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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
August 9, 1977

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

Present on roll call: 9 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Stregé, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 0.

The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Bichsel.

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 2, 1977.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Natural Systems Citizens Committee meeting of May 9, 1977.
- b. Minutes of Board of Administration of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System meeting of June 30, 1977.
- c. Minutes of the Municipal Authority meeting of July 7, 1977.
- d. Minutes of Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting of July 20, 1977.
- e. Minutes of Board of Pierce County Commissioners meetings of July 25 and 26, and August 2, 1977.
- f. Quarterly report for 2nd quarter, 1977, Fire Department.
- g. Monthly report, purchase of investments during July 1977 - Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.

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

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Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules in order to hear Larry Ghilarducci, Tacoma Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Ghilarducci read his proclamation which gave special recognition to the Mayor, the City Council, the City of Tacoma and the Fire Chief for the upgrade of the City's fire class to a Class 2 City from a Class 3.

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REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21129

Vacating No. Warner from No. 35th Street to alley to the south.  
(Bruce R. Steel)

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. 21138

Appropriating the sum of \$107,851.64, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Labor Management Health Care Trust Fund for payment to Pierce County Medical Bureau for recovery of underwriting losses for year 1976 and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21139

Appropriating the sum of \$10,980.29, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Firefighters Health Care Trust Fund for payment to Pierce County Medical Bureau, Inc. for recovery of underwriting losses for year 1976 and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21140

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to establish the class of Civic Arts Commission Director and the rate of pay.

Mr. Nielsen moved to refer the unclassified position of Civic Arts Commission Director to the Civil Service Board for their review. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. After discussion, voice vote was taken and the motion was declared failed.

Ellida Kirk, Member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, reviewed the reasons why the Commission desired this permanent position and answered questions of Council members.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21141

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to provide salary increases for Light Division and Fire Alarm and Traffic Signal Division employees in I.B.E.W. Local 483.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21142

Creating a new fund to be known as the Comprehensive Planning Assistance Fund, authorizing execution of an agreement with U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for a grant award in the amount of \$33,300.00 and appropriating said fund for the purpose of implementing the Comprehensive Planning Assistance Program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21143

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the southwest corner of South 12th Street and Puget Sound Avenue from and "R-2" to a "C-1" District. (Gunnars Abolins)

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

The Ordinance was set over for final reading to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 21144

Appropriating the sum of \$8,113.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund to the County-City Public Health Revolving Fund for the purpose of paying increased costs of the Mary Bridge Prenatal and Infant Nutrition Program and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21145

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the southwest corner of South 56th and "I" Streets from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District. (Hugh M. Askren)

Mr. Schroeder moved to concur in the recommendation of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determine.

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Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Ringrose of the Public Works Department, who will review the Public Works position on the FAM Arterial and Street Funding, inasmuch as a delegation from the Council will be considering the matter tomorrow evening at a sub-regional council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Ringrose stated the Public Works Department's position of the FAM funds would be to recommend that the funds be made directly to the City of Tacoma rather than to the sub-regional council of the Puget Sound Council of Governments which has been receiving them and parcelling them out.

After discussion Mr. Hudson moved to reaffirm the Council's prior position subject to a compromise by the representatives to the extent of allowing the sub-cogs position and to be looked at in two years. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Sonntag moved to consider for first reading Ordinance No. 21147. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Ordinance No. 21147

Appropriating the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Metropolitan Park District Recreation Fund for the purpose of extending operations of the wading pools for two weeks.

Mr. Haley of the Park District spoke and answered questions of Council members.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 24575

Awarding contracts to: (1) Lent's Inc. on its bid of \$59,540.00 for Improvement 8170; (2) Woodworth & Company, Inc. on its bid of \$99,722.72 for L.I.D. 2444 and (3) Woodworth & Company, Inc. on its bid of \$37,677.04 for L.I.D.'s 2445 and 2446.

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

Resolution No. 24576

Authorizing the sale of certain surplus guaranty fund property located on Cushman Avenue near So. 19th Street to Alvin G. and Margarita Hart.

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

Resolution No. 24577

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

Resolution No. 24578

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Park District for certain improvements to South Park located at South 50th and Puget Sound in accordance with the Community Development Plan.

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. 24579

Authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Community Development Department and the Department of Human Development to implement a Home Repair Program for the Elderly and/or Handicapped.

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

Resolution No. 24580

Authorizing execution of an agreement with Robert Billsbrought Price and Associates for personal services relating to the South End Neighborhood Center Project and waiving the requirement for the sealed bid procedure.

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

Resolution No. 24581

Authorizing execution of an agreement with Tacoma Public Library to provide certain improvements to the Carnegie Library Building.

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. 24582

Endorsing and supporting the application of the Southwest Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in its application to obtain a Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team Study of the downtown areas of Tacoma.

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

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APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing the appeal of S.F. Carr, d/b/a Carr & Ormsby Transport, Audit Assessment Notice #34224 from the Department of Tax & License. (Continued from the meeting of July 12th) The appeal has been withdrawn.

Mr. Sonntag moved to remove the item from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Sonntag asked the City Attorney for his opinion on the next step the Council should take regarding the two ordinances on the Mall on which the Council overruled the recommendation of the Hearings Examiner last week.

William Barker, Assistant City Attorney, referred to his memorandum to the City Council in which he outlined some suggestions for the Council, which were in line with the position the Council took in overruling the recommendation of the Hearings Examiner and that whatever they decide could be put on the agenda at a later date as the Council's Findings of Fact and Conclusions.


After discussion it was the consensus of the Council that the Findings of Fact as outlined by Mr. Barker in his communication be brought to the Council on the agenda at the appropriate time.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Warnick asked that he be excused from next week's meeting. Mayor Johnston moved to excuse Mr. Warnick from next week's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

On proper motion the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
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GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK