

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
October 30, 1979

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

Present on roll call: 8 - Bichsel, Evans, Hudson, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege and Mayor Parker. Absent: Deputy Mayor Warnick. Deputy Mayor Warnick arrived at 5:10 p.m.

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Parker.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 1979.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 26024

Setting Monday, November 26, 1979 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 5606 for installation of water mains and fire hydrants in the vicinity of 63rd Ave. N.E. and 17th Street N.E.

Resolution No. 26025

Setting Tuesday, December 4, 1979 at 10:30 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for vacation of portions of So. 28th and So. Lawrence Streets, abutting Block 1 in Hillcrest Addition, lying northerly of SR-16. (Allenmore Associates)

Resolution No. 26026

Setting Tuesday, December 4, 1979 at 9:30 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for vacation of East "J" Street between East 62nd and East 63rd Streets. (Myra Weiman)

APPEAL:

Mrs. Carolene Huddleston appealing the Hearings Examiner's decision to approve a special use permit for the Tacoma Boys' Club, Inc. to build a new Downtown Boys' Club on Stanley Playfield.

Suggested date for hearing is Tuesday, November 13, 1979, at 5:00 p.m.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearings Examiner agenda for Tuesday, October 30, 1979.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma Public Utility Board, October 10, 1979.
- c. Minutes of the regular meeting of the Tacoma Employees Retirement System, September 27, 1979.
- d. Statistical report for August, 1979, Municipal Court.
- e. Emergency Services Department filing Personnel and Administrative Claim for July, August, September, 1979.
- f. Minutes of the meeting of the City Beautification Committee, September 19, 1979.
- g. Minutes of the meetings of the Urban Policy Committee, October 17 and 18, 1979.
- h. Minutes of the meeting of the Natural Systems Citizens' Committee, August 8, 1979.
- i. Report of the Director of Finance, for September, 1979.
- j. Pierce County Commissioners Resolution 21777 regarding public hearing on Stadium Convention Center Fund: hearing date, Monday, November 5, 1979.

Councilman Strege moved to amend the minutes of October 23, 1979 on page 3 under Final Reading of Ordinance No. 21861. He said he voted no on the ordinance and asked that the minutes reflect this. Seconded by Councilman Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Councilman Schroeder moved that the Consent Agenda, as amended, including Resolutions Nos. 26024, 26025 and 26026, be approved. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, as amended, was declared approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Hearings Examiner advising that Joseph W. Brower has withdrawn his request #120.945 for rezone of the southeast corner of So. 52nd and "M" Street from an "R-2" to an "R-3" and recommending that the file be closed and the filing fee of \$175.00 be refunded.

Councilman Schroeder moved to concur in the recommendation of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Councilwoman Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried.

- b. Hearings Examiner submitting recommended amendments of certain conditions of approval relating to the number of apartments and tennis courts located in the "R-4-LPRD" at the 300 unit apartment complex at North 37th and Pearl Streets. (Mayer Built Homes)

Councilman Strege asked that he be excused. The Chair excused Councilman Strege.

Councilman Nielsen moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Councilwoman Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried with Councilman Strege abstaining.

- c. Hearings Examiner recommending denial of request of Pacific Housing Corp. for the reclassification of the southeast corner of So. 94th and "D" Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-3-PRD" District for the purpose of constructing 44 rental apartments. (An appeal has been filed)

William T. Lynn, attorney representing Pacific Housing Corp., asked that this matter be continued for three weeks.

After Council discussion Mayor Parker moved that the matter be continued for three weeks. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen. Roll call vote was taken resulting in Ayes: 4 - Hudson, Nielsen, Warnick and Mayor Parker. Nays: 5 - Bichsel, Evans, Kirby, Schroeder and Strege. The motion was declared failed. Councilman Strege said he would change his vote to Aye. A second roll call vote was demanded which resulted in Ayes: 6 - Evans, Hudson, Nielsen, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker. Nays: 3 - Bichsel, Kirby and Schroeder. The motion carried. The matter was continued to November 20, 1979.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21869

Amending Title II by amending Sections 11.02.200 and 11.19.020; by repealing Section 11.02.340 and by adding Section 11.19.025, all relating to Loading Zones and Truck Loading Zones.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Evans, Hudson, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21870

Appropriating the sum of \$4,066.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Stadium and Convention Center Trust Fund to the Baseball Park Revolving Fund; appropriating the sum of \$20,700.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Baseball Park Revolving Fund for the purpose of providing additional funding for capital improvements at Cheney Stadium; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hudson, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 1 - Evans.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21871

Amending Chapter 6.52 of the Official Code by amending Section 6.52.03C and repealing Section 6.52.050 all relating to maximum number of taxicab licenses that may be issued.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Evans, Hudson, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21872

Authorizing execution of an amended grant award agreement in the amount of \$8,643 with the State of Washington Dept. of Social and Health Services to provide for continued operation of the Crisis Child Care Project and appropriating the sum of \$8,643, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the 1320 Crisis Child Care Project Fund.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Evens, Hudson, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21873

Amending Sections 1.18.040 and 1.19.010 of the Official Code to increase the salaries of the Mayor and Council, and authorize coverage under the medial and dental plans of the City of Tacoma.

After discussion, Mayor Parker moved that the Ordinance be removed from the Agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was removed from the agenda.

Ordinance No. 21874

Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 5605 for constructing water mains in 12th Street East from 214th Ave. East to approximately 315 feet west of 211th Ave. East and other nearby streets.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Evans, Hudson, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21875

Providing for the improvement of L.I.D. 8270 for permanent paving on So. Bell from So. 40th to So. 43rd and So. Bell from So. 62nd to So. 64th Street.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Evans, Hudson, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21876

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L.I.D. 3800 for constructing sanitary sewers in 53rd Ave. NE from 27th Street NE to 29th Street NE; 54th Avenue NE from 25th Street NE to 29th Street NE; and 27th Street NE from 53rd Ave. NE to 56th Ave. NE.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Evans, Hudson, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21877

Authorizing execution of an amended grant award contract with the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission in the additional amount of \$7,294; appropriating said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Traffic Enforcement Grant Fund for the purpose of purchasing radios for the Police Department motorcycles.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21878

Establishing a new fund to be designated as the Economic Development Assistance Grant Fund; accepting a grant award in the amount of \$75,000 from the Economic Development Administration, Dept. of Commerce; authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund to said new fund; and appropriating the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary from said fund for the purpose of developing recommendations for long-range strategy for economic development.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21879

Appropriating the sum of \$1,800, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Cumulative Reserve for Arts Fund No. 1080, for the purpose of retaining artist selection panelists and cost of preparing preliminary design for a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts, and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21880

Amending Section 6.68.280 of the Official Code by adding subsection (m) relating to Licenses and Taxation deductions.

Speaking on the ordinance, to answer questions of Council members, was Lawrence Evoy, Executive Vice-President of Pierce County Medical Bureau.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 26027

Awarding contracts to:

- (1) Nest Homes, Inc. on its bid of \$46,743.00 for W.O. #GD412B - Cheney Stadium press box.
- (2) Nest Homes, Inc. on its bid of \$10,507.00 for W.O. #GD412C - Cheney Stadium maintenance bldg.
- (3) Art Pearson Electrical and General Contracting on its bid of \$79,897.20 for Imp. #DH202A-Traffic Signalization on Pacific Ave. at So. 46th, 48th, and 50th Streets.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26028

Approving the preliminary plat of WALLER ADDITION located west of Ea. "T" Street lying south of Ea. Sherman Street at Ea. "R" Street. (Ronald J. Waller)

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26029

Authorizing execution of the Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement for clarification of 1979-80 operating procedures, regarding the supply of electric energy.

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

Resolution No. 26030

Authorizing execution of a Comcomitant Zoning Agreement with S. R. Anderson Development, Inc., for an "R-3PRD" Planned Residential Development District, east side of Hosmer between So. 96th Street and 110 feet south of So. 92nd Street.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26031

Authorizing the purchase of chairs from Bank and Office Interiors on their bid of \$4,261.95.

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

Resolution No. 26032

Authorizing the purchase of Traffic Paint from Highway Safety Products at a cost of \$5,333.97 and waiving the requirement for competitive bidding.

Councilman Schroeder moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilwoman Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 26033

Authorizing execution of an amendatory agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Corp. to provide for a two month extension for consultant services.

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

Resolution No. 26034

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Urban League to continue administration and operation of the Vegetable Garden Project.

Mayor Parker advised that management has asked that this be continued for one week. Mayor Parker moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to November 7, 1979.

Resolution No. 26035

Authorizing execution of a lease agreement with Environmental Stabilizers International, Inc. to provide space for the Home Repair Project of the Community Development Department in a building located at 1131 Ea. 25th Street.

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

Resolution No. 26036

Authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement with Tacoma Police Union Local #6 I.O.U.E. to be effective January 1, 1980 through December 31, 1981.

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

Resolution No. 26037

Authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement with Tacoma Firefighters Union Local #31 to be effective January 1, 1980 through December 31, 1981.

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

Resolution No. 26038

Expressing the Council's intention to recognize and commemorate citizen groups and individuals for their efforts in promoting the completion of a "Mini-Dome."

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

Resolution No. 26039

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to cooperate with Pierce County on a joint survey of cultural resources (historic properties) in the City of Tacoma and Pierce County.

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

Resolution No. 26040

Authorizing temporary loans totaling \$280,000 from the General Fund to the General Bond Redemption Fund and the Fireman's Relief and Pension Fund.

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

Resolution No. 26041

Authorizing application for a federal assistance grant with the Pacific Northwest Regional Commission for assistance in development of an International Fair/Exposition and Mini-Fairs.

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

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be continued for 30 days and that a Study Session be scheduled. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen.

Mayor Parker explained that the Grant Application must be submitted and approved by the Pacific Northwest Regional Commission, which is meeting in two weeks and will not meet again until February. Councilman Nielsen then withdrew his second.

Councilman Hudson moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Councilwoman Bichsel. No vote was taken.

Mayor Parker moved that consideration on the Resolution be continued to the end of the Council meeting so that he may obtain definite information on the date of the commission meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Resolution No. 26042

Authorizing execution of an Urban Development Action Grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$400,000 to restore the Northern Pacific Headquarters Building.

Deputy Mayor Warnick moved to defer consideration of Resolution No. 26042 until after the Public Hearing on the grant. Seconded by Councilman Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. This is the date set for public hearing on an Urban Development Action Grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to restore and rehabilitate the Northern Pacific Headquarters Building.

Keith Palmquist, Director of the Community Development Department, reviewed the proposal for Council and answered questions.

Speaking at the hearing was Earl Seaman, representing the owner and developer of the project. No other citizens came forward to speak. Deputy Mayor Warnick declared the hearing closed.

Resolution No. 26042

Authorizing execution of an Urban Development Action Grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$400,000 to restore the Northern Pacific Headquarters Building.

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

- b. This is the date set for public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapters 13.02, 13.03 and 13.06 of the Official Code to allow the Hearings Examiner to hold hearings on area-wide reclassifications, variance criteria revisions and elimination of a zoning exception.

Rod Kerslake, Land Use Administrator of the Planning Department, briefly reviewed the proposed amendments as approved by the Planning Commission and answered questions of Council members.

No one from the public came forward to speak on the proposed amendments. Deputy Mayor Warnick declared the hearing closed.

Resolution No. 26041

Authorizing application for a federal assistance grant with the Pacific Northwest Regional Commission for assistance in development of an International Fair/Exposition and Mini-Fairs.

Mayor Parker distributed to Council members a copy of the assistance grant application.

Larry Thompson, Special Assistant to the Mayor on loan from the United States State Department for the purpose of exploring the possibility of a World's Fair, reviewed the application and answered questions. Several Council members expressed the desire for postponement of the resolution in order to seek answers to some of their questions. Due to the conflicting dates for the postponement of the resolution Councilman Strege moved that the resolution be removed from the agenda. Seconded by Mayor Parker. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was removed from the agenda.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Councilman Hudson inquired as to whether there would be a follow-up session for Council members prior to the next meeting of the Park Board to review the response received from the Park Board after the first session. He also asked for a rough sketch on the information of last year on the pros and cons of a consolidation with the Park Board. He asked for information on how many other park boards exist in the State that are funded in the same manner and have the same type of elected Park Board members that the City has.

Deputy Mayor Warnick said he has received calls regarding the two traffic barriers on North Yakima Avenue. He presented management with a copy of the letter he had received.

Councilman Nielsen referred to the three Charter propositions which will appear on the November 6th ballot and wondered how the general public could receive information on them. On being informed that there was no formal literature being distributed outside of the Resolutions which were passed and published in the News Tribune, he asked the City Manager and City Clerk to explore the possibility of, in the future, placing a time limit for such proposals in order that they may be placed in the Voter's Pamphlet which is distributed to all registered voters.


Councilman Schroeder referred to Resolution No. 26041 which had been removed from the agenda because of lack of information and said that he felt Council could be much more helpful to the Mayor's projects if they were informed of what the projects and programs are.

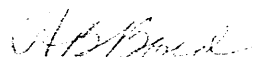
Mayor Parker referred to the previous evenings Study Session with the Utility Board and his suggestion that a sub-committee of the City Council look at the Utilities Budget. He moved that Council members Strege, Evans and Bichsel be appointed to the Budget Committee to look at the Utilities Budget between now and November 20th with a report to Council by November 16th and that Councilman Evans be the Chairman of that committee. Seconded by Councilman Evans. Voice vote was taken and carried.

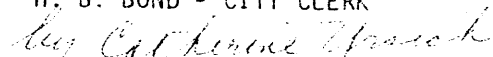
Mayor Parker asked staff for a follow-up on Mr. Nolan's proposal that an ordinance be prepared creating an Energy Policy Committee, made up of the City Council and Public Utility Board, with the Mayor as Chairman and two City Council members and two members of the Utility Board. He asked that a Study Session be set to discuss it.

Mayor Parker recommended a complete revision of the Health ordinances be made and asked Mr. Hamilton to advise him when they would be coming to Council.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


MIKE PARKER - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK


Catherine Warnick
Deputy City Clerk