

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
August 26, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Parker.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 1980.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 26592

Setting Tuesday, September 30, 1980 at 10:30 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for vacation of a portion of the alley between East 34th and East 35th Streets east of East "M" Street. (John D. Poyneer, Sr.)

APPEALS:

J. J. Kraft appealing the Hearings Examiner's decision to establish interim zoning regulations for the area generally bounded by Division Avenue and Sixth Avenue on the south, North Steele Street on the west, North Yakima and North 5th on the north and Stadium Way on the east until the North Slope Plan is completed and adopted by the City Council or June 30, 1981, whichever occurs first.

Setting Tuesday, September 9, 1980 at 5:00 p.m., as the date for hearing.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Directors of Public Works and Public Utilities presents Assessment Rolls for the following:

L.I.D. 8253, permanent paving on Sprague Avenue from South 64th Street to South 60th Street.

L.I.D. 5586, constructing water mains in Verde Street from South 56th to South 62nd and in South 58th from Verde to Cheyenne Street.

Fixing Monday, September 22, 1980 at 5:00 p.m., as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearings Examiner's agenda for Tuesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 28, 1980.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal Authority, July 31, 1980.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Comprehensive Employment Services Advisory Council, June 19, 1980.
- d. Monthly Municipal Court Report for July, 1980.
- e. Monthly Summary of Crime Statistics, Tacoma Police Department, June, 1980.
- f. Draft Ruston Way Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 26592, be approved. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. City Attorney advising that the State Shorelines Hearings Board has referred Shoreline Management Permit No. 141.189 of The Anchorage, Inc., located between Hylebos Waterway and Marine View Drive, back to the City and recommending that the matter be referred to the Hearings Examiner for further hearings.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved to concur in the recommendation of the State Shoreline's Hearings Board and referred the Shoreline Management Permit Application to the Hearings Examiner for further hearings. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

HEARINGS ON APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing the appeal of Michael Jones on the decision of the Hearings Examiner to approve the request of the Peoples Church of the Northwest, Inc., to vacate East 68th from East "Q" to a point 553 feet east and to reclassify the area located on the northwest corner of East 68th and "Q" from an "R-2" to an "R-3-PRD" District.

Michael Jones, 1707 East 67th Street, appealed to the City Council to deny the request of the Peoples Church because if the request were granted it would create traffic congestion in the neighborhood and would block his view of Mt. Rainier.

Merwin Smiley, representing Peoples Church, outlined their reasons for the request of the vacation of East 68th and the rezone and asked that the appeal be denied.

Deputy Mayor Nielsen moved that the appeal be denied and that the Council concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Councilwoman Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried.

#### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 22171 (Continued from the meeting of August 19, 1980)

Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 2513 for two-inch asphalt surface treatment on various streets in the city.

Speaking on the Ordinance was Lawrence Margullis, 4402 North Baltimore, who repeated his request of last week that the street be returned to its original condition without any charge, and further that he would not be against the L.I.D. if action was taken immediately to compensate property owners for their loss due to the present condition of the street.

After discussion roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Councilmembers instructed the Public Works Department to proceed with the L.I.D. as quickly as possible.

Ordinance No. 22132

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the southwest corner of South 41st and Tyler Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-3-T" District. (Robert G. Bangs).

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Kirby

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22166

Amending Chapter 1.42 of the Official Code by repealing and reenacting Section 1.42.010 relative to appointments to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Kirby

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22175

Accepting an anonymous gift of \$500 for the purpose of paying operating and maintenance expenses of the Pantages Center Board; appropriating \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund; 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, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22176

Appropriating \$121,600.44 from the Cumulative Reserve for Replacement of Fire Equipment Fund to the General Fund to purchase one 1500 G.P.M. pumper fire apparatus from Pacific-Mack, Inc.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22177

Accepting gifts from the Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., Lambda Alpha Chapter and the Southend Concerned Citizen Group in the amount of \$1,250; depositing said sum in the Fire Department Trust Fund 6180; and appropriating \$1,250 from said fund to purchase telecommunication and related communication equipment for speech and hearing impaired citizens.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22178

Amending Section 1.34.300 of the Official Code to increase the Working Fund Advance for the Tacoma Public Library Board to \$800.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 22179

Appropriating \$54,226, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Library Fund to pay the costs of removing architectural barriers at the Anne E. McCormick and Grace R. Moore Branch Libraries 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, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 1 - Sutherland

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22180

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan relative to reimbursement for using private vehicles and amending the salaries for Jail Matron and Water Control Station Operator 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: 7 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Strege and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 2 - Rasmussen and Sutherland

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22181

Authorizing execution of a grant award contract with the Washington State Employment Security Department in the amount of \$34,013; appropriating said sum from the Comprehensive Employment Services Grant Fund to provide coordination of vocational education services; 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, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 1 - Sutherland

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22182

Amending the Official Code by adding a new chapter to be known as Chapter 8.29 relating to prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia to minors.

Deputy Mayor Nielsen moved to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 22182 which would remove the requirement that the drug paraphernalia be displayed and sold in a separate room. Seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote was taken, resulting in: Ayes: 2 - Hawkins and Nielsen. Nays: 7 - Bichsel, Hyde, Kirby, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker. The motion was declared failed.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22183

Transferring \$256,791, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Community Development Grants Summary Fund to the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Project Fund and appropriating \$72,628, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Project Fund to provide matching funds for the People's Park project, 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, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22184

Accepting contributions and gifts up to and including \$30,000 on behalf of the Pantages Center Corp. for fund-raising activities and maintenance and operation expenses of the Pantages Center Board; appropriating \$11,850, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Pantages Theater Restoration and Management Division Account and amending the agreement with the Pantages Center Corp.

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Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 1 - Hyde

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22185

Appropriating \$110,142.19, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Community Development Grants Summary Fund for funding community development projects.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 1 - Hyde

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22189

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 5590 for constructing water mains in Highland Street from North 39th to approximately 180 feet north; North 39th from Highland to Winnifred; Winnifred from North 38th to North 39th and North 39th from Winnifred to Shirley Streets.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege, Sutherland and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Mayor Parker moved to reconsider Ordinance No. 22174, which was approved last week. Seconded by Councilman Sutherland. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Ordinance No. 22174

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L.I.D. 3813 for constructing sanitary sewers in George Street and the alley between George Street and East 38th Street, lying between East T and Roosevelt Avenue.



Mayor Parker moved that the Ordinance be continued for three weeks. Seconded by Councilman Sutherland. Voice vote was taken and carried. Final reading of the Ordinance was continued to September 16, 1980.

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Councilman Hyde moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider item 18 on the Agenda at this time. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Warren T. Henrickson, 1218 Newton North, reported to Council that the owner of the Highland Hills Golf Course has allowed the course to deteriorate which, in turn, has lowered their property values. He suggested the City maintain the golf course as an open space area.

Also requesting help from the City was Greg Curwen, Attorney, representing some of the neighbors and Highlands Golf and Racquet Club Homeowners Association.

Councilman Strege requested copies of the agreements of conditions relating to the development of the area. Mayor Parker suggested a meeting of City staff, Park Board and the neighborhood.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Parker moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider Resolution No. 26590 which was on the Agenda last week and continued for one week and, inadvertently, was not listed in the Agenda. Seconded by Councilman Sutherland. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 26590 (Continued from the meeting of August 19, 1980)

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Puget Sound Legal Assistance Foundation to provide technical assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals.

Mayor Parker then moved that the Resolution be continued for three weeks. Seconded by Councilman Kirby. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to September 16, 1980.

Resolution No. 26591 (Final Reading)

Amending Rule 1 of the City Council Rules of Procedure relative to the place where Council meetings will be held and the number of meetings to be held each year.

Motion to adopt was made at the last meeting. Voice vote was taken for adoption of the Resolution and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Purchase Resolution No. 26593

Awarding contracts to:

1. Carl T. Madsen, Inc., on its bid of \$39,943.45 for Wright Park Ornamental Lighting;
2. Transport Equipment Co. on its bid of \$18,925.00 for Two Litter Lifts; and
3. Woodworth & Company, Inc., on its bid of \$211,522.15 for Asphalt Surface Treatment on Various Streets in the City.

Deputy Mayor Nielsen moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen.

Resolution No. 26594

Authorizing the issuance of a development permit to allow construction of two triplexes and one duplex, located east of Portland Avenue and 150 feet north of East 38th Street. (Frederick O. Frohmader)

Councilman Rasmussen moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen.

Councilman Sutherland moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to September 2, 1980.

Resolution No. 26595

Authorizing the sale of surplus fire alarm boxes and pedestals at fixed amounts.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26596

Endorsing the Pierce Subregional Plan developed by the Pierce Subregional Council of the Puget Sound Council of Governments.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26597

Authorizing application to the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation for a one-time grant to provide equipment for the Lighthouse Eastside Senior Center.

Councilman Sutherland moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen.

Mel Jackson, Director of the Department of Human Development, asked that the Resolution be amended to include the Ben Cheney Foundation as a recipient for the same amount of money as indicated in the Resolution rather than have an additional resolution come before the Council at the next meeting. Deputy Mayor Nielsen moved to amend the Resolution to include the Ben Cheney Foundation. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Resolution No. 26598

Vocational-Technical Institute to provide for a CETA Coordinator Project and Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with the Tacoma Urban League, Inc., relative to the Metal Finisher Training Program.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26599

Granting Pierce Transit permission to make improvements to the property at 1235 South Sprague.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26600

Authorizing execution of a certificate of completion relative to the improvements made on the property located at South 11th and Broadway.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26601

Authorizing execution of a quit claim deed to the Tacoma Housing Authority to remove a cloud on the title of the property located at South 53rd and Orchard Streets.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26602

Authorizing submission of a pre-application and application to the State Department of Ecology for funding of construction of a Dual/Fuel Thermophilic Dual Digestion System.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26603

Authorizing execution of an agreement to prepare a Relocation Plan for the potential sites of the Sports/Convention Center.

Mayor Parker moved to adopt Substitute Resolution No. 26603, which has the blanks filled in under the dollar amount on line 18, \$8,350.00; on line 19, with the firm of Ranquise, Inc. Seconded by Councilman Sutherland. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Substitute Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26604

Expressing the City Council's interest in establishing a sister city relationship with a city in the Peoples Republic of China.

Mayor Parker moved that the Resolution be continued for two weeks. Seconded by Councilman Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to September 9, 1980.

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Mayor Parker moved to suspend the Rules to consider Resolution No. 26605. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 26605

Authorizing submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Energy for the purchase of ten electric vehicles.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Rasmussen, Sutherland and Mayor Parker. Nays: 2 - Nielsen and Strege. The motion carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

This is the date set for hearing on Community Development Block Grant Program Performance.

Jon Egge of the Department of Community Development, distributed to Council the report on the status of the fifth year projects and reviewed for Council each of the 27 listed projects and answered questions.

Mayor Parker called for audience comments. No one from the audience appeared to speak at the hearing.

A letter from the Eastside Improvement Group dated August 26, 1980 was entered into the record and is attached hereto becoming a part of these City Council Minutes (pages 15 and 16).

With no further comments or public comment, Mayor Parker declared the public hearing closed.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Erling Mork reminded Council of the Workshop Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Medical Arts Building.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Councilman Sutherland asked that he be excused from attending next week's meeting. Mayor Parker moved that he be excused. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

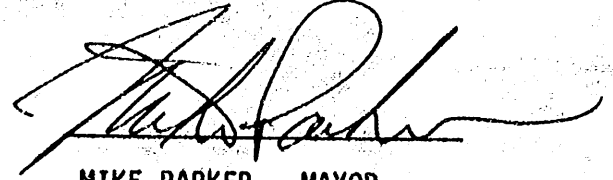
Councilman Hyde reported he attended the Park Board Study Session last Monday. He said he was impressed with their desire in working through the budget process.

