

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
May 9, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Bichsel, Evans, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker. Absent: 1 - Hudson.

The presentation of the flag and the Flag Salute was conducted by Sandy Garrison representing the Brownie's and Michel Zahrlly representing the Girl Scout's.

The Council prayer was offered by Mayor Parker.

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C O N S E N T   A G E N D A

Approval of the minutes of the regular and special meetings of May 2, 1978.

PETITIONS:

- a. CHG International, Inc., requesting the rezoning of the property located on the southeasterly quadrant of South 38th Street and Interstate 5 from an "R-2" and "R-3" to an "R-4-L PRD" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 25003

Setting Tuesday, May 30, 1978, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for hearing by the Hearings Examiner the request for the vacation of a 30-foot strip of land abutting I-5 between South Hosmer and Ash Streets. (Donald Doyle)

Resolution No. 25004

Setting Tuesday, May 16, 1978, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for hearing proposed changes in the regulation of signs in the zoning ordinance.

Resolution No. 25005

Setting Tuesday, May 16, 1978, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for hearing proposed amendments to the zoning regulations regarding rights-of-way in "C-P" Planned Shopping Center Districts.

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ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearings Examiner agenda for Tuesday, May 9, 1978.
- b. Minutes of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee meeting of April 25, 1978.
- c. Monthly status report - March, 1978, for Municipal Court.
- d. Board of Pierce County Commissioners filing Resolution 20574, repealing Resolution 18468; amending Resolution 6950, Section 16, Sub-paragraph (d), and authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute agreement with the City of Tacoma regarding care and payment for County prisoners being held in the City jail.
- e. Knight, Vale & Gregory filing Report on Review of Management and Fiscal Procedures - January, 1978, for the Municipal Court.
- f. Knight, Vale & Gregory filing Report on Review of Management and Fiscal Procedures - December, 1977, for the Planning Department.

Mrs. P. J. J. moved that all items on the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions Nos. 25003, 25004 and 25005, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The items were declared approved.

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R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21332 (Continued from April 25)

Amending Subsection C of Section 1.24.420 of the Personnel Rules relative to age limits for Police and Fire Service employees.

Mr. Strege made a motion to suspend the Council rules to allow additional testimony on the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mrs. Ruth McElliott, of 906 East 64th Street then approached the Council. Mrs. McElliott, a member of the Civil Service Board, stated she was speaking on her own behalf and in support of the Police and Fire Departments' position with respect to age limits of employees in those respective departments.

Fred Richman, 624 South "K", President of the Police Union, spoke against the Ordinance and urged the Council to maintain the age limits as they are presently outlined, that being ages 21 to 30. Also speaking in support of Mr. Richman's position was Police Patrolman Nick Nickolas, of 4001 North Baltimore.

Mr. Floyd Oles, Vice-Chairman of the Civil Service Board, approached the Council and generally spoke in support of the Ordinance as recommended by the Civil Service Board.

Mr. Nielsen moved to make an amendment to the Ordinance by deleting the underscored portions of Lines 14, 15 and 16 and in their place substituting the language "19 years through 30 years but must be at least 21 at time of appointment. Seconded by Mr. Evans.

Following additional discussion voice vote was taken on the amendment as proposed and passed unanimously.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Hudson

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21229

Vacating a portion of South 40th Street between Pacific Avenue and Bell Street. (Emma Ehly/Pacific National Auto Parts)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Hudson

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21325

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code to reclassify the southeast corner of Pacific Avenue and South 80th Street extended from an "R-2" and "R-4-1" to a "C-1" District. (David B. Roberts)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Hudson

The Ordinance was declared passed.

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Ordinance No. 21348

Amending the salaries of unrepresented classes and classes covered by Local 483 Light, Local 483 Fire Alarm and Traffic Signal, Local 483 Clerical, Local 160 Machinists and Local 17 Technical Engineers.

Personnel Director, Rick Sokolowski, informed the Council that there were several minor amendments to the ordinance, all of which constituted clerical errors that were picked up from the previous first reading.

Mr. Nielsen then made a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the corrections noted by Mr. Sokolowski. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The amendment was adopted.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Hudson

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21349

Revising the 1978 Annual Budget of the City of Tacoma to reflect increases in salaries and other adjustments.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Hudson

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21350

Amending Chapter 12.12 of the Official Code to add a new section to be designated as Section 12.12.100 to prohibit the playing of radios, etc., on buses.

Mr. Nielsen made a motion to adopt the Substitute Ordinance 21350 as submitted in the Council Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 21350, resulting as follows:

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

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Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Hudson

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 21351

Authorizing execution of a grant award contract with the State of Washington under Title III CETA for \$50,008, creating a new fund designated as the Restitution/Work Experience Project Fund, appropriating said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from said new fund for the purpose of conducting the project, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Evans, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege and Warnick.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hudson and Mayor Parker.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 21352

Authorizing execution of a grant award contract with the Pierce County Area Agency on Aging for \$13,549.00; creating the Area Agency on Aging Seniors Fund; transferring \$5,926.00 from the Contingency Fund to said fund; appropriating \$19,475.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Area Agency on Aging Seniors Fund; authorizing a temporary loan from the General Fund in the amount of \$13,549.00 all for the purpose of the Beacon Center Improvement Program; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21353

Authorizing execution of a grant award contract with the Pierce County Area Agency on Aging for \$16,851.00; appropriating said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Area Agency on Aging Seniors Fund for the purpose of operating the Seniors Satellite Program; authorizing a temporary non-interest bearing loan from the General Fund to said fund in a sum not to exceed \$16,851.00; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 21354

Authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$4,200 from the Contingency Fund of the City of Tacoma to the General Fund, appropriating said \$4,200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of providing funding for a contract with the AMVETS to perform veteran counseling services during the months of May and June, 1978, and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 25001 (Continued from May 2)

Accepting the bid for sale of \$2,760,000 Refuse Utility refunding bonds.

Mayor Parker explained that Resolution 25001, together with the following Resolution No. 25002, were resolutions ratifying prior action of the Council in awarding and implementing the bond sale by authorizing additional instruments, contracts and agreements, etc.

City Bond Counsel, Mr. James Ellis, appeared before the Council to respond to additional questions and to proposed two amendments to Resolution 25001, to correct clerical errors. He identified the two areas as on Line 4 of Page 3, that the interest rate should reflect 5.90% rather than 6.00% as previously stated; and on Line 5, where the interest rate should read 6.00% rather than 6.25%.

Mr. Warnick then made a motion to amend the Resolution to reflect the changes recommended by Mr. Ellis. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bichsel then made a motion to adopt the Resolution as amended. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 25002 (Continued from May 2)

Accepting the bid for sale of \$6,125,000 General Obligation refunding bonds.

Mrs. Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Roll call vote was demanded, resulting as follows:  
Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Evnas, Kirby, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege and Warnick.  
Nays: 1 - Mayor Parker. Absent: 1 - Hudson. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Purchase Resolution No. 25006

Awarding contracts to:

1. Norris Paint & Varnish Company on its bid of \$16,899.55 for traffic paint.
2. Tucci & Sons, Inc., on its bid of \$186,824.46 for L.I.D. Nos. 2447, 8126, 8187 and 8188.
3. Jardeen Brothers, Inc., on its bid of \$415,000.00 for South End Neighborhood Center, W.O. 82030.07.

Mr. Robert Nelson, representing Federal Construction Company appeared before the Council to ask for reconsideration of Item 3 on the Resolution dealing with the bid for the Southend Neighborhood Center. Mr. Nelson, who was the low bidder on the project, explained the difficulties he had in understanding the bid procedure and his non-compliance with Affirmative Action provisions of the procedure.

Mr. Schroeder then made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Mayor Parker then called for a vote on the first two items of the Contracts 1 and 2. Voice vote was taken and carried. He then called for a vote on Item 3. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Parker declared the Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 25007

Awarding contract to McCabe Power Sales and Service, Inc. of Portland for the overhaul and upgrading of the tower-derrick unit mounted on City Vehicle #6628 - \$8,500 plus any major parts replacement required and applicable taxes, and waiving competitive bidding requirement.

Upon the recommendation of Public Works Director, Ron Button, Mr. Stregé made a motion to postpone the Resolution for one week. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was continued to May 16, 1978.

Resolution No. 25008

Appointing Ken T. Heany as a member of the City Beautification Committee to serve a term which shall expire on January 22, 1981.

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

Resolution No. 25009

Appointing Floyd Oles, as a member of the Tacoma Comprehensive Employment Advisory Council, representing the Veterans' community, for a term of two years commencing on the passage of this resolution.

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

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Resolution No. 25010

Appointing Karen R. Slover as a member of the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee for a three-year term, expiring on April 1, 1981.

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

Resolution No. 25011

Accepting an Offer to Sell submitted by the Directors of the Optimist Club of Southeast Tacoma and the Southeast Athletic Association for property located on the west side of South L between South 76th and 80th Streets.

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

Resolution No. 25012

Authorizing an amendment to the assignment of the lease between DenMark, Inc. and the City of Tacoma.

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

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Mayor Parker then deviated from the Regular Agenda to issue a Proclamation naming the month of May as "Art Month in the City of Tacoma" and presenting said proclamation to Mrs. Virginia Shackelford, member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission.

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Resolution No. 25013

Authorizing a grant application to the U. S. Community Services Administration for \$37,400 to provide a summer youth recreation program for economically disadvantaged youth in the City of Tacoma, and requesting the transfer of \$3,279 remaining from the 1977 program to the 1978 program.

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

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Resolution No. 25014

Authorizing execution of an agreement with Larry Del Collinsworth to provide instruction and leadership to participating youth in the Youth Community Conservation and Improvement Project.

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. 25015

Authorizing execution of a lease agreement with Dennis W. and Kathryn I. Cooper for office space for the Eastside Youth Services Bureau at 4012 McKinley Avenue.

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

Resolution No. 25016

Accepting the proposal of Hovermarine Corporation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the construction, sale and delivery of two harbor service craft vessels in the maximum amount of \$2,427,000, and authorizing the execution of the necessary contracts and agreements.

Fire Chief Tony Mitchell then approached the Council and gave a detailed history of the project together with a slide and movie presentation on the two proposed vessels. Speaking on the selection process and other details concerning design aspects of the boats were Mr. John Maddock, Administrator or Research and Development for the Fire Department, Fire Department Consultant John Kuhn and Marine Architect Owen Douglas.

Also speaking in support of the project was Mrs. Ruth McElliott, 906 East 34th Street.

Speaking for the Boiler Makers Union Local, Mr. Donald C. Foreman, of 324 East 26th Street, urged the Council to reconsider the awarding of the contract to a firm located outside of the country. He urged the Council to reconsider the action and if necessary re-design the boats so that they could be built in Tacoma.

Mr. William Buckley, President of the Air Cushion Boat Company of Tacoma, spoke at length about the bid procedures for the construction of the two boats, indicating that local firms would probably have been more responsive if the City had obtained the formal specifications first and then called for bids for the boats.

Speaking against the need for fire boats and against the Resolution was Mr. Alfred Sortland of 1106 South Monroe.

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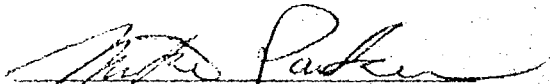
Mr. Schroeder then made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

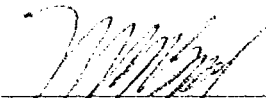
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COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Nielsen then made a motion recommending that Mayor Parker be named into nomination as the District 10 representative on the Association of Washington Cities Board of Directors. Seconded by Mr. Warnick. Voice vote was taken and carried.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

  
MIKE PARKER - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK