

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
January 20, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: 8 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Hudson. Mr. Hudson arrived at 5:26 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Nelson.

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PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of January 18 thru January 24, 1976 as "Jaycee Week" in 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 meeting of January 13, 1976.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23719 Fixing Tuesday, February 10, 1976 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the vacation of a portion of Cleveland Way from Portland Avenue to "Q" Street. (Dept. of Public Works)

Resolution No. 23720 Fixing Tuesday, February 10, 1976 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the vacation of North Steele from North 29th to North 30th and portions of the alley. (Metropolitan Park District)

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting of December 10, 1975.
- b. Minutes of Human Relations Commission meeting of December 18, 1975.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma/Pierce County Civic Arts Commission meeting of December 20, 1975.
- d. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of January 5, 1976.
- e. Minutes of Pierce County Commissioners meeting of January 6, 1976.
- f. Monthly Towing Report, December, 1975.
- g. 1975 Annual Report, Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission.

Mr. Nelson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 23719 and 23720, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION: Suggestion Award.

A \$25 award and certificate were given to Ron Button, City Engineer, by Mayor Johnston and City Manager Erling Mork, for presentation to Mr. James L. Hodson, Public Works Department employee, for his suggestion as he was not present at the meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Legislative report to the City Council by Mel Gaumer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

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

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Mayor Johnston moved to recess into Executive Session in order to receive an update on labor negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The meeting recessed at 5:13 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:26 p.m. Mr. Hudson arrived at the meeting.

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FINAL 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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

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. 20648 Creating a new fund to be known as the "Handicapped and Elderly Transportation Fund" and appropriating the sum of \$44,320, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out development of a transportation plan for the elderly and handicapped.

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. 20649 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 3763 for sanitary sewers in South Mason Ave. (extended) from South 38th to alley between South 41st and South 42nd.

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. 20650 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8101 for permanent paving on East 63rd Street from East "L" to East "M" and East "I" from East 40th South to deadend.

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. 20651 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 3722 for constructing sanitary sewers in the Tideflats area.

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. 20652 Authorizing the execution of a Grant Award Contract with the State of Washington Office of Community Development Law and Justice Planning in the sum of \$27,550.00, for continuing the Youth Services Bureau Volunteer Coordinator Program; authorizing the transfer of \$1,450.00 from the General Fund to Law and Justice Fund No. 1320; appropriating \$29,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from said fund; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Mel Jackson, Director of the Department of Human Development reviewed the ordinance for Council.

Jim Langlois, Director of the Youth Services Bureau, explained the program and answered questions of Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20653 Appropriating \$18,150.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for continuing the operation of certain recreation and leisure time services for the handicapped during 1976, to be administered by the Dept. of Human Development, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Mel Jackson reviewed the ordinance for Council and answered questions.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20654 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the Pierce County Drug Alliance for continuing the operation of the Drug Service System Project during 1976; appropriating \$40,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Mel Jackson reviewed the ordinance for Council.

Dennis Flannigan, Director of the Pierce County Drug Alliance answered questions of Council regarding the treatment program.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20655 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Progress House Association for continuing operation of the Leo Charles House Project during 1976; appropriating \$26,900.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20656 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Speech and Hearing Center of Mary Bridge Children's Health Center for continuing operation of the Seniors Outreach Program during 1976; appropriating \$4,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20657 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Big Brothers of Tacoma-Pierce County for continuing the operation of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Project during 1976; appropriating \$22,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Mel Jackson explained the ordinance to Council.

Dick White, Director of the Big Brothers Program, answered questions of Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20658 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with Mary Bridge Child Development and Learning Center for continuing operation of the Mary Bridge Child Development and Learning Center Program during 1976; appropriating \$16,475.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20659 Repealing Chapter 7.20 of the Official Code relating to the Police Reserve.

Robert J. O'Reilly, former Patrolman in the Auxiliary Police, referred to a study he made last year and asked that action on the ordinance be delayed until new members have had a chance to review his study.

After discussion by Council on repealing Ordinance 20209, the ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20660 Amending Section 6.62.020 of the Official Code relating to coin operated amusement devices and table games.

Mr. Nelson moved that first reading be continued for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. First reading of the ordinance was continued to February 3, 1976.

Ordinance No. 20661 Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan relative to certain Union negotiated positions.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23721 Appointing Ester Wilfong as a member of the City Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 1978.

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

Resolution No. 23722 Authorizing an addendum to the lease between Agricultural Dealers Supply, Inc. and the City adding an additional 3,861 square feet.

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

Resolution No. 23723 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Tacoma Public Library to provide and establish a Books-By-Mail Program for the period January 1, 1976 to June 30, 1976 for a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00.

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

Resolution No. 23724 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the Tacoma Chapter of the American Red Cross to implement the Red Cross Supplemental Transportation Program of the Department of Human Development's Transportation Division.

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

Erling Mork, City Manager, advised that the Department asked that this be continued for one week.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to January 27, 1976.

Resolution No. 23725 Authorizing execution of an agreement with Pacific First Federal Savings and Loan Association for an easement for unobstructed view over the 12th Street escalade.

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

Erling Mork advised that the department asked that this be continued for one week.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to January 27, 1976.

Ordinance No. 23726 Establishing certain temporary position classifications for the Human Development Handicapped and Elderly Project and setting the rate of pay.

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. 23727 Establishing the position classification of Internal Auditor in the Public Service and Emergency Jobs Program and setting the rate of pay.

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

Mr. Warnick moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 23728. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23728 Authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with certain labor unions for a tentative agreement on health coverage for City employees during 1976.

Mr. Sonntag 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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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Hudson inquired as to when a memo would be forthcoming from staff outlining the budget review process and asked that Council be included in that process.

Mr. Sonntag referred to a prior request for comparative labor statistics and asked that it be forwarded to him. He also asked the City Manager, Erling Mork, to send to all the Council members a copy of the letter from former City Manager Donaldson regarding the settlement with unions regarding the Police Reserve, the initial ordinance request, report from the negotiating team and letters from the union.

Mayor Johnston asked Mr. Mork to advise Council by memo as to who requested the amending ordinance.

Mayor Johnston acknowledged the presence of a group of Cub Scouts in the Council Chambers.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK