

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
April 27, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Council members present on roll call: 8 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Hudson.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Hudson arrived at 5:08 p.m.

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C O N S E N T   A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 20, 1976.

PETITIONS:

- a. Huber & Antilla Construction Company requesting the rezoning of the property located on the northwest corner of South 19th and Mildred Streets from an "R-P" to a "C-P-C" District.
- b. George W. & Olga Holtz requesting the rezoning of the property located on the northwest corner of East 56th Street and Portland Avenue from a "C-1" to a "C-2" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23865 Setting Tuesday, May 25, 1976 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for vacation of portion of the alley south of North 30th Street and east of Starr Street. (William G. Scannell)

Resolution No. 23866 Setting Tuesday, May 25, 1976 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for vacation of "G" Street and alley to the east from South 81st to 82nd Streets. (Marguerite Sands)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Pierce County Commissioners meetings of April 12 & 13, 1976.
- b. Monthly report, March, 1976, Police Department.
- c. Monthly reports, January & February, 1976, Finance Director.
- d. Director of Utilities filing report "The Energy Controversy-The Role of Nuclear Power"; Statement of position by Tri-Cities Chapter of the Washington Society of Professional Engineers and

an article, "Nuclear risk coefficients discussed", from "Electrical World".

Mr. Warnick moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 23865 and 23866 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Johnston, together with City Manager Erling Mork, presented a \$25 suggestion award to Robert M. Pippin, Public Works employee, and three \$50 awards for a joint suggestion made by Transit workers John Schell, Ted Kissick and Robert Parks.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston declared the week of April 26 through 30, 1976 as "Pierce County Radio Watch Week". Present to receive the proclamation was Mr. Andy Burman, representative of the Tacoma Radio Club.

Mayor Johnston declared the week of May 1 through 7, 1976 as "Respect for Law Week". Present to receive the proclamation on behalf of the West Tacoma Optimist Club was Mr. Everett Holum.

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of May 8 through 15, 1976 as "Armed Forces Week" in the City of Tacoma. Present to receive the proclamation was Colonel Mayse of Fort Lewis.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20644 Vacating South 52nd Street from 150 feet west of Alaska Street to Freeway I-5 and South Wilkeson from South 52nd Street to 128 feet south. (Rainier Mortgage Company).

Upon a request by the City Clerk, Mr. Sonntag made a motion to remove the ordinance from the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was removed.

Ordinance No. 20721 (Continued from the meeting of April 20th) Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8109 for permanent paving on South 82nd Street from South Alaska to South Hosmer Street.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to refer the L.I.D. back to the L.I.D. Committee for further consideration and action. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

Mr. Hudson made a motion to amend the Ordinance to include that portion of the L.I.D. that was previously removed. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Voice vote was taken on Mr. Nelson's motion and carried, with Mr. Warnick voting no.

Ordinance No. 20729 Authorizing execution of a grant award contract with the State of Washington in the amount of \$7,500.00, appropriating \$8,334.00 from Law and Justice Fund No. 1118 for third-year operation of the "J" Street Group Home for Boys and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20730 Appropriating the sum of \$5,666.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund to provide supplemental operating funds for the "J" Street Group Home for Boys and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20731 Authorizing the transfer of \$279.00 from the General Fund to the Police Technical Training Fund and authorizing a loan in the sum of \$2,000.00 from the General Fund to the Police Technical Training Fund.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20732 Amending Section 11.20.010 of the Official Code to designate Broadway from South 7th to South 9th, South 4th from "K" to Division and South 5th from "I" to "M" Streets as one-way streets.

Upon request of the City Manager, Mr. Sonntag made a motion to continue the ordinance for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was continued to May 11, 1976.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20733 Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to add certain new classifications in the Sewer Utility Division and setting the rates of pay.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20734 Vacating South 39th Street between Yakima and Thompson Avenues. (James A. Stevenson)

Mr. Hudson excused himself at this time to avoid any possible appearance of conflict of interest.

Following discussion, the Ordinance was set over for final reading to a date to be determined.

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RESOLUTIONS:

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Resolution No. 23867 Awarding contracts to: (1) Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$61,827.05 for L.I.D. 8098 - residential street paving; (2) Hammar's Stores, Ltd. on its bid of \$4,095.00 for Police blazers & slacks; (3) Sico, Inc. on its bid of \$5,823.00 for portable dance floor for the Bicentennial Pavilion and (4) Sico, Inc. on its bid of \$25,001.95 for portable staging for Bicentennial Pavilion.

Mr. Hudson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

In response to a question by Mr. Sonntag, the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, Ron Skaggs, replied that the portable dance floor and staging for the Bicentennial Pavilion will be modified to accommodate the handicapped.

Speaking on items (3) and (4) were Miss Jane Reese, the Washington Disabilities, Inc. and Mr. William Buell, President of the Tacoma Handicapped Club, who both thanked the Council for considering the needs of the handicapped in the staging and dance floor at the Bicentennial Pavilion.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23868 Approving the final plat for Tronson's Addition located on both sides of Roosevelt Avenue from East 68th Street to a point 370 feet south of East 68th Street. (Sleavin-Kors)

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

Upon the request of the Land Use Hearings Examiner, Robert Backstein, Mr. Sonntag moved to continue the Resolution for one week. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to May 4, 1976.

Resolution No. 23869 Authorizing execution of a contract with the Pierce County Homes for Youth for operation of the "J" Street Group Home for Boys Project.

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

Resolution No. 23870 Authorizing payment of claim by R. R. Mackay & Sons, Inc. in the sum of \$526.33.

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

Resolution No. 23871 Creating a Downtown Parking Advisory Committee.

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

Resolution No. 23872 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to the City a Local Improvement Assessment Deed on a certain parcel of land in northeast Tacoma near High Point Drive.

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

Resolution No. 23873 Authorizing the acceptance of an offer to sell certain real property at 1611 South "L" Street for the "K" Street Community Center Project.

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

Resolution No. 23874 Authorizing application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in the amount of \$158,000.00 for the development and implementation of a Land Resources Management System.

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

Resolution No. 23875 Authorizing execution of contract with Boeing Computer Services for Geographic Base System implementation.

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

Resolution No. 23876 Authorizing execution of an agreement with Boeing Computer Services, Inc. in the amount of \$5,325.00 to provide for a computer model and simulated test run of the Dynamic Routing System of Tacoma Transit System buses.

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

Mr. Sonntag made a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of considering the addition of new members to the Mini-Dome Committee. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Sonntag made a motion to reconsider Resolution 23847. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mrs. Bichsel made a motion to include the following names on the Mini-Dome Committee:

- Alida Long, 1116 Bridge View Drive;
- Ann Jacobsen, 514 North "E";
- Ilse Flannigan, 1502 North 5th;
- Vicki Pitzen, 711 North 1st;
- Cheryl Sipes, 1202 South Verde;
- Robert Dillingham, 7th North "G"
- Edward Arnold, 2614 North Lawrence; and
- Madonna Arnold, 2614 North Lawrence.

Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Police Chief Lyle Smith, in his last appearance before the Council prior to retirement, gave a lengthy report before the Council regarding the Police Department's statistics, goals, objectives and accomplishments during the past year. He also distributed a planning and summary booklet for 1976.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mayor Johnston, speaking for the Council, commended Chief Smith for his years of service to the City and stated that he considers Smith one of the nation's best Police Chiefs.

Mr. Sonntag made a motion to excuse Mayor Johnston from next week's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Strege made a motion to suspend the rules to hear a citizen speak. Seconded by Mayor Johnston. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Bill Buell, No. 32 California, approached Council and requested that something be done to reinstate the proposed Fourth of July Parade that apparently has been cancelled by the Bicentennial Committee.


Mr. Schroeder said he would check into the matter.

Mayor Johnston made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing a proposed out-of-court settlement. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting recessed at approximately 7 p.m.

Mayor Johnston reconvened the meeting at 7:16 p.m. whereupon Mr. Sonntag made the following motion: " I move that the tentative settlement of Ruth Myles vs. City of Tacoma et al, negotiated between the attorneys for Mrs. Ruth Myles and the City and as recommended by the City Manager in prior memos, be and the same is hereby approved and that the office of the City Attorney be authorized and directed to consent to the entry of a judgment or decree in the pending litigation, all in accordance with the terms of said proposed settlement. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:   
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK

  
GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR