permit". Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading,

Ordinance No. 20481 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by changing the classification of the northerly side of South 27th Street between Yakima Avenue and "I" Street from an "R-4" to a "C-1" District. (Tacoma Urban League)

Mr. Buehler, Planning Department Director, advised that Council held a hearing on this some time ago, all the conditions have been met and everything is in order now for passage of the ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20482 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by changing the classification of the area between Portland Avenue and East "N" Street from East 54th to 56th Street from a "C-P-N" to an "R-2" District. (City Planning Commission)

The Ordinance was set over for final reading,

Ordinance No. 20483 Repealing and re-enacting Section 2.05.275 of the Official Code relative to regulation of display of political signs.

Mr. Nelson moved that the word "eight" on line 3 of page 2 be changed to "sixteen" so the size of the sign would not exceed sixteen square feet. Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and declared failed.

Mike Parker, Representative in the State Legislature, spoke against the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Mr. Hudson asked that consideration be given to consolidating all four political sign ordinances into one ordinance.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23432 (Continued from the meeting of June 24th)
Authorizing the lease of a Dozer from Cal-Ore Machinery Company for use at the sanitary land fill.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mrs. Egan moved to amend the resolution on line 25 after the word "month" add the words "not to exceed four months". Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution as amended. The amended Resolution was declared adopted.

Purchase

Resolution No. 23440 Awarding contracts to Phil Brodsky Uniforms and Jensen's Men's Shop on their bids for Fire Department uniform shirts and trousers and to Custom Video Systems, Inc. on their bid of \$20,451.14 for video equipment for the MCATV Program.

Mr. Warnick moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Moss.

Mr. Sonntag moved to vote on the bids separately. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Vote was taken on the uniforms and carried unanimously with one absent.

Vote was taken on the MCATV equipment and carried with Mr. Sonntag and Mr. Nelson dissenting and one absent.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23441 Acknowledging receipt of the recommendations of the 1976 Citizens Budget Committee and commitment to give proper consideration.

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

Resolution No. 23442 Establishing additional job classifications and rates of pay in the Community Development Program.

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

Mrs. Egan moved to substitute corrected Page three. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken on the amended Resolution and carried. The amended Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23443 Authorizing the execution of a contract between the City of Tacoma and Bernard H. Booms, Economist, for certain professional economic services in connection with Tacoma's Community Development Program.

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

Resolution No. 23444 Authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$3,032.00 from the General Fund to the Municipal Cable Television Program Fund.

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

Resolution No. 23445 Authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$16,830.00 from the Personal Services category to the Capital Outlay of the MCATV Program Budget.

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

Resolution No. 23446 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with Pierce County for arterial street improvement of Orchard Street from 66th Street West to 56th Street West.

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

Resolution No. 23447 Authorizing settlement of the claim of Don's Carpet Cleaners by payment of City funds in the sum of \$1,00.00.

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

Resolution No. 23448 Authorizing execution of a contract with the Washington State Coordinating Council for Occupational Education for a vocational welding training project in the amount of \$40,000.00 for a period of one year.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23449 Authorizing execution of a contract between the City of Tacoma as the IPA and Chalker Engineers Inc. for certain professional engineering services in connection with the New Tacoma Project, Wash. R-14.

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

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Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules in order to consider Resolution No. 23450. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23450 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with Metro to lease 10 buses.

Mr. Warnick moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing the appeal of American Plywood Association on the audit assessment of the Tax and License Department. (Continued from the meeting of June 3, 1975.)

Mayor Johnston called attention to the American Plywood Association's request for a continuance of the hearing to August 5, 1975. Mayor Johnston moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The hearing was continued to August 5, 1975.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of conditional use permit of Pierce County Homes for Youth, Inc. foster home at 1116 North "J" Street.

Sherry Swain, Executive Director, Pierce County Homes for Youth, referred to the letter she sent to Council regarding the status of the group home and the letter from the neighborhood advisory council. She advised the home is operating very well. There have been no more major problems and they have a stable environment. They seem to be heaving a better rapport with the neighborhood.

Leonard Holder, recently retired President of Pierce County Homes for Youth, thanked the Council for their support.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston advised that in keeping with the Bicentennial celebration, the National Bicentennial Commission has urged every bell in every school and church in the United States be rung July 4th. He called upon all churches to ring their bell at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, July 4, 1975 to mark the start of the nation's Bicentennial.

Mayor Johnston asked to be excused from next week's meeting as he will be attending the U. S. Conference of Mayors. Mr. Sonntag moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Sonntag inquired of Erling Mork, City Manager, as to the status on the report on the proposed Tacoma Hilton Hotel. Mr. Mork reported the developer is still seeking financing. Mr. Sonntag felt since there is no guarantee of this hotel being built, others should be invited to build a hotel near the pavillion.

Mr. Warnick suggested the City Manager bring in some recommendations as to how the City proposes to operate the Bicentennial Pavillion.

Mr. Warnick made the suggestion that the City Council and County Commissioners schedule a joint evening dinner meeting to develop some communications. Mayor Johnston asked Mr. Mork to arrange the meeting.

Mr. Hudson referred to petitions from citizens requesting stop signs on Baltimore Street and also a revision of the yellow light on 30th to a four way stop in Old Town. He asked for a report from the Public Works Department.


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CITIZENS REQUEST TO BE HEARD:

Harry Hawkins, President, Tacoma-Pierce County Junior Soccer Association, spoke of the accomplishments of the various local junior soccer teams. He advised that the "Tacoma Strikers" team are U. S. National Regional Champions in the under 16 category. He also advised they are going to Winnipeg, Canada to participate in the International Invitational Tournament. They have undertaken money raising projects, however, more money is needed to make the trip, and they are seeking donations. He asked that the Council consider making a donation toward this trip.

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Upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK