

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
August 30, 1977

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

Present on roll call: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Sonntag. Mr. Sonntag arrived at 5:07 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Hudson.

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules in order to hear Item No. 17 on the agenda - Citizens Requests to be Heard - prior to the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Don McGavick said he was representing the citizens who signed a petition regarding traffic problems on Sixth Avenue in the vicinity of Pearl and Mildred. He asked that a frontage road between the proposed freeway, SR-16, be constructed at the rear of the commercial district between Pearl to Mildred, to alleviate traffic congestion as a result of the proposed SR-16 in that area. He presented a petition with 1300 signatures.

Also speaking and answering questions of Council members was Bob Anderson, retired Director of Public Works.

Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules to have Public Hearing which is Item No. 13 on the agenda heard next. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public hearing on proposed State Route 509 - Tacoma Spur.

J. D. Zirkle, Director of the Highway Engineer for the State of Washington, reviewed the proposed route of the Spur which would connect the downtown to the Interstate 5. The proposal was to cross the City Waterway in the vicinity of 20th Street.

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Also speaking were: Don Barber, Executive Vice President of the Tacoma Area Chamber of Commerce who asked that consideration be given for vehicle traffic to Dock Street; David Williams, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Downtown Tacoma Association; and Clyde Hupp, Secretary of the Pierce County Central Labor Council; and Richard Vincent, representing the Burlington Northern Railroad, who had concerns regarding the Spur as relates to the Tacoma Union Depot, he asked that the railroad have an opportunity to review the proposed project.

With no further public comments, Mayor Johnston declared the hearing closed.

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

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 23, 1977.

PETITIONS:

Certain property owners on East 48th Street petitioning for a 25-mile an hour speed limit and traffic check on East 48th Street from Portland Avenue to McKinley Avenue.

For referral to the Public Works Department.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24599

Setting Monday, September 26, 1977 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5577 for construction of water main and fire hydrant in South "L" from South 76th to South 80 Street.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of August 8, 1977.
- b. Minutes of Public Utility Board meeting of August 10, 1977.
- c. Minutes of Board of Port Commissioners meeting of July 7, 1977.
- d. Minutes of Board of Pierce County Commissioners meeting of August 22, 1977.
- e. Draft Environmental Impact Statement - SR 509 SR-5 Pacific Avenue Interchange to SR-5 Port of Tacoma Road Interchange.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of September 4th to September 10th as "Full Employment Week in the City of Tacoma."

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of August 29th through September 4, 1977 as "Tacoma Urban League Week."

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Tacoma Library Board of Trustees advising the Council of their interest in a joint venture of a Branch Library and Fire Station in Northeast Tacoma.

Cyril J. Galagan, President of the Tacoma Library Board of Trustees, described to Council the Library Board's proposal of a joint library and fire station on property which had been donated to the Library Board. He spoke of the advantages of such a venture.

Tony Mitchell, Chief of the Tacoma Fire Department, answered questions of Council members in regard to his impression as to the values of the proposal.

No action was taken by the Council.

- b. City Attorney requesting that the file on George S. Pessemier's request for the reclassification of the Southwest corner of South 12th Street and Puget Sound Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District be closed and Ordinance No. 20472 be tabled.

Mr. Schroeder moved to concur in the request of the City Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21153

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the State of Washington, Dept. of Ecology, for a grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the purpose of continuing the Shoreline Data Management Project, and authorizing a temporary loan from the General Fund in the sum of \$40,000.

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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Ordinance No. 21042

Vacating "E" Street between North 1st and North 3rd Streets and a portion of Stadium Way at North 3rd Street. (Dept. of Public Works)

William Barker, Assistant City Attorney, explained that Council has before them the ordinance for vacation of North "E" and the substitute ordinance for the realignment of "E" Street.

Several Council members had questions that they wished to address to the Hearings Examiner. Bob Backstein, the Hearings Examiner, was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Nielsen moved to continue the ordinance for one week. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Final reading of the Ordinance was continued to September 6, 1977.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21154

Creating a new fund to be known as the Central District Energy Research and Development Fund and appropriating the sum of \$168,479.00 from said fund for the purpose of conducting an economic and feasibility study for the Central District Heating, Cooling, Refuse, Fixed Combustor/Steam Generator Project.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24600

Appointing David D. Foreman and Charles D. Bronson, III, as members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission for terms expiring April 3, 1980.

Mr. Schroeder 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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Resolution No. 24601

Appointing Henry A. Burke, DVM, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Tacoma Public Library for a term expiring on August 3, 1982.

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

Resolution No. 24602

Awarding contracts to: (1) R. T. Tonnesen Construction on its bid of \$50,846.85 for L.I.D. 3788 Unit "A"; (2) Farwest White Trucks, Inc. on its bid of \$45,448.48 for Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis; (3) Pacific Outfitting on its bid of \$12,180.66 for Police Uniform Shirts and rejecting bid on W.O. 59729 as it exceeds the Engineer's estimate.

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

Resolution No. 24603

Expressing the City Council's intent to participate in a joint City of Tacoma/Tacoma Public School Community Schools Program.

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. 24604

Authorizing the proper office of the City to file a Notice of Intent to provide water service in the area north of 116th Street East and south of the Puyallup City limits.

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

Resolution No. 24605

Approving Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Resolution No. 161 to amend the Compensation Plan to add two new classifications.

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. 24606

Authorizing execution of an amendment to the agreement with the Tacoma Housing Authority and Department of HUD to increase dollar amount available for Homestead homes and rehabilitation loans.

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

Resolution No. 24607

Authorizing execution of an amendment to extend the agreement to December 31, 1977 with Anthony Pastley for certain services in connection with the Youth Home Repair Project.

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

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.

Mr. Warnick moved that the resolution be continued for one week as an additional Study Session is being contemplated on the subject this coming Thursday. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to September 6, 1977.

Resolution No. 24609

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Park District for installation of certain improvements to Manitou Playground.

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. 24610

Establishing the criteria and schedule for the allocation of Revenue Sharing Funds.

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

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Resolution No. 24611

Establishing estimated reimbursable expense guidelines to which the Martin Smith Company will be subject in the management and servicing of the Medical Arts - Municipal Facility.

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. 24612

Authorizing execution of a contract with the Federal Energy Research and Development Administration to conduct an economic and feasibility study for the Central District Heating, Cooling, Refuse - Fixed Base - Fixed Combustor Steam Generator Project.

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

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

Erling Mork, City Manager, reminded Council members of the special noon Study Session Thursday, September 1, 1977, in the Visibility Center to continue the discussion on the topic of CETA Title I recommendations.

Mr. Mork referred to prior discussions at a Study Session on the Puget Mini-Park and to material received by them on the subject. He asked that Council review the subject at this time as several concerned citizens are present.

Ron Button, Director of Public Works, introduced Karen Dennis, Public Works Department Engineer who reviewed the modified site plan of the proposed project which includes a Big Toy area, picnic area and asphalt paths.

Speaking against the project were: William Good, 3738 No. 31st; Laurie Johnson, 3912 No. 31st; Mrs. Ned Nelson, 3744 No. 31st; Rebecca Madsen, 3722 No. 31st; Ruth Johnson, 3912 No. 31st.

Speaking in favor of the project was: Carol Gorsuch 7302 North 27th. A petition signed by 30 residents, against the project was given to the City Manager.

Mr. Sonntag suggested instructing the City Manager to proceed with the revised preliminary site plan. Mayor Johnston asked that a resolution be brought to the Council.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Sonntag referred to a legislative hearing on a regional power plant which he attended recently. He advised the Council there is another hearing on September 10, 1977 which would concern Tacoma and urged Council members to attend.

On proper motion the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

At the request of Mayor Johnston the meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m. to consider a motion which was inadvertently omitted from business under Comments by Members of the City Council.

Mr. Sonntag moved that Probe Industries, a bonified and reputable non-profit corporation be granted permission to hold or continue a dance after the hour of 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 1977, Inasmuch as the same may be conducted without undue annoyance to any considerable number of people, all as provided for by Section 6.38.050 of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

On proper motion the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


GORDON W. JOHNSTON - MAYOR

Attest:


H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK