

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
November 29, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Bichsel.

Prior to entering into the Agenda, Mayor Gordon Johnston issued a Proclamation commending the Tacoma Orpheus Male Choir on the event of its 75th Anniversary.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

Mayor Johnston noted that an item on the Consent Agenda was inadvertently left out with respect to a petition by Robert Lynch. He subsequently made a motion to incorporate the petition for referral to the Hearings Examiner on the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Approval of the minutes of the Budget Hearing of November 17, 1977.

PETITION:

Robert Lynch requesting the rezoning of the property located on the east side of South Mildred Street approximately 80 feet north of South 8th Street from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 27421

Setting Tuesday, December 27, 1977 at 9:00 A.M. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for vacation of certain streets and alleys in the vicinity of South 25th and Trafton Streets,

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Statistical report for the month of October, 1977 - Municipal Court.
- b. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of November 9, 1977.
- c. Monthly financial report, September, 1977, Belt Line Railway, Data Processing, Light Division and Water Division.
- d. Review of the Department of Human Development, July, 1977 - Knight, Vale & Gregory.

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

Mayor Johnston made a motion to suspend the rules to consider two resolutions out of sequence - Resolution No. 24729 and 24730. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 24729

Appointing Barbara Corsi Baldwin as a member of the Civic Arts Commission of Tacoma-Pierce County for a four year term expiring November 29, 1981.

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

Resolution No. 24730

Appointing Mrs. Karen Goodman Seinfeld as trustee on the Library Board for an unexpired term ending August 3, 1978.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Hearings Examiner recommending removal of certain conditions on File No. 120.580A, reclassification of Northeast corner of North 19th and Oakes Street. (Towne Collins and John Miller)

Upon the recommendation of the Hearings Examiner, Bob Backstein, Mayor Johnston made a motion to remove the communication from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The communication was removed.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21215

Appropriating \$30,000 from the contingency fund for the purpose of providing \$10,000 each to the Child Development and Learning Center and Poison Information Center of Mary Bridge Children's Health Center and the Civic Arts Program of the Tacoma/Pierce County Civic Arts Commission.

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.

Ordinance No. 21216

Amending Section 5.02.010 of the Official Code relating to the Board of Health and the new Health Services Building.

Mr. Schroeder moved to consider the Substitute Ordinance No. 21216.

Voice vote was taken and carried.

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.

Mayor Johnston then moved to suspend the rules to consider for final reading Ordinance No. 21222 upon the recommendation of the City Manager's office. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The ordinance was then placed into final reading.

Ordinance No. 21222

Providing for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the fiscal year 1978.

Following a brief discussion, a roll call vote was demanded, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21217

Authorizing refunding of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1975.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21218

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to adjust salaries of Police and Fire Service classes for year 1978.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21219

Establishing a new fund to be known as the "Intergovernmental Personnel Act State Grant Fund", accepting a grant award in the amount of \$12,955.00 from the State of Washington and appropriating said sum for the Job Improvement Through Involvement Model Project 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. 21220

Amending Section 1.12.920 of the Official Code relating to protection of officers and employees against personal legal liability.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21221

Accepting a grant award from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, appropriating said funds for the purpose of processing sixty-five cases by the Tacoma Human Relations Commission 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. 21223

Adopting the 1978 Annual Budget of the City of Tacoma.

City Finance Director, Earl Mittelstaedt made a detailed presentation of the Annual Budget incorporating the previously agreed to changes within the budget. He noted that the increase cost of the General Fund was 8.56% and that the budget, as presented, was balanced.

Mr. Doug Sutherland, Chairman of the Tax Committee of the Tacoma Area Chamber of Commerce, generally commenting on the City Council involvement in the budget process and making some suggestions for future budgets, particularly with respect to independent analysis of a performance

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and function of City departments, review of various departmental program objectives, and quarterly reviews of budget expenditures and anticipated revenue.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24722

Authorizing the transfer of the Kenneth Burbank sublease from Evergreen Helicopters, Inc. to Westgate Aero Ltd. for space at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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. 24723

Authorizing execution of a permit to Westgate Aeero Ltd. to be a Fixed Base Operator at Tacoma Industrial Airport.

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. 24724

Authorizing execution of agreement with Firefighters Union Local #31 effective January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1979.

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

Resolution No. 24725

Authorizing execution of agreement with Tacoma Police Union Local #224, I.O.U.E., effective January 1, 1978 through December 31, 1979.

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. 24726

Authorizing execution of amendment to lease agreement with Bernard G. and Marie O. Tresner and Dale Tresner for space at 751 Tacoma Avenue South for the Human Development Department's Home Repair Project.

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. 24727

Authorizing execution of a contract with U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission for the purpose of processing sixty-five cases by the Human Relations Commission for December 1, 1977 through October 31, 1978.

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

Purchase Resolution No. 24728

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company on its bid of \$62,975.92 for W.O. 74339 - Crushing, Hauling and Stockpiling Aggregates.

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

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Councilman Hudson made a motion that the Public Utilities Director, Aldo Benedetti, be allowed to testify before a hearing this Friday of the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Johnston indicated to members of the Council that he intended to send best wishes and encouragement to the Sumner Football Team which plays for the State Triple AAA Championship Saturday in Seattle.

Mayor Johnston then made a motion to excuse those members of the Council who are attending the National League of Cities meeting in San Francisco next week. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen. Mayor Johnston indicated that all but Councilmen Nelson and Hudson would be making the trip. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

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Councilman Strege made a motion that the City Council endorse the effort of the Task Force on Youth Safety and refer submitted recommendations to the Joint Municipal Action Committee. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Following additional discussion however, Councilman Strege withdrew the motion, with permission of the second, and asked that each Council member study the information submitted and be prepared to make some recommendations at next weeks meeting.

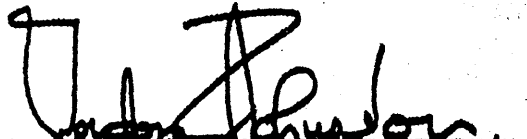
CITIZENS REQUESTS TO BE HEARD:

Washington Natural Gas Company requesting to be heard regarding the 2% franchise tax.

Mr. Robert Tomlinson, Attorney and Vice President for the Washington Natural Gas Company, made a presentation for the City Council requesting the elimination of the 2% franchise tax and B&O tax, presently imposed on the Washington Natural Gas Company and replaced with a 7% utility tax.

A brief discussion was held but no action was taken by the Council.

On proper motion the meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.


GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:


H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK