

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
September 25, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Rasmussen, Stenger, Stree, Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Warnick.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 1984.

PETITIONS:

- a. Atlantic Richfield Company requesting the reclassification of the property located at the northeast corner of South 56th and Orchard Streets, from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.
- b. Gramore, Inc. requesting the reclassification of the property located at South 38th and Pine Streets, from an "R-4" to a "C-2" District.
- c. E. J. Rody & Sons requesting the reclassification of the property located at the northeast corner of East 72nd and East "M" Streets, from an "R-2" to a "C-2" and an "R-4-L-PRD" District.
- d. Adams-Hodsdon & Robinson, Inc. requesting the reclassification of the property located at Union Avenue and South 17th Street, from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District.
- e. Collins Condominium Corporation requesting the reclassification of the property located at North 15th and Pearl Streets, from an "R-4-L-PRD" to an "R-3-PRD" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 28488

Setting Tuesday, October 9, 1984 at 6:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing for the proposed use of revenue sharing funds.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearings Examiner Agenda for Tuesday, September 25, 1984.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee, September 17, 1984.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Public Utility Board, August 22, 1984.
- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, August 14, 1984.
- e. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Planning Commission, September 5, 1984.
- f. Minutes of the special meeting of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, July 5, 1984 and minutes of the regular meeting of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, July 24, 1984.
- g. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Report of Purchases and Sales of Investments, July 1 through July 31, 1984.
- h. 1983 Metropolitan Development Council Annual Report.

Council Member Bichsel moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 28488, be approved. Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Sutherland proclaimed the month of October, 1984, to be "America's Welcome Month," and presented the proclamation to Ms. Virginia Shackelford.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Hearings Examiner recommending denial of the request of Bert L. and Gladys Thorpe to reclassify the property on the west side of Portland Avenue between East 50th and East 51st Streets extended at 5002 Portland Avenue from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District and "R-3" Two- and Three-Family Dwelling District to a "C-2" Commercial District in order to continue to use the site for auto repair. (File No. 120.1092)

Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

- b. Hearings Examiner advising that he has declared null and void the previously granted conditional extension and the previously approved preliminary plat of Bill Moore Construction for Westgate Hills II located east of Pearl Street in the vicinity of North 35th Street. (File Nos. 125.251 and 127.203)

Mayor Sutherland advised that this is informational only and no action is required.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation of suggestion awards.

Mayor Sutherland presented a certificate and a cash award to Mr. Phil Sulkosky, of the Fire Department, for his suggestion.

Ordinance No. 23216

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the properties located on both sides of Nassau Avenue between 41st Street N.E. and 45th Street N.E., extended easterly, from an "R-2-PRD" Planned Residential Development District to an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District, and from an "R-2" to an "R-2-PRD" District. (Tacoma School District No. 10; File No. 120.1083)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Stenger, Strega, Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Rasmussen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23252

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the property located fifty feet north of the northeast corner of Sixth Avenue and South "G" Street from an "R-5" Multiple-Family Dwelling District to an "R-5-T" Residential/Commercial Transitional District. (Financial Insights, Inc.; File No. 120.1095)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Stenger, Strega, Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Rasmussen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23254

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the northwest corner of Portland Avenue and East 56th Street from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling District to a "C-1" Commercial District. (R & R Associates; File No. 120.1096)

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Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Stenger, Strege,
Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Rasmussen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23261

Appropriating \$20,500.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Public Works Building Fund to construct a paved access road to the Public Works Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance Building, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Stenger, Strege,
Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Rasmussen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23262

Amending sections of the Official Code relative to Tacoma's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) procedures to streamline environmental review procedures and establish related fees.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Stenger, Strege,
Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Rasmussen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23263

Appropriating \$231,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Cumulative Reserve - Replacement of Fire Department Equipment Fund for the purpose of providing additional funding for the systematic replacement of Fire Department equipment in 1984.

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Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Stenger, Strege, Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1 - Rasmussen.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23264

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Official Code relative to disability retirement safeguards.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Rasmussen, Stenger, Strege, Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23265

Authorizing the execution of grant award contracts in the amount of \$2,582,464.00 with the Bonneville Power Administration, and appropriating the sum of \$2,582,464.00 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for implementation of a residential financial assistance program and a Model Conservation Standards program.

Mayor Sutherland moved to suspend the rules to consider Revised Ordinance No. 23265. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 23265

Authorizing the execution of grant award contracts in the amount of \$2,594,208.00 with the Bonneville Power Administration, and appropriating the sum of \$2,594,208.00 from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for implementation of a residential financial assistance program and a Model Conservation Standards program.

Roll call vote was taken on the Ordinance, as revised, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Rasmussen, Stenger, Strege, Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance, as revised, was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 23266

Authorizing the acceptance of an amended grant award contract in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the Economic Development Administration; transferring the sum of \$170,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund to the Economic Development Assistance Grant Fund; appropriating the sum of \$570,000.00 from the Economic Development Assistance Grant Fund for providing a revolving loan fund for businesses; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Rasmussen, Stenger, Strega, Warnick, and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 23267

Authorizing the submission of a proposition for a General Obligation Library Bond Issue to the qualified voters of the City at a special election to be held November 6, 1984 (ten year issue).

Mayor Sutherland stated that Section 2.12 of the City Charter requires five days between first and final reading of an ordinance.

Mayor Sutherland moved to continue Ordinance No. 23267 to the meeting of October 2, 1984. Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Ordinance will be considered at the regular City Council meeting of October 2, 1984.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 23268

Amending Section 6.29.020 and repealing Section 6.29.040 of the Official Code relative to eliminating designation of merchant patrol service districts and routes in the City of Tacoma.

Speaking to the Council were:

Jack Van Buskirk

J. P. Parks

Glen Weller

Attorney representing Pierce
County Merchant Patrol
Association

Owner, United Security
Services

Pierce County Merchant Patrol

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Mayor Sutherland moved to set the Ordinance for final reading on October 9, 1984. Seconded by Council Member Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on October 9, 1984.

Mayor Sutherland moved that the Council consider Public Hearings and Appeals. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS: (Began at 6:24 p.m.)

This is the date set for a public hearing on the Portland Avenue Commercial District Study.

Mr. Bill Bailey, of the Planning Department, made a presentation to the Council on this matter.

Mayor Sutherland called for public testimony.

Speaking to the Council were:

Inez Taylor	President, East Side Improvement Group
Linda Bowman	3580 East Grandview
Thomas Dixon	President, Tacoma Urban League
Bill Factory	3520 East T Street
Bobbie Lovelace	1603 East 34th Street
Douglas Delin	3565 East T Street

There being no further testimony, Mayor Sutherland declared the public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 28490

Awarding contracts to:

1. Warren Oliver Company on their bid of \$67,917.23 for fire alarm controls and testing equipment - Specification No. G-074-84;
2. Burns Towing on their bid of \$38,100.00 for towing service in the south zone - Specification No. G-097-84 (Continued from the meeting of September 11, 1984);

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3. Bill's Towing on their bid of \$38,100.00 for towing service in the north zone - Specification No. G-098-84 (Continued from the meeting of September 11, 1984); and
4. All bidders for citizen requested towing services - Specification No. G-099-84 (Continued from the meeting of September 11, 1984).

Council Member Hyde moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Strage.

Mayor Sutherland moved to amend page 3 of Exhibit A, Purchase Item No. 3, to read "\$34,162.50." Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Speaking to the Council was:

Patrick Daly

Attorney representing Burns
Towing

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

Resolution No. 28491

Adopting Community Development policies for the 11th Year Block Grant Program to implement Community Development activities during fiscal years 1985-1986.

Council Member Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 28492

Amending Resolution No. 28408 and authorizing the retention of Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman for the provision of legal services relative to the authorization, issuance and sale of tax levy general obligation bonds.

Council Member Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 28493

Authorizing the execution of an agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00 with the Metropolitan Park District to provide improvements to Franklin, Lincoln and Manitou Parks.

Council Member Hyde moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 28494

Authorizing the execution of an agreement in the amount of \$28,000.00 with Wilshire Associates for the provision of investment performance analysis for the Retirement Fund.

Council Member Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 28495

Authorizing the execution of an Extension of Lease Agreement with the Good-Ward Corporation for space at 1925 Commerce Street for the Community Development Department Home Repair Section.

Council Member Hyde moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Sutherland stated he had left a letter on the dais to the Council pertaining to the vote on the recent neon art work advisory ballot. He said there was a need to look at the neon art, in particular, as well as public art as a general subject matter. He asked staff to verify the cost estimates regarding moving and re-installing the neon art work. In addition, he requested that all legal ramifications regarding removal and relocation be re-checked. He also stated that possibly a committee should be established to review art processes and the 1% for Art as a whole.

Mayor Sutherland requested the Council's concurrence regarding the appointment of 25 to 30 people to review public art which would include proponents and opponents of public art as well as Civic Arts members. He indicated that a resolution to review these overall issues should be considered.

Council Member Ladenburg requested that staff look at the possibility of covering the neon art work.

Council Member Bichsel suggested that the lights on the art work could be simply turned off and that people involved in an event would determine whether or not to have the art work illuminated.

Deputy Mayor Strege agreed with the two issues presented and said it is be an area that needs closer scrutiny in the future. He also concurred with the Mayor's recommendation of establishing a task force and stated that it should be a balanced group. He stated that the neon art work issue needed to be dealt with in an expeditious manner.

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Council Member Kirby agreed with the letter from the Mayor and indicated that the questions that concerned the neon art work should be reviewed by staff and resolved in the short term. He felt that responses for the first five questions of the Mayor's letter could be dealt with within a few weeks and the larger issues of public art could be studied at length.

Mayor Sutherland requested that staff prepare responses to the neon art work questions by October 30, 1984. He also requested that the Council suggest names of individuals to review the 1% for Arts Program and that he would like to have a Resolution to appoint those members to be a task force.

Council Member Warnick stated that the term "elitist" pertaining to the Arts Commission and those favoring the Tacoma Dome neon art had an unfair connotation because the backgrounds of the individuals selecting the art work were varied and that the use of the term "elitist" was overdone. He requested that individuals not use the term "elitist" in future discussions.

Mayor Sutherland hoped that the task force formed does not choose sides on the issue, but rather will work together to resolve this issue.

Council Member Hyde recommended caution in selecting those who are revising the art selection process by giving full and deliberate consideration of those individuals.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


DOUG SUTHERLAND, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

GENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK

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