

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
November 3, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Warnick.

Present on roll call: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strega and Deputy Mayor Warnick. Absent: 2 - Hudson and Mayor Johnston.

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Nelson.

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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 October 26, 1976.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24128

Setting Monday, November 22, 1976 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5567 for installation of water mains and fire hydrant in East 53rd Street from East "K" to East "L" Street.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment rolls for the following:

L.I.D. 2431 - grading and oil mat on North Fir Street from North 13th Street south approximately 120 feet.

L.I.D. 8082 - permanent paving on South 21st Street from South Ash to South Hosmer; South Ainsworth Avenue from South 23rd to South 25th Street; alley between South "K" and South "L" from South 13th to South 14th Street; alley between South "J" and South "K" from South 23rd to South 25th Street.

Fixing Monday, December 13, 1976 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Citizens Budget Committee meeting of October 13, 1976.
- b. Minutes of Tacoma Planning Commission meeting of October 18, 1976.
- c. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of October 18, 1976.
- d. Minutes of Board of Pierce County Commissioners meetings of October 19, 25 and 26, 1976.
- e. Emergency Services Department filing Personnel & Administrative Claims for July, August and September, 1976.

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- f. 1975 Joint Annual Report - Tacoma's Suggestion Systems.
- g. Monthly report, September, 1976, Police Department.
- h. 1977 Preliminary Budget, Department of Public Utilities.

Mr. Nelson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 24128, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Warnick, on behalf of Mayor Johnston, proclaimed the week of November 8 through 14, 1976 as "Youth Appreciation Week" in the City of Tacoma.

Deputy Mayor Warnick also proclaimed the week of November 7 through 13, 1976 as "Military Appreciation Week" in the City of Tacoma.

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS:

Hearings Examiner submitting Shoreline Management Permit Application No. 141.117 - Hugh Barden - for a marina at 3059 Ruston Way. (Continued from the meeting of August 31, 1976.)

Bob Backstein, Hearings Examiner, advised that a letter had been received from Rose Barden, Hugh Barden's wife, advising that he is ill in the hospital, and asked that the request be postponed. He also advised that he had talked to Mrs. Barden by telephone and she indicated it would be several months before he would recuperate.

Mr. Backstein asked that the item be removed from the Agenda and be permitted to be placed back on the agenda when Mr. Barden is ready.

Mr. Schroeder moved that the item be removed from the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The item was removed from the Agenda.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20897 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the northwesterly corner of South 19th Street and Union Avenue from an "R-2" to an "R-2-TM" District. (Duan E. Olson)

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Deputy Mayor Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hudson and Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20898 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8143 for permanent paving on South Thompson from South 59th to South 61st and the alley between South 60th and South 61st from South "D" to Fawcett Avenue.

Ron Button, Director of Public Works, advised that as a result of petitions, the remonstrance is such as to invalidate most of the improvement. He asked that all of the proposed improvements in the L.I.D. be deleted except for the alley.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the ordinance be amended to reflect Mr. Button's request. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Roll call vote was taken on the Ordinance, as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Deputy Mayor Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hudson and Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20899 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8144 for permanent paving on North 35th from North Puget Sound to North Warner; North Ferdinand from North 21st to North 22nd; and other nearby streets.

Mr. Button advised that as a result of the remonstrances on this L.I.D., North Definance from North 46th to North 48th should be deleted from the Ordinance.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the ordinance be amended to reflect Mr. Button's request. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, as amended, resulted as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Deputy Mayor Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hudson and Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20900 Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8146 for permanent paving on East 63rd from East "J" to East "K" Street.

Mr. Button advised that at the L.I.D. hearing a portion had been deleted from the L.I.D. However, since the hearing the remonstrance on the section has been reduced to 44½ percent and he asked that it be added into the Ordinance. The section to be added is East 31st Street from Portland Avenue to East "N" Street.

Mr. Sonntag moved that East 31st Street from Portland Avenue to East "N" be included in the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Citizens speaking in favor of the Ordinance were: Mrs. Kalapus, 1441 East 31st; Martha Saretske, East 31st, Lila Saretske, East 31st.

Roll call vote was taken on the Ordinance, as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Deputy Mayor Warnick

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hudson and Mayor Johnston

The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed.

Mr. Sonntag commented on a L.I.D. Hearing and reported that it appeared that some of the citizens did not understand the process of the L.I.D.'s. He asked Mr. Button to investigate the process of L.I.D.'s and to seek a solution to the communications problem with the citizens.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20901 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code allowing the utilization of house trailers or mobile homes as temporary office space for businesses and providing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit by the Hearings Examiner for such temporary use.

Rod Kerslake, Planning Department, advised that Council held a public hearing on this subject last week. There being no other comments by Council members or the public, the Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20902 Vacating utilities and access easement near South 66th and Sprague Avenue. (David M. Johnson, et al)

Bob Backstein, Hearings Examiner, reported that a hearing had been held on this and there appears to be no problem with the vacation of the utilities.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20903 Vacating a portion of South 36th Street west of Mason Avenue. (Department of Public Works)

Mr. Backstein reported that a hearing had been held on this and there were no objections.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20904 Authorizing execution of Grant Award Agreement with U. S. Dept. of Health & Welfare in the sum of \$48,702.00, appropriating said funds from the Employee Assistance Services Fund No. 169, providing for a loan from the General Fund in the sum of \$7,000.00, authorizing execution of an agreement with the Employee Assistance Services and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Dwight Faust, Director of Training and Development, reviewed the ordinance for Council and answered questions.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 24129 Appointing Alberta Canada, William A. Haynes, Nancy Mendoza and David B. Swier to the Human Relations Commission for terms expiring September 30, 1979.

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

Purchase Resolution No. 24130 Awarding contracts to: (1) Pacific Northwest Theater Associates on its bid of \$8,250.35 for carbon arc lights for the Bicentennial Pavilion; (2) Star Machinery Company on its bid of \$3,694.27 for (2) concrete and asphalt saws; (3) Claude C. Purvis on his bid of \$4,670.64 for W.O. 60091-65 - repair of wood truss in Transit System Maintenance Facility.

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. 24131 Authorizing partial release of Light Division Easement No. E-2430 and full release of Easement No. E-5521.

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

Resolution No. 24132 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Urban League in the amount of \$70,000.00 under Title III CETA to provide payment for extraordinary training and related administrative costs for persons enrolled in On-the-Job Training under Project H.O.P.E.

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

Resolution No. 24133 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to submit a formal application to the Economic Development Administration for funding improvement in the Tacoma Fire Department Training facilities.

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

Erling Mork, City Manager, asked that this Resolution be continued for two weeks.

Mr. Nelson moved to continue the Resolution for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to November 16, 1976.

Resolution No. 24134 Authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 483, Traffic Signal and Fire Alarm Division, to become effective April 1, 1976 to and including March 31, 1977.

Mr. Schroeder 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. 24135 Authorizing execution of agreement with Tacoma School District No. 10 for cooperative administration of community recreation programs in school buildings.

Mr. Strege moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Nelson, Anna Munoz, Baker Jr. High School District, spoke in favor of the Resolution.

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

a. This is the date set for hearing on the Assessment Roll for Sidewalk Construction Fund No. 75-1, reconstruction and repair of sidewalk and construction of a protective guardrail on the east side of Fawcett Avenue from a point 302.5 feet south of South 19th south 37.5 feet.

Mr. Button reviewed this for Council and answered questions.

Mr. Schroeder moved to confirm the Assessment Roll. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Assessment Roll was approved.

b. This is the date set for hearing the appeal of Daniel M. Caine, Attorney, representing Puget Sound Truck Lines, Inc.; Puget Sound Trucking Company, Puget Sound Terminals, Inc. and Puget Sound Terminal Company appealing the Business and Occupation Tax Assessment by the Tax & License Department. (Continued from the meeting of August 31, 1976)

Richard Newman, Tax & License Director, advised that Council has a communication from the attorney representing the Truck Lines asking that the matter be continued to December 21, 1976. He concurred in the continuance.

Mr. Strege moved that the hearing be continued to December 21, 1976. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

c. This is the date set for hearing on the Tacoma Master Program for Shoreline Development. (Continued from the meeting of October 26, 1976.)

Nancy Thomas, Vice-Chairman of the Shoreline Master Program Citizens Advisory Committee spoke of the efforts and compromises reached by the Committee in preparing and presenting their recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Emily Miskovsky, member of the Committee, representing the League of Women Voters, read a prepared statement of the League which, in summary, asked that the needs of all sectors of the community be considered and parts of the shoreline be kept available for public use.

E. K. Murray, attorney, advised he was representing 28 clients whose properties or businesses were along the Tacoma shorelines. He described who they were, where they were situated, and how much frontage they had on the shorelines.

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Others speaking were:

Mr. Desmond Taylor, 2225 North Tacoma Avenue.

Mr. Hudson arriving at 7:25 p.m.

Steve Moyr, representing Burlington Northern.

Mr. Curtis Mehlhoff, 1819 North Union.

Mr. Robert Ellner.

Mr. Walt McGee.

Mr. Clyde Hupp, 950 Fawcett Avenue, representing the Industrial Committee of the Pierce County Central Labor Council.

Mr. Ron Kinzel, Business Representative and Secretary of the District Lodge 160 of Machinists.

Mrs. Adell Durken.

Mr. Sean Nichols.

Mr. Bruce Brennan.

Mrs. Thelma Gilmer.

Mrs. Nancy Kroening.

Mr. Scott Pierson.

Following additional discussion, Mr. Sonntag moved that the hearing be closed. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried. The hearing was closed.

Mr. Sonntag then made a motion for the Council to go into Executive Session for a briefing on the current status of labor negotiations. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mrs. Bichsel then made a motion to suspend the rules to change the order of the agenda to consider item 17 out of sequence. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

CITIZENS REQUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- a. Mr. Elmer J. Church, President, Pierce County Homes for our Developmentally Disabled Person, Inc., wishing to present their program.

Mr. Elmer Church addressed the Council. He in turn introduced Mrs. Maxine Tolle, who made a detailed presentation to the Council requesting assistance in seeking funding for a group home in Tacoma for mentally retarded persons.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Nielsen moved that the Tacoma City Council express its intent to study the possibility of co-sponsoring a group home situation with the Pierce County Homes for Developmentally Disabled People, Inc. for the purpose of allowing additional time for study and to allow for a route to continue to keep the application active for the Referendum 29 monies. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

- b. Citizen's Committee for Leasia Lang wishing to speak regarding the case of Leasia Lang.

Deputy Mayor Warnick then recognized Robert Gallucci, a co-chairman for the Citizens Committee for Leasia Lang. Mr. Gallucci briefly outlined the plight of Mrs. Lang and the condition of her current home. He requested City assistance to help resolve her problem. Also speaking was Mr. Tom Dixon, a member of the Committee and Executive Director of the Tacoma Urban League.

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Following Council discussion, the Council indicated that the City Manager's Office and his staff should continue to help work out Mrs. Lang's problem and come up with a reasonable solution.

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager, Erling O. Mork, then made distribution of his "State of the City Message" to the City Council and delivered a brief oral presentation highlighting the various sections of the report.

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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

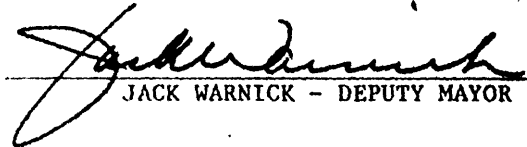
Mr. Schroeder made a motion that Mayor Johnston be excused from tonight's meeting because of illness. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. Mayor Johnston was excused.

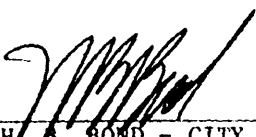
Mr. Sonntag then made the following motion: "I move that the City Council hereby indicate its commitment to participate on a 'Joint Municipal Action Service Committee' as established by the Tacoma School District. Such participation will include the appointment at this meeting of two City Council members to serve on the Committee. It is further understood that the school board has indicated that the board will serve as the lead and administrative support agency." Seconded by Mrs. Michael. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Deputy Mayor Warnick then appointed Mr. Sonntag and Mr. Strege to the Joint Municipal Action Service Committee.

Mr. Sonntag then made a motion for the Council to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing current labor negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. Deputy Mayor Warnick recessed the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Warnick reconvened the meeting at 10:22 p.m. and upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.


JACK WARNICK - DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK