

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, March 19, 1968

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Banfield, Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Mayor Rasmussen welcomed the students who were present for Student Government Day. Mayor Rasmussen introduced David Hartley from Mt. Tahoma High School, his counterpart as Mayor, and asked that he introduce the counterparts for the Council and staff.

Mayor David Hartley introduced students from Wilson, Lincoln, Stadium, St. Leo's, Annie Wright, Bellarmine and Aquinas High Schools, sitting in for City Council and staff members.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 1968 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that Mr. Clay Patterson, President of Washington Disabilities Inc., be allowed to make a presentation to the Council.

Mr. Patterson, President of Washington Disabilities, Inc., presented Mayor Rasmussen with a portrait of the Mayor painted by Matt Fontana, Vice President of their organization.

Mayor Rasmussen thanked Mr. Fontana for the likeness. He added, that Mr. Patterson of Washington Disabilities Inc. is doing a fine job for disabled persons.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date fixed for hearing for the rezoning of the east side of Woodlawn St. between So. 11th & 12th Sts., from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District, submitted by George G. Tibbitts.

Mr. Russell Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that the applicant has requested the reclassification in order to construct a (33) unit apartment complex. Meetings with owners in the area have been held on requested improvements and adjustments. He explained to the abutting property owners that the costs of the improvements under the required conditions would be borne by the applicant and another apartment complex owner to the north.

No one appearing and no protests being made, Mr. Bott moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

Petition submitted by Forrester Realty & Mortgage Co., requesting rezoning of the northerly side of Olympic Blvd. between No. 9th extended and west of Skyline Drive from an "R-1" & "R-2" to an "R-5-PRD" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19631

Fixing Tuesday, April 2, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the rezoning of the west side of Pacific Ave. between So. 76th & Spooner St. from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (petition of Whitson Construction Co.)

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19632

Fixing Tuesday, April 16, 1968 as 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for the vacation of the area between So. 56th & 28th Sts. and between Mullen and a line 115 feet parallel to and west of Orchard Street. (petition of Francoa Development Co.)

Mr. Bott moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19633

Fixing Monday, April 8, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 5460 for water mains and fire hydrants on 126th Ave. East from Pipeline No. 2 R/W to 144th St. East; 144th St. East from 904 feet west of 126th Ave. East.

Mr. Bott moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19634

Fixing Monday, April 8, 1968 at 4 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5458 for water mains and fire hydrants in Cedar St. from So. 15th to So. 17th Streets.

Mr. Bott moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resclution No. 19635

Authorizing the execution and delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to Kenneth & Pauline E. Hedglin for property located at No. 26th St., west of No. 11th for the sum of \$300.00.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19636

Reappointing Leo B. Seiwerath and Melville C. Pruitt to the Building Appeals Commission of the City for a term of five years expiring on February 4, 1973.

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

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that the Buildings Appeals Commission usually have three to five hearings a year, particularly from persons who do not agree with the findings of the Dangerous Buildings Commission, who may appeal to this commission.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the two members mentioned in this resolution are being reappointed to the Building Appeals Commission.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that when new members are appointed to this commission, he would like the Council to interview a number of candidates.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, stated this committee is appointed by the City Manager, however, he added, he would be very happy for any suggestions.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19637

Authorizing the sale of Scrap Brass and Scrap Copper to General Metals of Tacoma and Joseph Simon & Sons.

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

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 19638

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company on its bid of \$384,925.02 for the North End Sanitary Interceptor Sewer.

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

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, explained that this project will be the final one in a Ruston Way interceptor system designed to end the dumping of sewage into Commencement Bay. The system will tie into the treatment facilities at Mason Gulch when the plant is completed.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by voice vote.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18532

Adopting the American Standard Safety Code for Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators and Moving Walks - 1965 Edition.

Mr. Ron Button, Chief of the Buildings Division of the Public Works Dept., explained that this ordinance updates the present ordinances. He added, one of the changes that should be noted is that this ordinance incorporates the various boards into one Board. However, there will still be an Appeals Board which will serve for both on the Elevator Code, the Boiler Code as well as the Building Code.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18533

Adopting the Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers - 1965 Edition.

Mr. Button explained this was also updating of the present ordinances and adopts the code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. There have not been any particular changes other than to incorporate the Board of Appeals into one body.

Mr. Cvitanich explained if any changes have been made in an ordinance it has been the policy of the Council to request that the changes be underscored.

Mr. Button explained there weren't many changes in this ordinance and they do try to follow this policy regularly.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18534

Appropriating the sum of \$45,823.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of hiring additional personnel and for the purchasing of additional equipment for the Tacoma Police Dept.

Charles Zittel, Chief of Police, explained that the hiring of additional personnel and for purchasing of additional equipment for the Police Dept. were not contemplated at the time of the budget preparation and adoption in October of 1967. The first item of \$29,700.00 is salaries and wages for 15 officers at \$660 per month which is the rate of pay for patrolmen entering the Police Department. This request is to augment the Department during the summer months when vacations are being taken and the size of the force is reduced, also when the crime rate is actually higher.

Chief Zittel explained that their first consideration was to bring college students to the Department in the hope of encouraging some of them to join the force permanently. However, the Civil Service list has the first preference. It is probable that the fifteen will not be obtained from the current list, if not they expect to recruit college men of 21 years of age or over from the Police-Science Administration or Public-Administration classes for summer duty. These men would then be given a week's concentrated training and placed on regular duty with other officers.

Mr. Bott felt men twenty-one years of age with just a week's training would create a dangerous situation.

Chief Zittel explained that these younger officers will be working with older men and the duties that they will perform will be selected. Even now, he added,

when a good, mature prospective candidate comes to the Department between police academy classes, they give him a uniform and place him on selected assignments until the twelve-week class starts.

Mr. Zatkovich and Mr. Cvitanich felt that the Department's full strength should be built up ahead of any temporary program.

Chief Zittel stated the Department has been selecting men from the Civil Service list for the next recruit training class. If that class is filled the Department will have (267) men which brings it up to strength.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, thought the plan for bringing college students to work in a training status during the summer months was commendable. He added, he will soon be recommending the use of young people in a youth auxiliary to assist the police.

Mayor Rasmussen asked how the general fund could afford the appropriation for summer police help.

Clar A. Gaisford, Director of Finance, explained that the City had received an unexpected payment last year as part of the \$1.1 million Tacoma is receiving in special urban aid from the State. It was contemplated the City would receive payment for only one quarter in 1967 with a second payment in January, instead the City received an additional \$259,000 on the last day of the year 1967.

Mayor Rasmussen contended, if the City had a surplus it should remove the Transit tax.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the bus pass program for senior citizens will probably require the general fund to absorb more than \$40,000. He also remarked that the police budget does not reflect overtime pay. The City should have a contingency fund for emergency purposes at all times in the amount of \$300,000.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the Police Department's budget could handle the cost of summer employment since the Department has been operating below strength for three months of 1968.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that Chief Zittel submit a report to the Council before the final reading of this ordinance, on the following: (1) How many men are on the Civil Service list or how many he anticipates having. (2) How many are normally rejected in an examination, and the net result after the oral examination. He felt rather than employing personnel on a part-time basis that regular Patrolmen should be hired if available.

Mr. Bott again expressed concern that using such young men in police cars would be dangerous and requested further study.

Mr. Rowlands stated that more information could be submitted at a study session next week.

Chief Zittel felt that persons on the Civil Service list, waiting for a full-time position, might not accept summer-only employment, but college men are looking for summer positions.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18535

Appropriating the sum of \$31,700.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Tacoma Transit System Fund for the purpose of constructing a parking area and for the purchasing of bus benches.

Mr. Douglas Hendry, Director of Transit, explained that Sprague Street is destined to be a five-lane street with a turning lane in the center and no parking on either side of the street. At the present time the area from So. 12th to So. 15th St. there are seventy-two cars parked on the street, consequently when Sprague St. is improved, parking has to be provided.

Mr. Hendry continued, the land in question is owned by the City and is sufficient to provide parking for employees' cars. It is estimated that ninety-seven stalls could be used by the employees and the six stalls that are left could be used by persons who wish to park their cars free of charge at the Transit parking lot. This "Park & Ride" program would allow the drivers to ride the buses into town and back for 50¢ a day, thereby the City would obtain more revenue in this manner than from the \$50.00 per month rent which it now receives from the used-car lot dealer on the premises.

Mr. Zatkovich remarked that he understood the bus company considered private enterprise when the bus benches were put into effect.

Mr. Hendry explained that originally the bus bench business was leased out to a private company, but there was a conflict when the company failed to pay the rent so the City Council directed the Transit System to take over the benches.

Mr. Johnson said the Council after much discussion had decided not to allow any more advertising on benches. This was also a recommendation from the Civic Arts Commission, he added.

Mr. Bert McMurtrie, a member of the Civic Arts Commission, stated that the Commission has worked very hard and it was the feeling of the commission that the advertising arrangement was not profitable to the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Finnigan felt the most important comment that was made and emphasized when the discussions were going on, was the fact that the previous company had left the benches unattended and they became strictly an eyesore wherever they were located. Many bench designs had been presented to the Arts Commission but utilizing the designs that were submitted would have entailed a tremendous cost. The Commission recommended what they thought was best for the City of Tacoma, he added.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18536

Authorizing the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways in six locations in the City - S.C.F. #68.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18537

Amending Title 11 and various sections of the official Code of the City relating to Traffic.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained the changes in the ordinance as recommended by the surveys.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that a 35 mile an hour speed limit be set for cars coming off freeways. He felt this would be a more uniform speed.

Mr. Schuster stated that one of the problems the Department takes into consideration in setting speed limits on the arterial streets, is actual traffic traveling speed. He added, the Department tries very hard to set logical speed limits.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18538

Amending Chapter 1.06 of the official Code of the City relating to Formal Contract procedures.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, explained that this ordinance would allow a bidder who submits bids with the City for three of four successive weeks to submit a blanket bond that would cover each individual bid submitted at the rate of 5% in the event of a forfeiture, This would facilitate the bidding procedures and save the contractors considerable time and expense.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18539

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official Code of the City by adding two new sections 13.06.055-6 and 13.06.155 to include property on the west side of Mildred St. from So. 12th to So. 19th Sts. in an "R-P" Planned Research Park District and an "R-3-PRD" District. (petition of Weyerhaeuser Properties, Inc.)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 18540

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the official Code of the City by adding a new section 13.06.120-54 to include property on the west side of Oakes St. between So. 47th and 48th Sts. in a "C-1" District. (petition of Marvin E. Boys)

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18520 (postponed from the meeting of March 12, 1968)

Amending Title 13 of the official code and various sections relative to the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for off street parking and screening standards.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18522

Vacating the area between 25th St. N. E. & 26th St. N. E. from 64th Ave. N.E. to a point approximately 278.13 feet east thereof. (petition of G. C. Fields, et al)

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18523

Appropriating the sum of \$9,010.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of holding a municipal special election in the City of Tacoma on February 6, 1968.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18524

Creating and establishing a new fund in the City of Tacoma known as the Federal Food Program Fund.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18525

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4836 for paving on So. Fawcett from So. 76th to So. 78th and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18526

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6900 for street lighting on existing wooden poles on No. 22nd from Proctor to Stevens St.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18527

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5454 for water mains in Yakima Ave. from So. 80th to So. 96th; Thompson Ave. from So. 80th to So. 84th; So. 93rd from Park Ave. to Yakima Ave.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18528

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5456 for water mains in Bridgeview Drive from Narrows Drive to No. 27th; No. 27th from Bridgeview Drive to Narrows Place and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18529

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5425 for water mains in Whitman from No. 23rd south 500 feet; Bristol & Defiance from No. 23rd to Westgate Blvd; 23rd from Vassault to Defiance Street.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18530

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5429 for water mains on So. 13th, 14th, Melrose & So. 15th from Union to Puget Sound Ave. and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0, ~~Murtland~~; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18531

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4794 for paving on Madison from No. 34th to 35th; Baltimore & Bennett on No. 33rd and other nearby streets.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for L I D 3664 for sanitary sewers on No. 41st from Baltimore to Orchard; No. 51st from Frace Ave. to Lexington & Lexington from No. 49th to No. 51st St.

Mr. Finnigan moved that Monday, April 22, 1968 at 4 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 3664. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Tacoma Police Dept. report for the month of February 1968.
- b. Traffic Division report for the month of January 1968.
- c. Report from the Light, Water & Belt Line Division for the month of Jan. 1968.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Rasmussen asked that the City Clerk send a get well card from the Mayor and City Council to Mr. Marshall McCormick, City Attorney who is in the hospital.

Mayor Rasmussen proposed that the Utility Board meet with the City Council at

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the study session on Monday, March 25, 1968 at noon.

Mr. Bott suggested that they meet at the Utilities Building.

Mayor Rasmussen stated he would consult with Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, relative to the meeting otherwise the meeting will be held in the County-City Bldg.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Cvitanich if the Audit Committee's report was ready.

Mr. Cvitanich stated, the report will be made next Tuesday, March 26th, at the Council meeting.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked Mrs. Banfield if her committee relative to the City's year-end financial report had been approved by that committee.

Mr. Bond, Public Information Officer, reported that the Annual Report has been approved by the Committee and will be submitted next week.

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Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mr. Cvitanich as Chairman with Mr. Finnigan as a committee to ask for persons to be appointed from the Park Board, School Board and County Commissioners to review future use of Cheney Stadium and the Lincoln Bowl.

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Letters addressed to the Washington State Liquor Control Board from Charles B. Zittel, Chief of Police of Tacoma and Mayor Rasmussen were read by the City Clerk. The letters concerned the transferring of Francis J. Browne's business location as well as his Class "H" license to his new location.

Mr. Finnigan remarked he was in accord with the Mayor's letter, however, he wondered if this would not set a precedent.

Mr. Cvitanich said the Council had made no such endorsement in the matter of another establishment being forced to vacate downtown premises. He felt the Council should not establish this type of policy.

Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, said he believed that the liquor board seeks the approval of the Council and the Police Chief when a license transfer is requested inside the City.

Mr. Finnigan requested that Mr. Hamilton check the ordinance relative to the recommendation of a Class "H" license transfer within the City.

Mr. Bott thought that the endorsement of Mr. Browne should be signed by the Mayor only.

Mr. Rowlands reminded the City Council of a meeting to be held at 7:30 P. M. this evening with the Tacoma Industrial Conference Board at the Hyatt House.

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Mr. Rowlands called the Council's attention, that on Thursday, March 21, 1968, there will be another conference sponsored by Pacific Lutheran University and the Dept. of Community Affairs of the State of Washington, relative to County and urban problems. He felt the meeting would be very informative.

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Mayor Rasmussen remarked that another letter had been received from Karl J. Beaty of 7018 So. Bell St., questioning again the City's financial status for 1964. Mr. Rowlands informed the Mayor that Mr. Beaty had been answered by Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, as well as by himself.

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Mayor Rasmussen also asked Mr. Rowlands if he has done anything about investigating Mr. Carlbom's charges of last week. Mr. Rowlands stated that he had nothing to report.

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Mayor Rasmussen remarked that he had heard that a hangar at the Tacoma Industrial Airport is a surplus hangar from McChord Field. Mr. Clar Gaisford, Director of Finance, reported that he had done some extensive research in regard to Mr. Whinnery's buildings at the Airport and found that the firm of Roy C. Earley did the construction. It came to his attention that these particular hangar buildings came from a bid by Mr. Earley and furnished to Mr. Whinnery by an agreement in the lease under the contract that he entered into with Mr. Earley. As far as it being a surplus building, he could not substantiate the facts.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. Rowlands furnish the Council with financial information assembled for TideAir by the accounting firm of Knight, Vale and Gregory.

Mr. Rowlands stated the financial information cited by the Mayor had been made available for scrutiny by the Council's Airport Committee.

Mr. Murtland said, as he had stated last week, that this was a private matter.

Mayor Rasmussen requested that Mr. Hamilton, Chief Assistant City Attorney, prepare a resolution demanding that a financial statement of the lessee of the Airport be submitted.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that he had information that Mr. Whinnery had placed a value of \$175,000 on his lease with the City.

Mr. Rowlands said to the best of his knowledge, the entire TideAir facilities carried an appraised value of \$235,000.

Mr. Finnigan explained at the time the committee studied the report it was felt that the personal information between Mr. Gross and Mr. Whinnery regarding a potential merger was not pertinent to the matter. Mr. Marshall McCormick also examined the matter thoroughly, he added.

Mr. Zatkovich and Mr. Cvitanich who were also on the committee said they did not study the report to any great degree to determine what the appraised value was.

Mr. Bott felt the potential merger and the request to the Council to approve an expansion of TideAir mortgage were two separate transactions.

Mr. Finnigan felt Mayor Rasmussen was casting aspersions on the Company's integrity by continuing to question the lease arrangement.

Mr. Johnson felt it would be illegal for the Council to invade a company's private rights by demanding confidential information.

Mayor Rasmussen asked if a franchise was a lease.

Mr. Hamilton stated there is a distinction between a franchise and a lease. Normally, a franchise is a utility operating within a right-of-way as opposed to sole occupancy of a particular area.

Mr. Finnigan suggested that the Mayor arrange to meet with Mr. Gross and Mr. Whinnery as well as the City Manager and the City Council for a very thorough discussion.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that City business should be discussed out in the open before the public.

Mrs. Banfield remarked that she had been reprimanded at a Monday meeting of the Tacoma Area Coalition steering committee whose members voted 6-4 to exclude tape recorders.

Mayor Rasmussen expressed disapproval that Mrs. Banfield was not allowed to tape the proceedings so that he could have a full report of the meeting. He said he would take the matter up with the Committee Chairman, Donald J. Browne.

Mr. Lynn Hodges, the Committee's Secretary and head of the Human Relations Commission, denied that Mrs. Banfield had been reprimanded. He said it was the consensus that the presence of tape recorders might inhibit free expression on the part of members in a very crucial, delicate area.

Mayor Rasmussen objected to the exclusion of recorders but, he added, at the same time members of the press were allowed to cover the meeting.

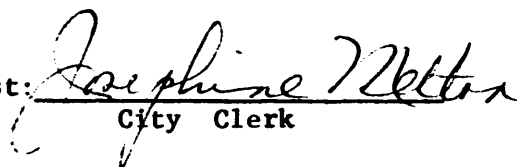
Mr. Murtland and Mr. Finnigan felt that it was the Steering Committee's prerogative whether or not to allow tapes of the meeting as it is known that tapes can be easily edited.

Radio and newspaper reporters were asked by the Mayor for their comments on the situation. Most of them defended the use of tape recorders, although one reporter said his experience had taught him that people sometimes freeze up when confronted with a taping device. He stated that a tape can certainly be edited, and in this type of a meeting he felt that a tape recorder would be an inhibiting factor.

Mr. Cvitanich informed the Council that the Planning Commission is still reviewing any pending legislation in regard to service stations within the City of Tacoma. However, he had noticed that there was an abandoned service station on 24th and East "J" but when the Standard Oil Co. of Calif. tore it down, they did rehabilitate the site. This will also be in the new ordinance for consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.


MAYOR

Attest: 
City Clerk