On Mayor Parker's inquiry as to the source of funds for the Legal Assistance Foundation, which the City is considering entering into an agreement with, City Attorney Bob Hamilton said it was his belief the funds are Community Development funds since the proposed Resolution is related to the housing element of Community Development.

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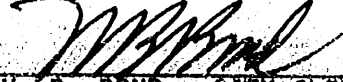
Mayor Parker then moved that rather than continue Resolution No. 26590 for three weeks, it be continued indefinitely until such time as the City Council has discussed the matter in study session. Seconded by Councilman Sutherland. After discussion, Mayor Parker rescinded his motion and moved that a City Council Study Session be held on the matter prior to the September 16 Council meeting when the Resolution will be on the Agenda. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



MIKE PARKER - MAYOR

ATTEST:



H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK

# Eastside Improvement Group

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August 26, 1980

City of Tacoma, Community Development Department  
Performance Public Hearing (City Council)

The Eastside Improvement Group appreciates the assistance and support we have received this past year from the Community Development Department staff. With this necessary support and considerable effort on the part of the community we have seen the rehabilitation of thirty older homes, improvements to several dirt roads and the construction of many new homes in our Neighborhood Strategy Area.

Our main concern with the process is that it is not presently apparent to this community that all departments and decision makers support the revitalization of our deteriorated neighborhood. Our comments are mainly directed at the lack of co-ordination within the City and how this ultimately affects the performance of this federal program.

The improvements on Portland Avenue Park which this community has worked on for the past four years are a blatant example of the "who cares" attitude which still exists within some areas of City administration. The Park Department agreed to provide barriers and lighting by December, 1979 and has neglected to install the same. The contractor is over eight months behind schedule and still must replace improperly installed concrete under the shelter which has cracked and concrete around the wading pool which is not on grade. The new paths are all overgrown with weeds, numerous dead trees exist, and it is impossible to believe that over \$200,000.00 worth of improvements have taken place. The legal department was requested to enforce the penalty clauses on behalf of our community but to our knowledge this has not taken place.

We again this year, as we have for the past four years, raised the concern over the impacting of transient housing in our neighborhood and the adverse effect this has on the stability of the area. Deconcentration activities have never been addressed and the construction of more rental housing is continuing to be approved in our community which is already impacted with eight-hundred fifty-five units of subsidized housing. The lack of services and facilities available for this population is also ignored when these

developments are approved. Various City departments comment that they have "no objections" to these developments without having considered how their approval relates to the federal objectives for the revitalization of our older neighborhood. Decisions which effect our community for a lifetime can not continue to take place in an isolated atmosphere which does not consider the detrimental effect these decisions have on our neighborhood improvement strategy.

To adhere to federal guidelines which require community involvement we have spent several years building a strong organization to support the rehabilitation of our neighborhood. It is absolutely essential for these residents to see the City actively supporting their efforts. When citizen's views are ignored it has the very harmful effect of destroying the citizen participation which is vital to our revitalization program.

The Community Development Department staff and our neighborhood can not be expected to work an intricate revitalization program independent of other City departments. When the needs of this community are as basic as safe housing, the elimination of rat harborage, and a decent play area for children whose parents lack the mobility and resources to take them across town to adequate facilities we have no room for compromise. A co-ordinated approach to this area problems must be in place soon if our program is not to be destroyed.

This community has a long record of co-operation in adhering to any City process set before us. We hope these comments will be received in the spirit given ..... by truly concerned citizens who feel after four years of involvement the time has come for the present City system to recognize that there is room for improvement in their program and to begin to co-ordinate their activities so that this community can be better served.

Again we wish to express our support of the H.U.D. program of neighborhood revitalization and the excellent job the Community Development Department does to implement these strategies. Our neighborhood has made a total commitment to this program and we look forward to all City administrators and officials joining us this coming year in a concerted effort to provide the people of this community with a decent living environment.

Sincerely,

Eastside Improvement Group, Inc.

*Emery B. Haugen*  
Emery B. Haugen, Chairman  
Board of Directors