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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
January 13, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

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

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Hudson.

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PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Johnston declared January 13, 1976 as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day" in the City of Tacoma.

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Mayor Johnston moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations and a personnel matter. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting recessed at 5:11 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:46 p.m.

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Mayor Johnston moved to suspend the rules in order to consider election of the Deputy Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Schroeder moved to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Warnick as Deputy Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. Mr. Jack Warnick was unanimously elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Tacoma.

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

Approval of the minutes of the meetings of December 30, 1975 and January 6, 1976.

PETITIONS:

Dr. Nick DIRI, Dr. Robert Heacox & Arne D. Reyler requesting the rezoning of the property located on the southwest corner of Browns Point Boulevard McMurry Road from an "R-2" to a "C-1" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Affirmative Action Evaluation Committee meeting of December 3, 1975.
 - b. Minutes of Tacoma/Pierce County Bicentennial Commission meeting of December 11, 1975.
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- c. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of December 15, 1975.
- d. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of December 16, 1975.
- e. Minutes of Citizens' Budget Committee meeting of December 17, 1975.
- f. Minutes of Pierce County Commissioners meetings of December 29 and 30, 1975.
- g. Monthly report, December, 1975, Fire Department.
- h. Emergency Services Dept. filing Personnel & Administrative Claim No. 606-76-5(41), November, 1975.
- i. City Beautification Committee's 1975 Annual Report of Activities.
- j. Monthly report, Traffic Violations & Court Cases, December, 1975, Municipal Court.

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

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REGULAR AGENDA

- COMMUNICATIONS:
- a. Legislative Report to the City Council by Mel Gaumer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

Mel Gaumer reported on upcoming bills in the State Legislature of interest and concern to the City.

- b. H. B. Bond, City Clerk, advising that the Civil Service Board has filed a proposed amendment to Section 1.24.750 of the Civil Service and Personnel Rules.

No action was taken.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20505 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to change the classification of the N.W. corner of South 9th and "K" Streets from a "C-1" to a "C-2" District. (E.S.S. Corp.)

Roll call 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. 20625 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to change the classification of the Southeast corner of Center and Tyler Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District. (James M. Fitzpatrick)

Roll call 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. 20630 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to change the classification of the N.W. corner of Mason and 6th Avenues from a "C-1" to a "C-2" District. (Bruce H. Kelly)

Roll call 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. 20631 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to change the classification of the Northwesterly corner of Ainsworth and Division Avenues from a "C-2" to an "R-4" District. (City of Tacoma)

Roll call 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. 20641 Authorizing acceptance of the sum of \$721,508.00 from the Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor under Title I and appropriating said sum for comprehensive manpower services.

Roll call 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. 20642 Authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Washington State Safety Commission in the sum of \$35,000.00, establishing the "Traffic Control Inventory Equipment Fund" and appropriating \$35,000.00 from said fund for the purpose of carrying out a photolog system and traffic control devices inventory.

Roll call 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. 20645 Appropriating the sum of \$46,787.50, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Community Development Block Grant Fund No. 144-854 to the Fawcett Wash. R-3 Temporary Loan Repayment Fund, for the purpose of closing out the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Gary Sullivan, Director of the Department of Community Development, reviewed the ordinance for Council and answered questions.

Mr. Schroeder asked that a report be prepared for Council similar to the one submitted on the completion of the Center Street Project, which showed the difference in taxes and employment before and after the project.

Mr. Sullivan advised that his department has planned to do this.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20646 Appropriating the sum of \$142,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund to the County-City Public Health Pooling Fund, for the purpose of carrying out certain Health Department projects during the calendar year 1976, 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. 20647 Appropriating the sum of \$9,200.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Library Fund No. 120, for the purpose of utilizing these funds to pay increased maintenance and operation costs of the Tacoma Public Library for the calendar year 1975, 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. 20648 Creating a new fund to be known as the "Handicapped and Elderly Transportation Fund" and appropriating the sum of \$44,320.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out development of a transportation plan for the elderly and handicapped.

Linda King of the Department of Human Development reviewed the ordinance for Council and answered questions.

A question was raised by Council as to the amount loaned from the General Fund. It was noted that the request indicated a \$10,000 loan and the ordinance shows a \$5,000 loan.

Mr. Schroeder moved to amend the ordinance wherever the loan amount of \$5,000 appears that it be amended to read "\$10,000". Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The Ordinance, as amended, was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase

Resolution No. 23709 Awarding contract to Falkenberg, Inc. on its bid of \$30,000.00 for Sewer Television Inspection for 1976 and rejecting all bids on Work Order 74267, replacement of timber decking on 21st and East "L" bridges; and rejecting all bids on portable seating for the Bicentennial Pavilion.

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. 23710 Expressing the intent of the Council to enter into a less-than-fee acquisition, owner-participation agreement and agreement for demolition of property located at 920 Broadway Plaza, formerly known as the Rhodes Department Store.

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

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be continued for five weeks and a study session be held on this subject prior to the expiration of the five weeks. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to February 17, 1976.

Resolution No. 23711 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to acquire certain real property bounded by South 13th, Broadway, South 15th and vacated Court "C" within Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-14.

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

Mayor Johnston moved that the Resolution be continued for four weeks. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Roll call vote was taken on the motion, resulting in Ayes: 4 - Hudson, Nielsen, Schroeder and Mayor Johnston. Nays: 5 - Bichsel, Nelson, Sonntag, Strege and Warnick. The motion was declared failed.

Roll call vote was taken to adopt the Resolution, resulting in Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Nays: 1 - Schroeder. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23712 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a deed and release terminating all right, title and interest of Foster Campbell and Wayne W. Johnson with respect to certain property located within the Fawcett Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-3.

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

Resolution No. 23713 Terminating all right, title and interest of B. A. McIvor, James McGranahan and Arthur Beyette, on certain property known as Parcel 12 within Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-14.

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. 23714 Authorizing the purchase from the Administrator of Veteran Affairs and the demolition of property located at 2345 South Sheridan Street.

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. 23715 Authorizing execution of a real estate contract to Laurence G. and Arline Mussig for sale of certain L.I. Guaranty Fund surplus properties located near No. 48th and Winnifred and No. 48th and Seaview Streets.

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. 23716 Authorizing execution of a Local Improvement Assessment Deed to William Zorzut for the sale of certain L.I. Guaranty Fund surplus property near South 80th and Ainsworth.

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. 23717 Authorizing release of easement granted by the Northern Pacific Railway Company for a ramp to the former River Street Bridge.

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. 23718 Authorizing amendment to agreement with the Washington State Employment Security Department for administering the programs for unemployed, underemployed and disadvantaged residents.

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

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Mr. Warnick commented on a letter received from Mr. A. J. Benedetti, Director of Utilities, which requested that this matter be referred back to the Hearings Examiner in order to consider conditions to be placed on the Special Use Permit. Mr. Benedetti's letter also advised that the matter had been discussed with Mr. Lynch, the attorney for the Mt. View Development Company, and Mr. Lynch has concurred in this recommendation.

Mr. Warnick moved that the matter be referred back to Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston appointed Council members Sonntag, Bichsel and Schroeder to the L.I.D. Committee for the months of January, February and March, 1976.

Mayor Johnston also made the following appointments:

Council members Sonntag and Hudson to continue to represent the City on the Puget Sound Council of Governments.

Council member Nelson to be the Mayor's alternate on the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health.

Council member Strege to be the Mayor's alternate on the County Law & Justice Committee.


Council member Nielsen to be the Council's representative on the Planning Commission.


Council member Bichsel to be the Council's representative on the Human Relations Commission; Council member Schroeder on the Bicentennial Commission and Council member Hudson on the Civic Arts Commission.

Mr. Hudson commented on the Puget Sound Council of Governments and a recent meeting in Seattle when King County made a proposal. He felt it was time for a study session to discuss instituting a process similar to the one used by King County. Mayor Johnston asked the City Manager to schedule the subject for a study session.

Mr. Sonntag also commented on the Puget Sound Council of Governments and advised that the Federal Regional Council of Governments at this time only recognizes the Puget Sound Council of Governments as the pass-thru agency for planning funds and urged that the City remain a member of the Puget Sound Council of Governments until some local agency receives federal certification as a pass-thru agency.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK