

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
May 4, 1976

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

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

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Schroeder.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

On behalf of Mayor Johnston, Deputy Mayor Warnick proclaimed the week of May 9 - 15, 1976 as "Tacoma Historic Preservation Week". Dr. Hruza of the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission accepted the proclamation.

Deputy Mayor Warnick proclaimed the entire month of May as "Northwest Bowling Month" in the City of Tacoma.

Deputy Mayor Warnick proclaimed Friday, May 7, 1976 as "The Amazing Kreskin Day". There will be a performance at the Temple Theatre for the benefit of the Tacoma High School Forum comprised of Bellarmine, Foss, Lincoln, Stadium, Wilson, Annie Wright and Charles Wright Academy.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 1976.

PETITIONS:

- a. Wm. Edwards Construction Company requesting the rezoning of the property located in the vicinity of Pearl Street and 6th Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District.
- b. Jacobson and Wall Architects requesting the rezoning of the property located on the southwest corner of South Tyler and SR-16 Freeway from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23877 Setting Monday, May 24, 1976 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 3764 for constructing sanitary sewers in South 95th Street from Alaska Street west 625 feet; Alaska Street from South 94th to South 95th Street and Cheyenne Street from South 64th north 350 feet.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of April 19, 1976.
- b. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of April 19, 1976.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System meeting of March 25, 1976.
- d. Minutes of Pierce County Commissioners meetings of April 19, 20 and 26, 1976.
- e. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of April 14, 1976.
- f. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of March 23, 1976.
- g. Minutes of City Beautification Committee meetings of March 18 and April 8, 1976.
- h. Monthly report, purchases and sales of investments during April, 1976, Tacoma Employees Retirement System.

Mr. Hudson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution 23877, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. William J. Barker, Assistant City Attorney, requesting Rezone Request No. 120.737 of Drs. Nick DiRe, Robert Heacox and Mr. Arne D. Reyier be closed.

Bob Backstein, Hearings Examiner, advised that the records indicate the petitioners do not wish to participate with this rezone and it is advisable that the request be closed. However, Ordinance No. 20691, covering the request, has had first reading. Mr. Backstein requested that the Ordinance be tabled.

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

- b. Hearings Examiner submitting Shoreline Management Permit Application No. 141.119 - Louisiana-Pacific Corporation - construction of a bundled-log removal ramp and driving pilings to form a standing boom to which a log raft can be tied.

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

- c. Hearings Examiner submitting Shoreline Management Permit Application No. 141.062 - Port of Tacoma - for an extension of time not to exceed one (1) year on Permit No. 141.062 for constructing a temporary moorage facility.

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

- d. Hearings Examiner submitting Shoreline Management Permit Application No. 141.046 - Port of Tacoma - for an extension of time not to exceed one (1) year on Permit No. 141.046 for filling and bulkheading Slip II in Blair Waterway.

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

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20664 Vacating No. Whitman and No. Frace Street from Westgate Boulevard to North 17th Street. (Harold Wick)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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.

A citizen requested to be heard. Mr. Sonntag moved to suspend the rules in order to allow public testimony. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel.

John Canonica, an employee of the Utility Services Division, objected to the upgrading of these positions and the creation of the new titles.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Ordinance be referred to the Civil Service Board for comments and recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Strege. After discussion, Mr. Sonntag asked that Ruth McElliott, a member of the Civil Service Board who was in the audience, be asked to speak.

On question of Council members, Mrs. McElliott advised that the Civil Service Board was primarily concerned with unclassified positions rather than the classified positions.

Mr. Sonntag and Mr. Strege withdrew their motion.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Warnick

Nays: 2 - Sonntag and Strege

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20735 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 5562 for constructing water main in 30th Street N.E. from 44th Ave. to 45th Ave. N.E. and in 45th Ave. N.E. from 30th to 33rd Street N.E.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20736 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 5563 for constructing water main in East 70th Street from East "K" to East "L" Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20737 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 8059 for permanent paving on "A" Street from South 43rd to South 45th; also, storm drains only in South 43rd from Pacific Avenue to "A" Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20738 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8108 for permanent paving on East 63rd Street from East "I" to East "J"; East "L" from East 63rd to East 64th Street; and East 90th from East "D" to East "E" Street.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20739 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8111 for permanent paving on South Alder from South 45th to South 47th Street.

Joe Carmignani, 6041 South Warner, inquired as to whether South Warner from 60th to 62nd had been deleted. He was informed that it had been deleted.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20740 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8112 for permanent paving on South "G" Street from South 58th to South 59th; South 76th from South "J" to South "K" Street (ext.) and South 79th from Pacific Avenue to South "D" Street.

Carl Mateson, 702 South 58th, spoke against the Ordinance.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20741 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 3737 for constructing sanitary sewers on Dock Street from East 15th to East 4th, on the conditions that an EDA grant application is approved and federal funds are received.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20742 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the northeast corner of East 36th and East "B" Streets from an "R-4-L-PRD" to an "R-3" District. (City of Tacoma)

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

Ordinance No. 20743 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the west side of Puget Sound Avenue between South 74th and South 76th Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District. (Thomas Yerbich)

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

Ordinance No. 20744 Vacating a portion of Bay Street and intersecting alley between Puyallup Avenue and East 25th Street. (Dept. of Public Works)

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

Ordinance No. 20745 Authorizing the transfer of \$9,759.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Airport Fund and appropriating said sum for the City's share of a County-wide Airport Study and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20746 Granting a franchise to Lewis B. and Beverly L. Despain, d/b/a Stellar Industries to place, construct and maintain bus benches with advertising.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading on May 25, 1976. (City Charter states that franchise ordinances shall not be passed until at least 15 days after their introduction).

Ordinance No. 20747 Authorizing the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund and appropriating so much thereof as may be necessary to purchase a speed ramp belt for the escalade between Commerce Street and Broadway from Westmount Industries of Santa Fe Springs, California and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20748 Amending Section 1 of Ordinance 20443 to increase the compensation for Public Service Employment Program positions of Police Records Clerk I and Police Property Clerk and establishing the effective date.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20749 Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to reflect salary changes as a result of a collective bargaining agreement with Automotive and Special Services Teamsters Local 461; certain classes in the Water Division of Public Utilities and the Municipal Court.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20750 Repealing and Reenacting Section 12.10.010 through 12.10.640 of Chapter 12.10 of the Official Code regarding water rates and regulations.

Aldo J. Benedetti, Director of Utilities, advised that he would also be speaking to Resolution 23887, which is on the agenda. He reviewed the operating expenses and revenues and advised that a rate study had been conducted. A considerable number of employees have been laid off in order to lower the operating costs. The rate increase is needed to meet the operating expenses. He advised that the proposed rate increase for 60 percent of the customers would amount to approximately \$1.02 to \$1.45 per month. The last increase in water rates was in 1971. He further advised that the Utility Board recommends the rate increase for the operation of the water system.

Citizens speaking to the Ordinance were:

- Stan Fleming, 642 Skyline Drive
- Raymond Roland, 1615 East Columbia
- Jerry Barr, 2320 South Wilkeson, who presented signed petitions to the Deputy Mayor requesting life line rates for the elderly and handicapped.
- Leon Johnson, 6202 South Ferdinand

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23856 (Continued from the meeting of April 20th)
Authorizing execution of a lease agreement with William T. and Kathleen J. Good for space at 1109 Dock Street for use as a parking lot.

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. 23868 (Continued from the meeting of April 27th)
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. Backstein asked that this Resolution be removed from the Agenda. Mr. Hudson moved to remove the Resolution from the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23878 Appointing Robert H. McComas to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a three-year term expiring April 3, 1979.

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. 23879 Appointing Putnam Barber to the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired three-year term expiring on April 1, 1978.

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

Purchase

Resolution No. 23880 Awarding contracts to: (1) Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$40,627.00 for L.I.D. 8095 - residential street paving; (2) Tonnesen Construction Company on its bid of \$50,100.75 for W.O. 91200 - sanitary sewer reline; (3) Tonnesen Construction Company on its bid of \$5,087.25 for W. O. 91201 - sanitary sewer reline & replacement; (4) Gray Company, Inc. on its bid of \$8,413.44 for wood sign posts.

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

Resolution No. 23881 Authorizing the sale of the surplus Motorola Base Station to Pierce County for \$1,750.00 cash.

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

Resolution No. 23882 Authorizing the utilization of the "Recommended Guidelines and Invitation for Proposals" for the contracting of the operation of concessions and catering at the Bicentennial Pavilion.

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

Resolution No. 23883 Amending the compensation for the Police Records Clerk I class in the Police Records Program Major Federal Aid Project.

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. 23884 Amending the compensation for certain classes in the CETA Program covered by Automotive and Special Services Local #461.

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

Resolution No. 23885 Authorizing the purchase of a prototype refuse collection vehicle from Fray Equipment Company of Seattle for the sum of \$21,028.41, and waiving the competitive bidding requirement.

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. 23886 Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with the Tacoma Opera Society for the presentation of an opera in the amount of \$4,653.00.

Mr. Warnick moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel.

Mr. Hudson excused himself from sitting in on discussion of the Resolution as he is on the Board of Directors of the Opera Society. Mr. Hudson left the Council Chambers.

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

Resolution No. 23887 Authorizing the City to execute the Water Rate Agreement with St. Regis Paper Company for the period May 1, 1976 through April 30, 1986.

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

Mr. Nelson moved that the Resolution be continued for one week, at which time Ordinance No. 20750 regarding water rates would be on final reading. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to May 11, 1976.

A citizen asked to be heard. Mr. Sonntag moved to suspend the rules to hear the citizen. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Fred Carlboom, 1913 North Mason, asked that the Resolution be amended to read April 30, 1978 or be rejected.

Resolution No. 23888 Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement between the City and Automotive and Special Services Union Local 461 effective January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976.

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

Fred Van Camp, Business Representative of Local 468, urged adoption.

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

Resolution No. 23889 Authorizing the acceptance of an Offer to Sell submitted by Harry C. Jones for property located on the site of the proposed South 16th & "K" Street Community Center of the Community Development Plan.

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. 23890 Authorizing the Community Development Dept. to contract with the Tacoma Urban League for the purposes of developing a comprehensive-business-technical-assistance plan.

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

Ruth McElliott inquired as to whether this type of program would be available to other sections of the City. She was advised that at the present time there is no plan for this.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Acting City Manager of the City of Tacoma be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a temporary permit authorizing the Tacoma Tides Soccer Team to play a soccer game at Cheney Stadium on Wednesday, the 5th day of May, 1976, said permit to be conditioned upon said soccer organization furnishing to the City proof of public liability and property damage insurance in such amounts as may be

equivalent to or greater than policy limits required of the Tacoma Twins Baseball Team, and further that said organization agree to be bound by all of the pertinent terms and conditions of the City's standard leasehold agreement for the rental of Cheney Stadium, and upon the payment to the County of Pierce/City of Tacoma/Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma of the sum of \$500.00. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Severo Esquivel, Assistant City Manager, advised Council of the schedule for study sessions and meeting dates: Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m., a special meeting of the City Council at the Public Utilities Building Auditorium for Police Awards; Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m., City Council Study Session in Room 354, County-City Building, re: Budget Process; Monday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m., joint City Council-Public Utility Board Study Session in the Public Utilities Building Cafeteria re: WPPSS 4 & 5; Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m., Joint City Council-Public Utility Board Public Hearing in the Public Utilities Building Auditorium re: WPPSS 4 & 5.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Hudson reported that at last Thursday's meeting of the Puget Sound Governmental Council of Governments a voting process was adopted.


Mr. Schroeder commented on the need to adopt a City budget which did not rely on revenue sharing funds.

Mr. Sonntag commented on the Citizens Advisory Committee, which had been established to review the B & O tax rates and the fact that no report has been received.

Deputy Mayor Warnick advised that he would contact Professor Waldo, member of the Committee, for a status report.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


JACK WARNICK - DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK