

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
July 13, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council members 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. Strege.

Mayor Johnston distributed to Council members the independent audit of the Light Division made by the firm of Knight, Vale & Gregory. Mayor Johnston introduced William Brown of Knight, Vale & Gregory who reviewed their audit and recommendations of the four major areas of concern, i.e., Appliance Service Section, Preventive Maintenance Program and Procedure, Management Control of Costs and Performance of Personnel and the Plant Accounting.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 6, 1976.

PETITIONS:

Ray H. Lowden requesting the rezoning of the property located on the northwest corner of South 38th Street and South "L" Street from an "R-3" to a "C-2" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS:

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

LID No. 8030 - permanent paving on East 59th Street from Portland Avenue to Pipeline Road; East 63rd Street from East "S" to East "T" East "T" Street from East 60th Street to East 63rd Street and other nearby streets.

Fixing Monday, August 9, 1976 at 4:00 p.m. as the date for hearing

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 June 16, 1976.

- b. Minutes of Civil Service Board meeting of June 21, 1976.
- c. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting of June 28, 1976.
- d. Minutes of Pierce County Commissioners' meeting of June 29, 1976.
- e. Monthly report, June, 1976, Municipal Court.
- f. Monthly Towing Report, June, 1976.

Mr. Nelson moved that all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS: William J. Barker, Assistant City Attorney, recommending that Rezone Request No. 120.713 - George S. Pessemier be closed.

Bob Backstein, Hearings Examiner, advised that Mr. Pessemier has asked for a four month continuance of his rezone request.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the recommendation of the Assistant City Attorney for closing the file be continued for four months. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 20803 Amending Section 9.22.090 of the Official Code relative to street vacations.

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. 20804 Amending Section 11.34.130 of the Official Code relating to Arterial Streets designation.

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. 20805 Amending Chapter 6.35 of the Official Code relating to picture machines by adding a new section to be known as 6.35.035.

Roll call was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 6 - Hudson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 3 - Bichsel, Nelson and Sonntag

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20806

Amending the Official Code by repealing and reenacting Sections 1.42.050 through 1.42.080 and by adding thereto a new Chapter consisting of ten sections to be known as Chapter 13.07.

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. 20808

Amending Section 12.06.290 of the Official Code relative to street lighting and traffic signal rate, Schedule H-1.

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. 20809

Amending Chapter 13 of the Official Code by creating a new Chapter to be known as Chapter 13.12 "Environmental Code" 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. 20810

Amending the Pay and Compensation Plan relative to holidays and changes in rates of pay for certain classifications.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adopt the Corrected Ordinance No. 20810. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston.

Nays: 0

The Corrected Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 20811 Authorizing amendment to the Grant Agreement with the Nation Science Foundation to accept the sum of \$40,000.00 and appropriating said funds for the purpose of continuing the Totem One Project through May 31, 1977.

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. 20754 (Continued from the meeting of May 11)
Amending Section 1.30.380 of the Official Code providing for increased retirement credit to National Guardsmen and U. S. Armed Forces Reservists for military training prior to 1957.

Roger Howeller, Executive Secretary of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, called Council's attention to the June 23rd letter of the actuaries which indicates if the credit for service is to be granted, a one time payment to the retirement system of \$33,000 would be necessary to grant the credit to the 20 active and 10 retired members affected. He also called Council's attention to his letter of July 6th which indicates that preliminary reports from the actuaries indicate that the retirement system has no excess funds at this time.

Speaking in favor of the Ordinance were Joe Fortier and Francis Mitchell.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20815 Vacating a portion of Pacific Avenue at South 12th Street. (Department of Public Works)

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 20816 Vacating the alley between 24th Street NE and 25th Street NE from 64th Avenue NE to 65th Avenue NE. (Cary R. Sweet)

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

Ordinance No. 20817 Vacating a portion of South 52nd Street at Alaska Street. (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23981 (Continued from the meeting of July 6th)
Appointing F. W. Hennings, MD., Dave Lowman, Augustus C. Barnett,
Robert Evans and Carol Gorsuch as members of the City Beautification
Committee.

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

Purchase
Resolution No. 23994 Awarding contracts to: (1) Aztec Enterprises, Inc. on its bid of
\$21,996.01 for W.O. 91815, Unit "A" Central Wastewater Treatment
Plant parking facility; (2) George Madsen Company on its bid of
\$19,200.00 for Imp. 8103, Unit "C" - curb ramps for handicapped and
(3) to U. S. Oil Company and Husky Oil Company on their bids for
Emulsified Asphalt Products.

Mr. Hudson moved to delete item (1) from the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen.
Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Sonntag moved to adopt the amended Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.
Voice vote was taken and carried. The amended Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 23995 Authorizing execution of an option with Kenneth A. Tyson for a
period of one year to enter into a lease agreement for use of certain
property at the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

On recommendation of Management, Mrs. Bichsel moved that the Resolution be continued
for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution
was continued to July 27, 1976.

Resolution No. 23996 Authorizing renewal of the lease agreement with State Mutual Bank
for office space for the Human Realtions Commission.

At the request of Management, Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be continued
for one week. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution
was continued to July 20, 1976.

Resolution No. 23997 Authorizing the filing of a project prospectus with the Washington
State Department of Highways for funds to construct Transit
Passenger Shelters under the Federal Aid Urban (FAM) Program.

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. 23998 Authorizing execution of agreements with the Washington State
Department of Highways for funding certain projects under the
Federal Aid Safety Program.

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. 23999 Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Park District for road relocation and parking lot development at Stewart Heights Park as provided for in the Second Year Community Development Block Grant Application.

Mr. Sonntag moved that the Resolution be continued for one week. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to July 20, 1976.

Resolution No. 24000 Authorizing implementation of the Second Year Community Development Block Grant project designated as "Comprehensive Curb Ramps".

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 July 20, 1976.

Resolution No. 24001 Authorizing implementation of the Second Year Community Development Block Grant project designated as the "Policy Planning-Management Capacity Building Program".

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

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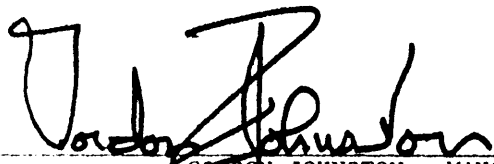
COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Johnston advised that the first POPS Concert of the season, sponsored by the Tacoma/Pierce County Civic Arts Commission will be held in Wright's Park at 7:30 this evening.

Mr. Nielsen commented regarding political sign Ordinance No. 20483 and reported it has been brought to his attention there are some political signs up too early and too large, both in violation of the City Ordinance. He asked that the announced candidates be notified of our Ordinance.

Mr. Hudson commented on Seattle's decision on energy, which he understood they felt they would not need any more power besides the Cherry Creek until around 1995. He also commented he understood the surplus power of WPPSS only goes to 1995. He asked whether the City of Tacoma should consider an investment looking at those risks and the factors that might produce some dividends in the long run for the City in the area of electrical power supply.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK