

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rasmussen at 7 P. M.

Present on roll call 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Absent 1: Herrmann. Dr. Herrmann arriving at 7:20 P. M.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Zatkovich.

Mr. O'Leary moved to suspend the Council rules to allow Post Commander, Kenneth Griswell of the AmVets Post #5, to make a presentation at this time. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion unanimously carried.

Commander Griswell presented Mayor Rasmussen with a Certificate of Merit and Service to the Community.

Commander Griswell also presented a commendation to Mayor Rasmussen for his outstanding community service which was signed by the National Commander of the AmVets.

Mayor Rasmussen thanked Commander Griswell for delivering the commendation to him from the National Commander and also for the Certificate of Merit and Service from the local AmVets.

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Mayor Rasmussen asked if there were any omissions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 9th, 1969.

Mr. O'Leary explained that in the 4th paragraph on the first page of the minutes, the name Smith should be changed to "Smit".

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of Dec. 9th be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann. Motion carried.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing for rezoning of the north side of So. 96th St. between Hosmer and Interstate #5 from an "R-M-H" & "R-M" to an "R-4-L" and "R-4-L-PRD" District, petitioned by City Planning Commission. (William D. Brown).

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained this area has been annexed to the City of Tacoma. At the time it was annexed it was under the Pierce County zoning code. This hearing is being held to change the classification to conform with the City Zoning Ordinances and the new classifications will be "R-4-L" and "R-4-L-PRD" districts which are comparable to the County classifications of "R-M-H" and "R-M".

No protests being made, Mr. Cvitanich moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann. Motion carried.

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This is the date set for hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment relating to appeals to the City Council from decisions of the Board of Adjustment on variances, exceptions and temporary use permits.

Mr. Buehler explained that this hearing and the next two text amendment changes

were requested by Mrs. Banfield. Hearings by the Planning Commission have been held on each amendment. They each refer to appeals to the Council from decisions made by the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that he agreed with the changes proposed for the zoning ordinance text amendments and he urged the Council to unanimously approve these changes.

Mr. O'Leary said, previously the only recourse a citizen had to appeal a decision of the Board of Adjustment was in the Courts. If these changes are approved, a person will be allowed to appeal to the elected officials of the City. He also urged the approval of the changes.

Mrs. Banfield also felt that the appeals should be heard before the elected officials, namely, the City Council, before a citizen has to take a matter to Court.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission relating to appeals to the City Council on variances, exceptions and temporary use permits, and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. O'Leary. Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 0: Absent 1: Herrmann. Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann arriving at 7:20 P. M.

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This is the date set for hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment relating to appeals to the City Council from decisions of the Planning Commission on special use permits.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission relating to appeals to the City Council on special use permits and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. O'Leary. Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Herrmann. Absent 0. Motion carried.

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This is the date set for hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment relating to appeals to the City Council from decisions of the Planning Commission on conditional use permits.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission relating to appeals to the City Council on conditional use permits and that an ordinance be drafted approving same. Seconded by Mr. O'Leary. Voice vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 1: Herrmann. Absent 0. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Persing, Dyckman and Toynbee requesting rezoning of the S. W. corner of So. 18th and Union Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication from Herman Walker, Director of the Model Cities Program asking direction from the City Council in the selection of a consultant firm.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Walker to explain why the Model Cities Program is requesting direction for selecting a consulting firm.

Mr. Walker explained in their planning process there is a need for technical assistance. The phase of program development which is being started, will require designers, cost analysts, and other technical experts, which will enable them to obtain the statistical data that is needed. He asked if the Council members would desire to interview the representatives of the consulting firms who have indicated their services are available.

Mayor Rasmussen felt this matter should be referred to Mr. Cvitanich, the Finance Committee Chairman. He asked what the consultant fees are at the present time.

Mr. Walker said this is to be negotiated but his department can provide the Council with background material on each firm.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that Mr. Walker has other information to present to the Council at this time.

Mr. Walker submitted a draft of a Mid-Planning Statement from the Model Cities Program to the Council and asked for their approval. He stated they were attempting to present this draft to the Council so they might have sufficient time to study it for the Council's recommendations or criticism to be placed in the formal draft. He also asked that upon approval of this Mid-Planning Statement, that a resolution be drafted approving same so it can also be forwarded to the Federal government along with the Mid-Planning Statement.

Mrs. Banfield asked who will be paying the salary of the technical assistants.

Mr. Walker stated that federal funds were allocated some time ago in the amount of approximately \$10,000 for the duration of the planning year.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Walker to submit the material on the consultant firms to the Council as soon as possible and then a meeting will be held on the matter.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 20497 (postponed from the meeting of Dec. 16th)

Awarding contract to Texaco, Inc. for the furnishing of motor oil requirements for the calendar year 1970.

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

Mr. O'Leary stated that last week he had asked about the performance of detergent oils for the heavy duty engines in the City's fleet.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained this matter had been checked and the City's fleet supervisor, Mr. Graham, has stated they operate the City's fleet on the recommendations of the manufacturer of the trucks and graders and the information contained in the service manual. The quality of the oil depends partially on the horse power of the engines and this type of oil has proven to be satisfactory.

After some discussion, voice vote was taken on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20500 (as amended)

Amending the Rules for the Government of the City Council to add Rule 13, to reserve the Council Library and reception area adjacent thereto solely for the use of the members of the City Council and selected staff personnel and employees of the City during any recess of a regular or special meeting.

Mr. O'Leary moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield.

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

Ayes 7: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.
Nays 2: Finnigan and Herrmann. Absent 0.

The resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20506

Awarding contract to General Electric Company on its bid of \$13,435.57 for the furnishing of (13) Mobile Radio Units for the Fire Dept.

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

Mr. L. H. Pedersen, representing the Central Labor Council, requested that this resolution be postponed due to pending negotiations by the unions with General Electric which have not yet been consummated. He added, the unions are boycotting this company's products over the entire United States. He urged the Council to either reject this bid or postpone the resolution until a later date.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Chief Reiser of the Fire Dept. if this purchase was of an immediate necessity.

Chief Reiser explained that the trucks, these mobile radio units are to be installed on, will arrive in Tacoma in March. He suggested, since there is no definite date as to the strike settlement, the bid should be rejected and the next highest bidder chose.

Jim Wendt, Radio Engineer, submitted a new breakdown sheet for the bids submitted and he outlined the type of equipment from each company who had bid, and he felt the General Electric bid was superior to any other bid.

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that the resolution be postponed for one month to see what develops in that time.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to postpone action on the resolution for thirty days, until Jan. 20th, 1970. Seconded by Mr. O'Leary. Voice vote was taken. Motion unanimously carried.

The resolution was postponed until Jan. 20th, 1970.

Resolution No. 20507

Authorizing the hiring of Freigang Construction Company on a force account basis for miscellaneous repairs of such bridges and to expend an amount not to exceed \$8,150.00.

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

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan (temporarily).

The resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20508

Authorizing the negotiating of an agreement with the City of Tacoma and King County Fire Protection District No. 39 for the furnishing of fire protection by King County to specific areas of Northeast Tacoma.

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

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 1: Finnigan (temporarily).

The resolution was declared passed by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 20509

Initiating the rezoning of the area lying generally between No. 9th St. extended and west of Skyline Drive on the north side of Olympic Boulevard to an "R-2", One Family Dwelling District. 367
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Mrs. Banfield moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. O'Leary.

Mr. Zatkovich asked Mr. Hamilton if this was in litigation at the present time.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained it was his understanding that action has been instituted involving this rezoning and the date set for hearing is May 13th or 15th, 1970.

Mr. Zatkovich felt on any matter that is in litigation, the Council should wait until some determination has been made through the courts before any further action is taken.

Mrs. Banfield stated she brought this resolution to the Council so it could be referred to the Planning Commission, and asked if this would be legal.

Mr. Hamilton explained, he felt this could be referred to the Planning Commission, however, the decision of the Court would be binding on the Council.

Mr. Dean explained that he would agree with Mr. Zatkovich as he felt it was only right and proper for the Council to wait until litigation proceedings are completed.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that referring the matter to the Planning Commission would be in order.

Mr. Quimby Bingham, Attorney representing the parties who have taken action against the existing ordinance, felt the resolution in question was not under litigation, however, they were litigating the correctness of the passage of the previous ordinance which redistricted this section of residential property to a district which would allow proposed owners to build high-rise apartments.

Mrs. Franson, 1761 Bridgeview Dr., submitted copies of papers to Mayor Rasmussen relative to articles of incorporation of the Bridgeview Development Co. filed in Olympia, Wash. on Oct. 1st, 1969 by Mr. Hal Murtland, Attorney.

Mayor Rasmussen said, since this article of incorporation was filed by Mr. Murtland on Oct. 1st and Mr. Murtland was a member of the City Council at that time and voted on the issue, he felt the matter should be investigated by the City Council. He added, Mr. Murtland should not have voted on the issue if he was representing the property owners and he should have also advised the Council of his interests.

Dr. Herrmann said that he had talked with Mr. Murtland and he had assured him that he was not retained by this particular group until after the rezone had been approved by the City Council.

Mr. Stan Fleming, 642 Skyline Dr., a property owner in the area, explained when the rezoning ordinance was first brought before the City Council, it was defeated on a tie vote. However, on Sept. 17, 1969 after reconsideration of the ordinance, the property was zoned from an "R-1" and "R-2" District to an "R-5" PRD and "R-3" PRD District. He added, this action was taken over the objection of a petition with (236) valid signatures against the rezone. He felt this resolution should be passed so the Planning Commission can review the matter.

Mr. Zatkovich moved to continue the resolution for three weeks, until Jan. 13th for further investigation. Seconded by Mr. Finnigan. Roll call was taken, resulting

as follows: Ayes 6: Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad and Zatkovich.
Nays 3: Banfield, O'Leary and Mayor Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen appointed Mr. O'Leary, Mrs. Banfield and Mr. Dean as a committee to investigate the documents that have been submitted and check the matter for further information from the Secretary of State's office, and report back to the Council on their findings.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to confirm the appointment by Mayor Rasmussen of such an investigating committee. Seconded by Mr. O'Leary.

Mr. Finnigan felt it would be proper for the City Attorney's office to be the investigating body on this matter rather than a committee of the Council.

Mayor Rasmussen felt the proper body to investigate would be the Council, itself.

Roll call was taken on Mr. Cvitanich's motion to confirm the appointment by Mayor Rasmussen of a committee to investigate the documents filed with the Secretary of State in Olympia, resulting as follows: Ayes 6: Cvitanich, Dean, Jarstad, O'Leary, Banfield and Mayor Rasmussen. Nays 3: Finnigan, Herrmann and Zatkovich. Motion carried.

The Resolution was postponed until January 13, 1970.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 19000

Amending Chapter 1.12.360 thru 1.12.628 and adding a new section relative to the Pay & Compensation Plan. (Salary Ordinance)

Mr. Cvitanich explained that the Council tried to follow Management's recommendation as near as possible pertaining to the general salary increase. He assured the representative's of the unions that the Council has endeavored to be fair in all respects in their deliberations and conclusions in balancing the 1970 budget. The determination of the majority of the members of the Council at the last budget hearing in most instances have agreed that a 7 1/2% increase would be granted to the various crafts. In the area of the Police & Fire Depts. they did not anticipate giving any additional increase over the 7 1/2% but they had discussed a longevity program.

Mr. Cvitanich, further explained the Council, in the event it receives state aid, they may reopen the budget after the first of the year to see if any inequities appear and make further salary and departmental appropriation adjustments. The reason the Council has introduced this ordinance by title only is to allow the business union representatives to again contact their unions and discuss the situation.

Mr. Cvitanich explained there was concern expressed pertaining to the bus drivers and the prevailing wage, but as yet this has not been finalized.

Mr. Cvitanich further added, the Dept. of Public Utilities presented a balanced budget, and the Council was confronted with the question, did they have the right to penalize that department for doing an excellent job of management, in terms of trying to maintain equal pay for comparable work between General Government and the Dept. of Public Utilities. It was the concensus of the majority of the Council that it would be grossly unfair to penalize the Department of Public Utilities.

Mr. Zatkovich felt in most cases the 7 1/2% increase was justifiable, however, in some departments, he felt larger increases should have been made. He hoped that the obvious inequities can be taken care of at a later date.

John Willis, Chairman of the Joint Labor Committee, said that with only a 7 1/2% salary increase the present City Council has created the largest difference in salaries compared to surrounding areas of any former Council in the past eleven years. He felt such a proposal was not fair and was a backward step as far as the Fire and Policemen are concerned.

Mayor Rasmussen said the Council did wish to do much better but it seemed to be impossible at this particular time. He hoped that the Legislature would see fit to allocated monies to the cities.

Mr. Willis asked if the Council would honor mediation.

Mayor Rasmussen felt that the Council would have to do so.

Mr. Willis said the unions would appreciate, if the Council could give them their word that additional salary increases for police and firemen would be forthcoming at a later date, if not, a letter will be filed with the City Council relative to this matter.

Mr. Zatkovich felt, since Seattle and Portland have been given larger increases, the City of Tacoma consequently falls far behind in its recommendations.

Mrs. Banfield asked if there was any possibility of giving over a 7-1/2% pay increase to the Police and Fire Depts. as she felt they were the two departments on the priority list.

Mr. Bill Hull, representing the Motor Coach Union #758, stated he realized the City Council had tried its very best relative to raises, but in the negotiations they had also asked for other considerations, namely, a 40-hour week for all Transit System employees. He also mentioned that some of the No. 1 and No. 2 serviceman's salaries must be adjusted so when a percentage increase occurs, there is not such a large spread.

Mr. Randy Green, representing the Electrical Worker's Union, felt that all employees and departments of City Government must be compensated because if one department fails to work, all others are also affected. He added, their union was not happy with only a 7-1/2% raise but they did not feel they should complain and ask for more when it would be a detriment to other city employees.

Mr. Harvey Enerson, representing the Local Police Union, explained there had been four points that the union wished to discuss with management, but until this evening they havenot had an offer from the City Council, consequently, the Police Union is unhappy with the offer of the 7-1/2% and hope that the City of Tacoma will primarily meet salaries offered in Portland and Seattle. He added, they too will hope to gain some betterment through mediation.

Mr. Homer Covington, representing the Building Trades Council, said he realized the position that the City Council is in, but he wondered if the adjustments discussed previously have been made.

Mayor Rasmussen said the negotiators have informed him the adjustments mentioned were made.

Lily Piva, representing the County & City Employees Union #120, stated that the union members are very disappointed as this particular percentage wage increase does not bring these employees up to prevailing wages, however, she knew that the Council has tried their best.

Mr. Floyd Clifton, representing Teamster's Local #313, stated his union felt that the prevailing wage scale should be the one that is set for the City employees regardless of what segment of employment. He added, the only thing now is to take the proposal that the Council has made back to the union and then he would present their decision to the Council before the first of the year.

Mr. Jarstad explained that the Council and staff have tried to the best of their ability to present a fair proposal to the unions under the present conditions. He noted that large cuts were taken from the preliminary budgets of several departments and between fifty to sixty employees will be laid off as a result of the cut. The Council has diligently attempted to reduce expenditures as much as possible without adversely affecting services to the citizens of Tacoma.

Mr. Cvitanich pointed out that the school district receives 45.88 cents of every dollar from the tax millage and the City of Tacoma only receives 25.14 cents of every dollar. Therefore the school district receives nearly twice as much than the City.

Mrs. Banfield explained that it was quite gratifying to balance a budget with as many federal projects involved as there are in Tacoma. She said she was most grateful for the cooperation of the Department Directors, Acting City Manager, members of the Council and Mr. Cvitanich as Finance Chairman of the Council, during the deliberations and discussions of the budget.

Mr. Benedetti, Assistant Director of Utilities and a member of the negotiating team, explained that the negotiating team this year had negotiated with the employees

as has been the practice every other year. The team is not in a position to commit, it is only in a position to advise the employee groups what they feel can be recommended on the basis of prevailing area wage rates. He also hoped that all employees and union representatives realized that the City Council and the management team have endeavored to achieve as nearly as possible the prevailing area wage rates in all categories.

Mr. McCormick, Acting City Manager, stated that Mr. Benedetti's remarks also expressed his views. He pointed out to the Dept. Directors, that insofar as each Dept. is concerned, this City could not function without any one of them because their activities all go into the maintenance, operation, expansion, control and the running of huge complex corporation, which is the City of Tacoma. He also expressed his appreciation on the efficient manner in which all of the negotiations were conducted. He also complimented all the Dept. Directors and staff for their excellent cooperation.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 19001

Creating a fund in the City of Tacoma known as Fire Dept. Capital Improvement Fund of 1969 and appropriating the sum of \$716,500.00 to provide for the proper accounting for revenues that will be received in 1970.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 19002

Amending the official code relating to Licenses and Taxation.

The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 18994

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the official code of the City by adding two new sections 1.12.091 and 111 relative to On the Job Injury Claims for Belt Line employees.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18995 (as amended)

Amending Chapter 1.28 of the official code and adding a new subsection to Section 1.28.110 relative to the functions of the Civic Arts Commission.

Mrs. Banfield asked that her name be placed on the ordinance in the proper place as requested last week.

Mayor Rasmussen stated that if there was no objection, Mrs. Banfield's name will be included on Ordinance No. 18995.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18996

Amending Section 1.28.020 of the official code relating to the Civic Arts Commission to give ex officio members of the Commission the right to vote in the same manner as other members.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 1: Cvitanich (temporarily).

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18998

Appropriating the sum of \$112,725.00 from the General Fund to the Tacoma Municipal Transit System for the continuation of the operation of the Transit System for the balance of the year 1969.

Mayor Rasmussen felt, according to the November Finance report that the Transit System would only need \$16,000 for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, explained that the Transit System Fund at the end of November had a deficit of approximately \$80,000. The expected revenue for the month of December is approximately \$240,000. This would obviously bring the Transit System Fund to a cash position of approximately \$161,309.08, but the estimated expenditures for the month of December are approximately \$274,034.00, consequently leaving the Transit System Fund out of balance in the amount of approximately \$112,725.00.

Mayor Rasmussen asked when the reduction in bus service will be effective.

Mr. Hendry, Director of Transit said the change will begin on Sunday, Jan. 18, 1970.

Mr. Cvitanich felt it should be made clear, this is not a reduction in service but a revaluation of the City's operating service.

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

Ayes 9: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Herrmann, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 0: Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 18999

Adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year 1970.

Mr. Cvitanich reviewed the totals of the estimated revenues and appropriations for each separate fund of the City and the aggregate totals for all funds combined amounting to \$72,629,528.00.

The 1970 Budget of the City for the General Fund contains an estimate of revenues under the heading "State Aid to Cities" in the amount of \$600,000.00. In order to balance the budget this particular amount of \$600,000 had to be added and is contingent upon the action of the State Legislature during the coming Special Session in January of 1970. If the Legislature fails to make an appropriation of state funds to be

shared by the cities and towns, or makes an appropriation in an amount which would reduce Tacoma's prorata share substantially below the budgeted amount of \$600,000, and if there are no other funds legally available for appropriation to substitute for said elimination or reduction, the City Council will then make the necessary reductions or adjustments in the General Fund expenditure appropriations for the year 1970 as it may consider to be in the best interests of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Cvitanich further explained that the Council throughout their deliberations have attempted to reduce expenditures as much as possible without adversely affecting services to Tacoma citizens. He also mentioned that the ordinance contains a provision for increasing certain tax and license fees.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that Mr. McLennan, Director of Tax & Licenses, has been requested to submit proposals for increasing rates or expanding tax coverage if the City does not receive the \$600,000 from the State. In the category of Service, the tax has not been increased for seventeen years. Secondly, since 1957 there has been an administrative policy whereby contractors were not being taxed. If a tax is imposed in that category it would provide the city with approximately \$45,000 additional revenue.

Mr. Zatkovich said he had noted that the Transit System appropriation included an increase in bus fares for parochial school children. He said he did not approve of such an increase for this item.

Mr. McLennan explained their department was requested to obtain a list of possible areas where revenue could be obtained without creating a great deal of burden upon the taxpayers. They have tried their best to meet the request. He pointed out that the Admissions and Cabaret Tax has been 3 1/3% and the proposal is to raise the tax to 5% which is 1¢ on every twenty cents. The next category is the Service classification and then the Printing & Publishing classification.

He further explained that without changing the standard regulations it was possible to expand coverage on eight different areas. Therefore, the total additional revenues anticipated would amount to approximately \$684,538.

Mayor Rasmussen explained that a substitute ordinance has been submitted to the Council.

Mr. Cvitanich moved to accept the substitute ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Banfield. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained that in redrafting the ordinance a section was omitted relative to the ordinance taking effect immediately upon publication.

Mr. O'Leary moved to amend the ordinance to add the emergency clause which was omitted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 8: Banfield, Cvitanich, Dean, Finnigan, Jarstad, O'Leary, Zatkovich and Mayor Rasmussen.

Nays 1: Herrmann. Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Zatkovich quoted a paragraph in the newspaper which indicated that Mr. Dixon who is involved in the steering committee of the Ad Hoc Concerned Black Citizens Group, agreed with the criticism of the Police Dept. by officer Barzar. Mr. Zatkovich stated that last week he had requested the Acting City Manager try to resolve this problem and a letter has been sent to Chief Zittel regarding the matter.

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Mr. Zatkovich asked Mr. Hamilton if it were proper for a Mayor to appoint a committee to investigate a former Councilman.

Mr. Hamilton, Acting City Attorney, explained that he did not think the Council was in any position to censor or administer any type of punishment against any former Councilman, however, he added, this is his personal opinion.

Mr. Zatkovich said he did not wish to be a party to a smear campaign and he felt this was what such a matter could be called. He also felt if there were any investigations they should be accomplished by an independent body and not the Council.

Mayor Rasmussen stated at this day and age when there has been many wrong doings by public officials and when any citizen brings a question substantiated by certain documents before the Council, the Council is duty bound to investigate the matter.

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Mr. O'Leary asked when the Mayor-elect of Tacoma would be sworn into office.

Mr. Hamilton explained he can be sworn into office on Jan. 12, 1970.

Mr. O'Leary said he had been informed that School Boy Patrol passes are now being honored with only the new Mayor's signature. He wondered how this could be possible when Mayor-elect Johnston has not been sworn in as Mayor.

Mayor Rasmussen asked that Mr. McCormick, Acting City Manager, check into the matter.

Mr. McCormick said he would check the matter with the proper department.

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Mr. Cvitanich explained that year by year the Council has extended the lease of the old fire station at No. 13th and J Sts. to the TYCO organization. This organization was made up of a group of young people who helped restore the structure. The Senior Citizens have now been using the building and have forbidden the youngsters to use it. He suggested that after the first of the year that the lease be reviewed and the matter resolved. 177-65

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Mayor Rasmussen mentioned that the Public Utility Board has passed its resolution that extended the time for the construction of the Civic Center Development to Jan. 14th 1970.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Finnigan commended the Chief of Police and members of the Police Dept. for the presence of the walking patrolmen in the downtown City streets during the Christmas holidays. He has had many calls from citizens who appreciated the help they have given this year.

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Mayor Rasmussen mentioned that a final audit report has been made by HUD and submitted to the Urban Renewal Dept. in regard to the Center St. Project No. Wash.R-1.

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Mayor Rasmussen explained that a letter from Carson F. Eller has been received asking for the policy of the City Council in regard to construction of hangars by private owners at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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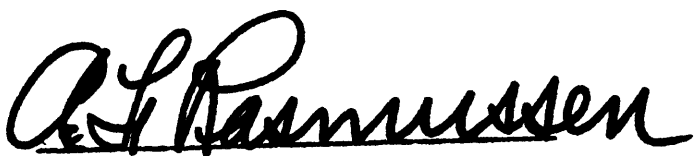
John Zelenak, 5414 So. J Street expressed his views on various subjects.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Civil Service Board meeting of Dec. 2, 1969.
- b. Minutes of the Model Cities Executive Board meeting of Nov. 6, 1969.
- c. Model Cities report for November 1969.
- d. Urban Renewal Report for December 1969.
- e. Personnel Report for November 1969.
- f. Fire Dept. report for November 1969.
- g. Police Dept. report for November 1969.
- h. Director of Finance report for November 1969.

Placed on file.

Mr. Finnigan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P. M.



A. L. Rasmussen
Mayor

Attest: Josephine Melton - City Clerk