

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
December 20, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Present on roll call: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Deputy Mayor Warnick. Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston. Mayor Johnston arrived at 5:20 P.M.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Hudson.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the special and regular meetings of December 13, 1977.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24750

Setting Tuesday, January 10, 1978 at 1:30 P.M. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for vacation of East "D" Street between East 67th and East 68th Streets. (Malcolm J. McIvor)

Resolution No. 24751

Setting Tuesday, January 10, 1978 at 1:30 P.M. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for vacation of alley between No. 26th and No. 30th from Winnifred to Highland Streets. (N. M. Vukovich)

Resolution No. 24752

Setting Tuesday, January 10, 1978 at 1:30 P.M. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner, the request for vacation of South 30th Street between Gove and Ferdinand and the south one-half of South 30th Street between Ferdinand and Huson Street. (Dept. of Public Works)

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ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the following:

L.I.D. 3781 - sanitary sewers in East 69th Street from East "F" to East "G" Street and in North 28th Street from Narrows Place east to dead end.

Fixing Monday, January 23, 1978 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Human Relations Commission meeting of November 17, 1977.
- b. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of November 23, 1977.
- c. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of December 5, 1977.
- d. Minutes of Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee meetings of December 5 and 7, 1977.
- e. Minutes of Tacoma Planning Commission meeting of December 12, 1977.
- f. Minutes of Board of Pierce County Commissioners meetings of December 12 and 13, 1977.
- g. Dept. of Public Works filing Aging Schedule for Urban Arterial Projects UAB 8-1-128-17) and UAB 8-1-128(26)
- h. Resolution 20244 - Board of Pierce County Commissioners.
- i. Annual Program Report for Tacoma's 701 Comprehensive Planning Assistance Grant No. CPA-WA-10-00-0030, 7-1-76 thru 8-31-77.

Mr. Schroeder moved that all of the items on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Ronald Dawley & Company submitting audit report on TelePrompter services, operations, properties and rate standards.

Mr. Schroeder moved to accept the communication. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 5 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Schroeder and Deputy Mayor Warnick. Nays: 3 - Nielsen, Sonntag and Strege. Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston. The motion carried.

- b. Hearings Examiner submitting Revision of Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit No. 141.154 - General Metals of Tacoma, Inc.

Mr. Nielsen moved to concur in the recommendation of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Deputy Mayor Warnick. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston. The motion carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21227

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 2438 for oil surface treatment in Census Tract 629 lying generally in an area bounded by South 38th, Interstate 5, South 80th and South Tacoma Way.

Ron Button, Public Works Director, advised that the Water Division has agreed to pay \$294.65 of the cost of oil matting the west side of Clement Street between So. 60th and So. 62nd which had been protested by the residents.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21230

Vacating a portion of East 11th Street westerly of St. Paul Avenue. (St. Regis Paper Co.)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21231

Amending the salaries for certain unrepresented classes in the Compensation Plan for year 1978.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 21232

Amending Sections 1.12.090, 1.12.130, 1.12.133, 1.12.137, 1.12.200 and 1.12.629 of the Pay and Compensation Plan.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strega and Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21233

Creating a new fund to be known as the Unemployment Compensation Reserve Fund.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strega and Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21234

Creating a new fund to be known as the L.I.D. Note Redemption Fund.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strega and Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 21235

Creating a new fund to be known as the Central Stores Fund for the purpose of transferring inventories and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect January 1, 1978.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege and Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Sonntag and Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21236

Appropriating the sum of \$75,672.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Library Grants Revolving Fund No. 125 in order to implement the grant award agreement between the Tacoma Public Library and the Washington State Library Commission.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege and Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Sonntag and Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Mayor Johnston arrived.

Ordinance No. 21237

Authorizing transfer of the sum of \$1,085,948 from the Sewer Utility Fund No. 430 to the Tacoma Municipal Sewer System Construction Fund No. 436 and appropriating the sum of \$10,859,450 or so much thereof as may be necessary from Fund No. 436 for the purpose of implementing the Central Treatment Plant Facilities Plan, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Sonntag

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21238

Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 7704 for placing underground existing overhead electrical cable and telephone systems in a portion of Soundview Addition.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Sonntag

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21239

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 2445 for oil surface treatment on various streets in the City of Tacoma.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Sonntag

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21240

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 2446 for oil surface treatment on South 58th from Sheridan to Cushman and Washington from South 58th to South 60th Street.

Roll call vote 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.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21241

Creating a new fund to be known as the "Data Processing Division Intragovernmental Service Fund" for the operation of the Department of Public Utilities Data Processing Division and authorizing the transfer of \$300,000 from several funds to said Intratovernmental Service Fund.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21242

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the west side of "M" Street approximately 120 feet south of South 56th Street from an "R-2" and "C-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (Douglas L. Maher)

Mr. Sonntag moved to concur in the recommendation of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 21243

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the northwest corner of South 31st and Tyler Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District. (Jacobson & Wall)

Mr. Sonntag moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 21244

Amending Chapter 1.30 of the Official Code relating to pensions.

Roger Howeller, Executive Secretary of the Board of Administration of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, pointed out that the amendments were housekeeping. However, he asked that one correction be made on page 6, line 21, to delete the word immediately.

Mr. Nielsen moved that the correction be made. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Ordinance as amended was set over for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 21245

Amending Section 2.09.080 of the Official Code relating to Weights and Measures Fees.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21246

Amending the Equipment Rental Rate Schedule to reflect 1978 rates.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21247

Authorizing execution of a Grant Award Agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Labor under Part C of Title III of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, creating a new fund to be known as the "Youth Community Conservation and Improvement Project Fund" and appropriating the sum of \$78,262.00 from said fund, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21248

Authorizing execution of a Grant Award Agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Labor under Part C of Title III of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, creating a new fund to be known as the "Youth Vocational Preparation Program Fund", appropriating the sum of \$342,733.00 from said fund and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24744 (Continued from the meeting of December 13th)

Providing for the selection of an Alternative as proposed in the Interim Report Alternatives Evaluation November 1977 for Tacoma Industrial Airport, Pierce County Multi-Airport Master Plan.

Ken Reid of Reid, Middleton and Associates, Inc., displayed plans for the four alternatives and explained the differences in the runways and their alternative uses.

Mr. Schroeder moved to insert on line 13 alternative number 2 and on line 14, alternative number 2. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.



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Citizens speaking were:

Admiral James S. Russell, representing the Industrial Bureau of the Tacoma Area Chamber of Commerce, who asked that the Council take a look at the long range plans for the benefit of business to the airport and for safety reasons that the runway should be at least 6,000 feet.

Don Barber, Executive Vice-President of Tacoma Area Chamber of Commerce, who also asked that the plans include a longer runway.

James Morton, Attorney representing RATIA (Responsible Airport Planning for Tacoma Industrial Airport), spoke in favor of alternative number two.

Dr. James Billingsley, President of Air Gemini at the Tacoma Industrial Airport, explained the trend of business at the airport as moving more toward corporate air craft which some have a need for longer runways for full loads.

Mr. Hudson moved to amend the Resolution by adding another Whereas after line 11 to read as follows: "Whereas, the City of Tacoma finds that the best available data does not, at this time, justify any alternative providing for a lengthening of the runway but instead suggests such a decision should be postponed until 1996;" he also asked that the following be added on line 15 after the word Tacoma, "for possible implementation before 1996," and he asked that on line 17 the words be changed to read: "Alternative for this 20 year development of the Tacoma Industrial Airport." Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and declared failed.

Mr. Schroeder moved to amend the resolution on line 17 after the word alternative, add the word plan and after the final sentence of the resolution add the following: "The said plan to be updated on a five year basis." Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Hudson moved to continue the Resolution for one week. Seconded by Mr. Nelson.

Roll call vote was taken as follows: Ayes: 3 - Hudson, Nelson and Mayor Johnston. Nays: 6 - Bichsel, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Warnick. The motion was declared failed.

Roll call vote was taken on the Resolution as amended, resulting in Ayes: 6 - Bichsel, Hudson, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston. Nays: 3 - Nelson, Nielsen and Warnick.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

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Resolution No. 24745 (Continued from the meeting of December 13th)

Amending the City of Tacoma Affirmative Action Plan.

James Walton, Director of the Human Relations Department submitted a substitute page AA 12.020 to the plan, which would reflect that the Council will appoint the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee upon the recommendation of the Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the new page AA 12.020 of the Affirmative Action Plan be substituted for the one previously recommended by the Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Speaking in favor of the Resolution was Nancy Mendoza, Chairperson of the Human Relations Commission.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution as amended and carried.

The Resolution as amended was declared adopted.

Purchase Resolution No. 24753

Awarding contracts to: (1) Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$87,064.59 for Improvement 3139 - Elimination of direct storm inflow (Group 2); (2) W. H. Buzzell Construction Company on its bid of \$15,224.34 for Rehabilitation of building located at 614 East 64th Street; and (3) Fire Control Northwest on its bid of \$6,540.60 for Fire Department Turnout Clothing.

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

Resolution No. 24754

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel to provide assigned counsel for indigent defendants appearing in the Municipal Court.

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

Resolution No. 24755

Authorizing execution of an agreement with Milliman & Robertson, Inc. to provide actuarial consultation services to the Board of Administration of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System for year 1978.

Mr. Nielsen moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 24756

Authorizing execution of the City of Tacoma Labor-Management Agreement to be effective January 1, 1978 through December 31, 1978.

Mrs. Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 24757

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Pierce County District Court Probation Department to provide for probation services to the Tacoma Municipal Courts for year 1978.

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

Resolution No. 24758

Authorizing extension of the existing Martin Smith, Inc. Management Services contract for the Medical Arts Building on a month-to-month basis.

Mrs. Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 24759

Establishing the rates of pay for certain classes in the Public Service Employment Program.

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

Resolution No. 24760

Creating a new class and amending the salary schedule for the Comprehensive Employment Services Work Experience Program.

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

Resolution No. 24761

Designating the Comprehensive Planning Assistance Program as a Major Federal Aid Project pursuant to Section 1.24.980 of the Official Code.

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

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Resolution No. 24762

Expressing the City Council's intent to make retroactive salary adjustments for those classes not in formal bargaining units.

Mr. Nielsen moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 24763

Authorizing the purchase of A.M. demonstrator equipment and waiving competitive bidding requirements.

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

Resolution No. 24764

Authorizing cancellation of agreement with Alvin G. and Margarita Hart for sale of certain LIGF surplus property and refund of down payment.

Mrs. Bichsel moved to amend the Resolution to refund the sum of \$250.00 to Alvin G. and Margarita Hart instead of the \$200.00 as provided for in the Resolution, and also to delete lines 22 and 23. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston advised that new L.I.D. Committee appointments are due for January, February and March. He asked that the present committee stay on until the new Council members take office, when appointments will be made. Mayor Johnston wished the staff and citizens of Tacoma a Happy and Blessed Holidays.

Mr. Sonntag referred to Revenue Sharing Allocations which had been before Council a few weeks ago. He said he learned that in the meantime certain changes have been made by staff, resulting in anxious phone calls by citizens. He distributed to Council members substitute Attachment A to Resolution 24720 which he said would be a guide in the preparation of contracts scheduled for next weeks agenda. Mr. Sonntag moved that the Council provide the list to the Assistant Manager for guidance in preparing resolutions for the agenda of December 27, 1977. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Hudson advised that the Council of Governments created a task force to identify issues to bring to the attention of the Governor, the Congressional Delegation and the Legislature. He submitted a questionnaire of the Executive Board to the City Manager for response by the staff and the Council members. City Manager, Erling Mork, advised he would do this and schedule a time to review the issues with Council before the beginning of the State Legislative Session.

Mr. Hudson commented on a consultant study underway dealing with Federal Way. One of the alternatives mentioned is annexation to the City of Tacoma. He suggested the consultants be invited to make a presentation at a Study Session.


Mr. Warnick gave recognition to the fact that for the first time in history a student at a Tacoma educational institution has been selected to be a Rhodes Scholar, which is a great honor to the City of Tacoma. The student is Roald Severtson of the University of Puget Sound.

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Mayor Johnston moved that Council recess into Executive Session to discuss two items of litigation. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:42 P.M. The Council reconvened at 8:47 P.M.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Council approve settlements in the Flett Creek cases and Atwood case as disclosed in Executive Session at the recommendation of the City Manager and the City Attorneys. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

  
GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK