

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
February 10, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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. Nielsen.

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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 February 3, 1976.

PETITION: Sisters of St. Francis requesting the rezoning of the property located on the southwest corner of South 19th and "J" Streets from an "R-3" to an "R-3-T" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees special meeting of January 6, 1976.
- b. Minutes of City Planning Commission meeting of February 2, 1976.
- c. Minutes of Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration meeting of December 18, 1975.
- d. Minutes of Board of Pierce County Commissioners meeting of February 2, 1976.
- e. Public Works Department filing Update Cost Estimate for Urban Arterial Project UAB 8-1-128(37).
- f. Monthly report - purchases and sales of investments during January, 1976 - Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.
- g. Monthly report, December 1975, Traffic Division, Police Dept.
- h. Monthly report, December, 1975, Police Department.
- i. Program Management System Quarterly Report, December 31, 1975, City Planning Department.

Mr. Nelson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. 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 bills in the State Legislature of interest and concern to the City.

- b. Landmarks Preservation Commission requesting Council's action to designate Fort Nisqually, Job Carr Cabin, Engine House #9, and Puget Sound Brewing Company as City of Tacoma historic landmarks.

James Widrig, Chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, introduced members Frank Hruza and Historic Preservation Officer, Patricia Sias, who gave resumes on Fort Nisqually, Job Carr Cabin and Engine House #9. Speaking in support of the Engine House #9 designation was co-owner Win Anderson. Mr. Widrig stated that the owner of the Puget Sound Brewing Company was unable to be present at the meeting and requested that his designation be postponed.

Mr. Warnick moved to continue the designation of the Puget Sound Brewing Company for four weeks. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Schroeder moved to concur in the recommendations of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and requested that resolutions be brought to Council for confirming same. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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Mayor Johnston then moved to suspend the rules to consider out of sequence Resolution 23747. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 23747 Appointing seven members to the Plaza Pavilion Advisory Committee.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Mayor Johnston then introduced the members of the Plaza Pavilion Advisory Committee who were present, which included Ronald W. Pemberton, Charles W. Hellar, Roger E. Turppa, Robert M. Pavolka and John R. Kane. Members Jack E. Tanner and Mrs. Elise W. Lyon were not present.

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- c. Hearings Examiner recommending modification and/or removal of conditions on request of Edwin C. Brenden for reclassification of the Southeast corner of South Ash and South 72nd Street.

Mr. Nelson moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

- d. Hearings Examiner recommending modification and/or removal of conditions on request of Stuart D. Wattles for reclassification of approximately twelve acres in the area of Center Street and Bantz Boulevard.

Mr. Warnick moved to concur in the recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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Mayor Johnston made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving an update on labor negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Council recessed at 5:36 p.m. The Council reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20668 Appropriating \$24,333.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund for the purpose of continuing the Financial Management Support Program during calendar year 1976.

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. 20669 Amending the Annual Budget for year 1975 and appropriating the sum of \$2,900.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Game Fund for the purpose of paying certain expenditures of the Civic Arts Commission.

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. 20670 Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan to reflect negotiated salaries in Locals #17 and #120 and establishing a new class of Home Repair Laborer.

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. 20671 Appropriating the sum of \$25,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Federal Shared Revenue Fund, for the purpose of funding Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission projects during calendar year 1976 and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Mrs. Ellida Kirk, President of the Arts Commission, briefly reviewed the Arts Commission projects and responded to questions by members of the Council.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20672 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to change the classification of the west side of Union Avenue approximately 320 feet south of South 19th Street from an "R-2" to an "R-2-T" District. (Veterans of Foreign Wars)

The Ordinance was set over for final reading to a date to be determined.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 23748 Awarding contracts to Pacific Outfitting and Brodsky's Uniforms on their bids for Transit uniforms and rejecting all bids for annual supply of cedar posts.

City Engineer, Ron Button, explained the second portion of the Resolution by stating that the City hoped to go to alternate materials for the annual supply of cedar posts.

A Citizen, Raymond Roland, 1620 East Columbia, addressed the Council to suggest the City consider steel posts rather than cedar posts.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted, including the amended bid tabulations. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23749 Authorizing the sale of a surplus vehicle to the Town of Milton for the sum of \$750.00 cash.

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

Resolution No. 23750 Approving the emergency repairs to the retaining wall on the eastern side of the Bicentennial Pavilion for a sum not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Strege.

After a brief discussion by City Attorney, Robert Hamilton, however, Mr. Sonntag withdrew his motion and Mr. Strege withdrew his second. Following additional discussion, 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. 23751 Authorizing the execution of agreements with St. Ann's Catholic Church and the Metropolitan Park District in order to implement the "Big Toy" project.

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

Ray Spadafore, Community Development Department, reviewed the details of the agreement.

Also speaking was Mr. Raymond Roland.

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

Resolution No. 23752 Approving the final plat for Stehn's Addition located at East 75th Street between East "D" Street and East "G" Street and on the east side of East "D" to a point 500 feet south of East 75th, and on the east side of East "F" to a point 500 feet south of East 75th Street. (Seifert, Forbes and Berry)

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. 23753 Authorizing application to the State Law and Justice Planning Office for a grant of \$8,334.00 to be utilized by the Human Development Department for the Group Home Project.

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

John Reiber of the Human Development Department reviewed the project and responded to questions as did Ms. Cindy Bailey, Director of the Pierce County Homes for Youth.

Speaking in support of the Resolution was a citizen, Ms. Darlene Crawford.

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

Resolution No. 23754 Authorizing renewal of the lease agreement with The Doctors Hospital of Tacoma for the Senior Citizens' Project through December 31, 1976.

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

Resolution No. 23755 Creating the 1977 Citizens' Budget Committee and establishing its responsibilities.

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

Ruth Kors, Chairman of the 1976 Citizens' Budget Committee, reviewed the recommendations with Council and responded to questions.

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

Resolution No. 23756 Authorizing the waiving of competitive bidding procedures and utilizing alternative methods to obtain proposals for the annual supply of convenience copiers.

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. 23757 Authorizing execution of an amendment to the agreement with Whitacre Engineers, Inc. for the design of the City Waterway Public Float for sea planes and transient boaters.

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

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager, Erling Mork, requested a waiver of residence for Bob Youk, Deputy Fire Chief. On proper motion, Council approved the request by a vote of 9 to 0.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Warnick indicated he had been in contact with the Chairman of the Citizens Business and Occupation Tax Committee and it was his understanding that the Committee would begin deliberations very soon in hopes to recommend a solution to the business tax problem to Council in the near future.

Mr. Hudson requested the Council continue to seek a dinner meeting with the Pierce County Commissioners some time within the next 30 days if at all possible.

Mr. Sonntag requested a report from the City Manager for a stop light at North 30th and McCarver Streets.

Mr. Sonntag then moved that the Tacoma City Council authorize a pilot resident intern program to be managed by the City Manager or his designee, in cooperation with the University of Puget Sound. Initial guidelines for the pilot project shall be as authorized in a memo to the Mayor and City Council from the City Manager dated February 6, 1976 and such of rules as the City Manager may feel are necessary. This program shall end by June 30, 1976 and shall be reviewed by this Council at a Study Session during July, 1976. Seconded by Mr. Strege.

Roll call vote was demanded resulting in Ayes: 5 - Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Sonntag and Strege. Nays: 4 - Bichsel, Schroeder, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. The motion was declared passed.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Gordon Johnston - Mayor

ATTEST: H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK