

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
May 25, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Council members present on roll call: 7 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, and Deputy Mayor Warnick. Absent: 2 - Hudson and Mayor Johnston.

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 May 18, 1976 and special hearing of May 19, 1976.

PETITION: T & L Construction, Inc. requesting the rezoning of the property located on the west side of "M" Street between South 10th Street extended and South 11th Street from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23912 Setting Tuesday, June 22, 1976 at 10:30 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the vacation of the alley between Highland and Woodlawn from South 11th to South 12th Street. (Ronald W. Crippen)

Resolution No. 23913 Setting Tuesday, June 15, 1976 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the vacation of the alley between 24th Street NE and 25th Street NE from 64th Ave. NE to 65th Ave. NE. (Cary R. Sweet)

Resolution No. 23914 Setting Tuesday, June 15, 1976 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the vacation of a portion of South 52nd St. at Alaska Street. (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

Resolution No. 23915 Setting Monday, June 14, 1976 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 8118 for asphaltic concrete pavement in the alley between South Thompson and South "J" from South 43rd to South 45th Street.

Resolution No. 23916 Setting Monday, June 14, 1976 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing L.I.D. 3768 for sanitary sewers in Shorecliff Drive from Brown's Pt. Boulevard northwesterly approximately 1,550 feet.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

The Director of Public Utilities presents the Assessment Roll for the following:

LID 5556 - constructing water mains in So. 83rd St. from Sheridan Avenue to 350 feet east.

Fixing Monday, June 38, 1976 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Minutes of The Tacoma Area Task Force for the Needs of the Handicapped meeting of April 21, 1976.
- b. Minutes of the 1977 Citizens' Budget Committee meeting of May 12, 1976.
- c. Minutes of Human Relations Commission meeting of April 15, 1976.
- d. Minutes of the Board of Port Commissioners of the Port of Tacoma meeting of May 13, 1976.
- e. Minutes of Board of Pierce County Commissioners meeting of May 17, 1976.
- f. 1976 Department of Public Utilities Annual Budget.
- g. 1976 City of Tacoma Annual Program Budget.
- h. 1976 City of Tacoma Annual Administrative Budget.

Mr. Nelson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 23912, 23913, 23914, 23915 and 23916, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Warnick proclaimed the week of May 23 through May 29, 1976 as "Tacoma Public Works Week".

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20565 Vacating Fife Street from South 42nd to South 43rd Street. (Dept. of Public Works)

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. 20732 (Continued from the meeting of May 11th)
Amending Section 11.20.010 of the Official Code to designate Broadway from South 7th to South 9th; South 4th from "K" to Division and South 5th from "I" to "M" Streets as one-way streets.

Mr. Schroeder commented he would prefer a stipulation be made to review the ordinance in one year and inquired if this could be done.

Bob Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that Council could ask for a review of the ordinance whenever they so desire without an amendment. It was suggested by Mr. Sonntag that one year from now the ordinance be reviewed at a study session.

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. 20746 Granting a franchise to Lewis B. and Beverly L. Despain, d/b/a Stellar Industries, to place, construct and maintain bus benches with advertising.

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. 20756 Amending Section 1.12.200 of the Official Code relating to holidays to conform to State Laws.

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. 20757 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the south side of South 58th between Ferdinand and Orchard Street extended south from an "R-2" to an "R-2-PRD" District. (Richard H. Shaw)

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. 20758 Authorizing the transfer of \$29,382.00 from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund; appropriating \$29,382.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund to the County-City Public Health Pooling Fund; appropriating \$58,764.00 from the Public Health Pooling Fund for paying increased malpractice insurance premiums and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20759 Authorizing execution of a grant award agreement from the National Endowment for the Arts in the sum of \$7,500.00 for the "Summer Pops" park concerts, providing for a temporary loan from the General Fund in the sum not to exceed \$7,500.00 and appropriating the sum of \$15,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for said park concerts.

Ellida Kirk, President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, reviewed the program for Council members.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20760 Appropriating \$5,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Baseball Park Revolving Fund No. 550 for the purpose of purchasing certain capital items and maintenance and operation during calendar year 1976 at Cheney Stadium and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20761 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the area 270 feet south of Sixth Avenue and 580 feet west of Pearl Street from an "R-2" to an "R-4-L" District. (William Edwards Construction Co.)

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

Ordinance No. 20762 Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the north-east corner of South 52nd and Pacific Avenue from a "C-1" and "R-4-L" to a "C-2" District. (Rasmussen & Hobbs, Architects, A.I.A.)

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

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RESOLUTIONS:

Purchase Resolution No. 23917 Awarding contracts to: (1) George Madsen Company, Inc., on its bid of \$13,545.00 for W.O. 74267 - bridge approach replacement; (2) Lige Dickson Company on its bid of \$59,855.75 for L.I.D. 8083 - residential street paving; and (3) Totem Electric of Tacoma, Inc. on its bid of \$8,484.00 for W.O. 74282 - relighting the truck maintenance facility 2308 Holgate Street.

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

Resolution No. 23918 Authorizing execution of an agreement with General Electric Company of Tukwila for maintenance of City's communications system for \$7,103.75 per month.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel.

Leonard Morse, Police Department, asked that on line 6, where it states not to

exceed six months, be changed to read "not to exceed seven months."

Mr. Sonntag moved that the requested amendment be made. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Voice vote was taken on the amended resolution and carried. The Resolution as amended was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23919 Authorizing execution of an agreement between the County of Pierce, the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Tides for the leasing of Cheney Stadium for one year.

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

Resolution No. 23920 Authorizing execution of an agreement with Robert W. Evans, architect, for the schematic design of the Cloverdale Community Center Complex at East 59th and "Q" Streets and waiving the requirement for competitive bidding.

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

Mrs. Bichsel advised that she would not be voting on the Resolution in order to avoid any possible conflict of interest.

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

Resolution No. 23921 Authorizing execution of a contract with Battelle Institute for preparation of a historical record and report concerning development of an automatic fire hydrant valve.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel.

Mr. Steve Blacksten, 3857 McKinley Avenue, spoke against the Resolution.

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPEALS:

- a. This is the date set for hearing on use of "unspecified local option" Community Development Block Grant funds for Old Town Beach Park, DeLong Park and Mottet Library.

Gary Sullivan, Director of the Department of Community Development, advised that DeLong Park would not be considered because of a technicality involving Community Development legislation for use of block grant funds. He described and reviewed the Mottet Library Project and the Old Town Beach Park.

Fred Thompson, City Engineer, reviewed the cost overrun on the Mottet Library addition and how the actual costs differed from the original estimates resulting in the additional money required in the sum of \$65,000 to complete the project.

Speaking in favor of the project were Jim Scott, resident of the McKinley area and member of the Boosters Club, and Kevin Hegarty, Director of the Tacoma Public Library, who also answered questions of Council members.

Mr. Thompson also reviewed the area of land near the Old Town Dock proposed for purchase from the Tacoma Boatbuilding Company for development as a public beach park.

Speaking in favor of the project were Betty McCullough, 2018 North 30th; Carl Teitge, 401 North 11th Street; James S. Justus, 1132 North 26th.

Speaking against the project was Fred Carlbom, 1913 North Mason Avenue.

Mr. Sullivan advised that a Resolution would be coming to Council next week for hearing and vote on the Mottet Library Project and that the second hearing on the Old Town Beach Park would take place next week with the Resolution coming to Council at a later date when it is determined funds are available for the purchase of the land.

- b. Appeal by Larry S. Clark, President, Travel Center, Inc. on Business and Occupational Tax rates levied on travel agencies. (Prior hearing was on January 27, 1976)

Mr. Clark advised that he was asking Council again for some adjustment on the B. & O. Tax rates for Travel Agencies.

George Saunders, 751 Commerce Street, owner of the Tacoma Travel Bureau, advised that State law had increased the tax on the travel bureaus by 500 percent. He asked for some temporary relief until the entire B & O tax structure could be reviewed with recommended changes.

Also speaking were Mike Hanlon, 6112 North 15th, Management of Government Affairs for the Tacoma Area Chamber of Commerce and W. A. Berrett, partner of Gulliver's Travel Bureau.

Dick Newman, Tax and License Department Director, explained the travel agencies' taxes and advised that in his opinion the rates are justified.

Members of the travel agencies were advised by Council that no piece meal adjustments on the B & O Tax would be made at this time and Council would consider rate adjustments when an overall rate review and adjustments are recommended.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

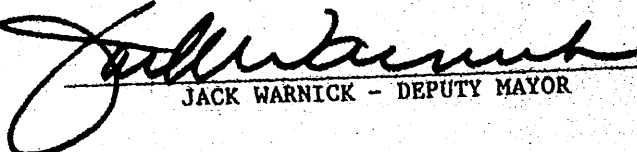
Mr. Schroeder commented on the musical "George M", sponsored by the Tacoma-Pierce County Bicentennial Commission and the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, which is being held beginning Thursday, May 27th through May 30th at P.L.U. Auditorium and urged the Council and citizens to attend.

Mr. Sonntag referred to the Parking Meter Advisory Committee's draft proposal and asked for comments from the Council by Wednesday afternoon, as the Committee will meet for their final meeting at that time for the drafting of the Committee report. It is expected there will be an ordinance for first reading at the first Council meeting in June, which will be an ordinance for a six months trial program.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Council of the City of Tacoma demand the final report from the B & O Tax Advisory Committee and that that report be submitted to the Council by June 22, 1976 and that the City Manager be instructed to schedule a City Council Study Session to discuss the report by July 6, 1976. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



JACK WARNICK - DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: 

CATHERINE URSICH - DEPUTY CITY CLERK