

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
September 22, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

Present on roll call: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strage and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 2 - Hudson and Warnick. Mr. Hudson arrived at 6:30 P.M.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Nielsen.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

PETITIONS:

Douglas L. Maher requesting the rezoning of the property located on the west side of "M" Street approximately 100 feet south of South 56th Street from an "R-2" and "C-2" to an "R-4-L" District.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24628

Setting Monday, October 10, 1977 at 4:00 p.m., as the date for hearing L.I.D 8184 for asphalt alley pavement between No. Lexington and Mildred from No. 49th to No. 50th Street.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of August 24, 1977.
- b. Minutes of Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting of August 17, 1977.
- c. Minutes of City Beautification Committee meeting of August 25, 1977.
- d. Minutes of Tacoma Planning Commission meeting of September 7, 1977.
- e. Minutes of Board of Pierce County Commissioners meeting of September 12 & 13, 1977.
- f. Monthly Financial Report, July 1977 - Data Processing, Light Division, Water Division and Belt Line Railway.
- g. Planning Commission Annual Report - September 1977.
- h. Monthly Report, July 1977, Police Department.

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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R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

COMMUNICATIONS:

Hearings Examiner reporting on the rehearing of Bethesda Baptist Church's request for a Special Use Permit, held at the request of the City Council.

Bob Backstein, Hearings Examiner, reported that in accordance with the Council's instructions he held a rehearing on the matter. He referred to his supplemental report recommendations in which he recommended a compromise under certain conditions and if granted under the compromise conditions that the matter be brought back to Council in one year to review the matter.

Robert Jones, Pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, spoke on the subject and answered questions of Council members.

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

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21155

Vacating certain streets and alleys between So. 39th and So. 42nd Streets and between Pine and Fife Streets. (U.S. Postal Service)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hudson and Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21157

Amending Chapter 6.89 of the Official Code relative to taxes levied on gambling activities.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hudson and Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21158

Authorizing execution of a contract with the Tacoma Urban League, Inc. for operation of the Tacoma Vegetable Garden Project and appropriating the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Counter-Cyclical Fund No. 195 to carry out the project.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Hudson and Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21159

Authorizing execution of a contract with Alpha House to operate the Tacoma Youth/Drug Project and appropriating the sum of \$17,000.00 from the Counter-Cyclical Fund No. 195 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, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Hudson and Warnick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21160

Authorizing execution of a contract with the Tacoma School District No. 10 to operate the Community Schools Project, appropriating the sum of \$16,399.00 from the Counter-Cyclical Fund No. 195 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, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Hudson and Warnick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21161

Appropriating the sum of \$149,000.00 from the Counter-Cyclical Fund for the purpose of cleaning and sealing the Medical Arts Municipal Building.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Hudson and Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21162

Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 5576 for constructing water mains in Sawyer Street from Wright Ave. to So. 35th and Wright Ave. from Ainsworth Ave. to Chandler Street.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Hudson and Warnick

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21163

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 5561 for constructing water mains in Military Road from Reservoir Road to Kathy Street and other nearby streets.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

Absent: Hudson and Warnick.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21164

Vacating East "F" Street from East 68th to East 69th Streets.  
(Summit Realty, et al)

Bob Backstein, Hearings Examiner, reviewed the request for Council and his recommendations.

Mr. Schroeder moved to concur in the recommendations 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. 21165

Vacating East "F" Street between East 69th Street and West Street.  
(Keith Roberts, et al)

Bob Backstein, Hearings Examiner, reviewed the request for Council and his recommendations.

Mr. Nielsen moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Ordinance No. 21166

Amending Chapter 11.42 of the Official Code relating to traffic and driving rules for motorcycles and other vehicles by repealing Subsection (3) of Section 11.42.020 and renumbering the subsequent subsections.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading October 4, 1977.

Ordinance No. 21167

Creating a new fund to be known as the Title I Employment & Training Fund - 1978; accepting a grant in the amount of \$1,391,331 from the U.S. Dept. of Labor and appropriating said funds to provide employment and training services to unemployed and under-employed City residents 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 October 4, 1977.

Ordinance No. 21168

Authorizing execution of a grant award agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Labor under Title II in the amount of \$755,557; and appropriating said funds for the purpose of providing public service jobs 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 October 4, 1977.

Ordinance No. 21169

Authorizing execution of a grant award agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Labor under Title VI for the sum of \$4,547,106 and appropriating said funds for the purpose of providing for extension and expansion of public service jobs 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 October 4, 1977.

Ordinance No. 21170

Amending the Equipment Rental Rate.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading October 4, 1977.

Ordinance No. 21171

Amending Section 5 of Ordinance No. 21056 relative to surcharge credits and winterizing program eligibility standards for rebating the surcharge and expanding the scope of the winterizing program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading October 4, 1977.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 24629

Awarding contracts to: International Harvester Co. on its bids of \$309,813.78 for refuse packer cabs and chassis; to Perfection-Cobey Co. on its bid of \$221,246.33 for refuse packer bodies and to Special Trucks, Inc., on its bid of \$180,532.50 for refuse packer assemblies and to Carl T. Madsen, Inc., on its bid of \$40,175 for Imp. 8113.

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

Mr. Button, Director of Public Works, advised that they have again reviewed the bids on the side loading refuse trucks and recommend these bids be rejected at this time as they would like to work on the specifications a little longer and place them out for bids again as there is the possibility some money can be saved.

Mr. Schroeder moved to concur with Mr. Button's recommendation to reject the bids on the side loader refuse trucks. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried. Voice vote was taken and carried on the bid of Carl T. Madsen, Inc., for Imp. 8113. The Resolution as amended was adopted. Mr. Hudson arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution No. 24608

Authorizing application to the U.S. Dept. of Labor for a grant in the sum of \$1,391,331.00 for comprehensive employment and training services for eligible City residents.

Aaron B. Lee representing the Corrections Mental Health Unit of the Comprehensive Mental Health Center Tacoma-Pierce County, requested that Council include additional funds for their requested program which had been reduced by the Advisory Council.

Motion to adopt was made at the September 6, 1977 meeting. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 24630

Authorizing execution of an agreement with Dames and Moore, Consulting Engineers to provide certain services in implementing the Coastal Zone Management Project.

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. 24631

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for Model Cities grant funds budget for expenditures after December 31, 1976.

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

Resolution No. 24632

Authorizing execution of an agreement with Baseball Tacoma, Inc., for the use of Cheney Stadium and the Disabled American Veterans Harmony Chapter No. 18, for continued operation of the parking concession.

Mr. Hudson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. 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 Rovai, McGoffin, Turner & Mason, Attorneys at Law, for MBRM Investors, on the Hearings Examiner's decision to allow continued use of an off-street parking area in an "R-5-T" District and waiver of off-street parking area development standards to allow an existing parking area to remain unpaved at the southwesterly corner of South 8th and Yakima Avenue. (Continued from the meeting of September 6th)

Bob Backstein, Hearings Examiner, reviewed the request for the Special Use Permit and waiver of the off-street parking development standards and his recommendation.

Keith McGoffin, representing MBRM Investors, pointed out to the Council the inconsistency of requiring that his parking lot be paved while the School District parking lot across the street goes unpaved.

After discussion Mr. Sonntag moved to overrule the Hearings Examiner and grant the appeal and to include landscaping and that the matter be reconsidered by Hearings Examiner and Council in three years. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Erling Mork, City Manager, reminded Council of the joint Study Session with the Public Utilities Board on Monday evening at the Public Utilities Building.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Hudson reported on the all day meeting he attended this day as a member of the COG of the Puget Sound Council of Governments. He reported that they delayed the removal of the coastal zone area, that portion of land in all the Puget Sound area and land east of Port Angeles. He said the State will be moved out of the position where they have had a policy of oil port facilities and as a result there will be no policy. He reported the position of the Executive Board was to take no action at this time until the people in the Puget Sound area assessed the disposition. He indicated there are several openings on an Ad Hoc Committee and hoped a member would be from the City Council. He also advised that a hearing would be held on the subject on October 5, 1977.

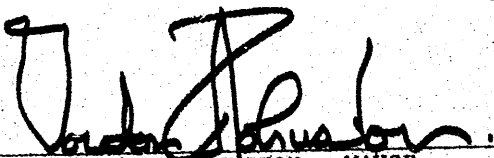
Mr. Schroeder referred to the enactment of the electrical surcharge several months ago and said he was proud that the Council had the courage to do what was necessary and is now encouraged to learn it will soon be removed.

He also referred to the recent primary election in which he lost in the nomination for Mayor and advised he would serve out his term as Councilman.

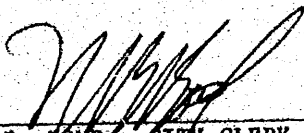
Mr. Strege reported that the Growth Policy Association, Housing Policy Group, of which he is a member, has been encouraged to continue their efforts in Urban housing. The Board has recommended, however, some changes in Pierce County and he will be forwarding this information to Council and the City Manager for review and comments.



On proper motion the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK