

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers
December 7, 1982

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

Present on roll call: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege and Mayor Sutherland.

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Hawkins.

Mayor Sutherland announced that the appeal scheduled for 6:00 p.m. has been withdrawn.

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

Approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of November 23, and November 30, 1982 and the budget hearings of November 22, 23 and 24, 1982.

PETITIONS:

Alex Heinz requesting the reclassification of the property located on the north side of East 30th Street between East "R" and East "T" Streets from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

For referral to the Hearings Examiner.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 22823

Accepting contributions from Ben B. Cheney Foundation, Cornerstone Development Company, Hillhaven Corporation, and Concrete Technology Corporation in the total sum of \$12,100.00; authorizing the deposit and transfer of certain specified funds; and appropriating \$24,100.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for the Civic Arts Commission's Joint Sponsorship Program, the Broadway Plaza Public Art Project, and the 1983 Summer Pops! project.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Hearings Examiner's Agenda for Tuesday, December 7, 1982.
- b. Public Utility Board Agenda for Wednesday, December 8, 1982.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of the Civil Service Board, November 15, 1982.

- d. Minutes of the meeting of the Public Utility Board, November 10, 1982.
- e. Minutes of the meeting of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health, November 4, 1982.
- f. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System report of purchases and sales of investments, October, 1982.
- g. North Slope Plan, Planning Commission.
- h. Monthly report of Tacoma Police Department, October 1982.
- i. Department of Public Utilities Financial Reports of the Belt-Line Railway Division, Data Processing Division, Light Division, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, and Water Division, October, 1982.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Consent Agenda be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution No. 27659

Appointing members to various committees, boards and commissions.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Hearings Examiner advising that the request of the City of Tacoma for the reclassification of the property located on the south side of North 26th Street from Washington Street to approximately 200 feet west has been withdrawn.

Mayor Sutherland stated that this was informational only and no action was necessary.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 22817 (Continued from the meeting of November 30, 1982)

Authorizing the execution of a grant award contract of \$49,500.00 with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; appropriating said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund for processing cases involving discrimination in the City of Tacoma; 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: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22544

Vacating Verde Street between South 56th Street and South 55th Street, if extended. (City of Tacoma)

Mayor Sutherland moved to approve the revision to the ordinance which adds an easement. Seconded by Councilman Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Ladenburg, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Kirby.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22820

Amending the Pay & Compensation Plan to implement rates of pay and establish effective dates thereof for certain Belt Line job classifications.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 7 - Bichsel, Hyde, Ladenburg, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 1 - Hawkins.

Absent: 1 - Kirby.

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 22821

Amending Title 5 and 6 of the Official Code relating to animal control and licensing.

Mayor Sutherland moved to suspend the rules to consider Substitute Ordinance No. 22821. Seconded by Councilwoman Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 22821, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 1 - Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 8 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Nielsen, Rasmussen and Strege.

Substitute Ordinance No. 22821 was declared failed.

Mayor Sutherland moved to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 22821 in its original form. Seconded by Councilman Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried with Councilman Kirby voting Nay.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 4 - Hyde, Nielsen, Rasmussen and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 5 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Kirby, Ladenburg and Strege.

The Ordinance was declared failed.

Ordinance No. 22822

Vacating a portion of Steele Street at the southeast corner of the intersection of South 40th and Steele Streets; State Street between South 40th Street and South 42nd Street; and South 42nd Street between Steele Street and Ferry Street; and a portion of South 41st Street between Steele Street and Ferry Street.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg, Nielsen, Rasmussen, Strege and Mayor Sutherland.

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 22824

Vacating portions of Broadway Plaza, South 13th Street and Commerce Street. (Cornerstone Development Company)

Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 22825

Vacating a portion of Commerce Street south of South 9th Street adjacent to the Pantages Center. (Department of Public Works)

Mayor Sutherland moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Hearings Examiner. Seconded by Councilman Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Final reading of the Ordinance was set over to a date to be determined.

Ordinance No. 22826

Amending Section 13.06.010 of the Official Code to change the definition of building height to conform with the Uniform Building Code, and to include a method of identifying "grade."

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 22827

Adopting the Annual Budget of the City of Tacoma for 1983.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

Ordinance No. 22828

Authorizing the transfer of \$350,000.00 from the Medical Arts Construction Fund to the General Fund; appropriating said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund for remodeling portions of the County-City Building; 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.

RESOLUTIONS:Purchase Resolution No. 27664

Awarding contracts to:

1. Emerson GM Diesel on their bid of \$6,582.96 for the purchase of one exchange transmission for the REX Trashmaster;
2. Safety Signal Systems, Inc. on their bid of \$33,610.50 for solid state fixed time signal controllers - Specification No. G-170-82;
3. B & E Equipment Company, Inc. on their bid of \$4,739.25 for one electric hydraulic lift - Specification No. G-169-82; and
4. Texaco, Lilyblad Petroleum, and Union Oil Company on their bids for chassis lube and gear oil - Specification No. G-171-82.

Deputy Mayor Nielsen moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen.

Mayor Sutherland stated that the Board of Contracts and Awards has requested a waiver of formal bidding for Item No. 1. Councilman Hyde moved to waive formal bidding for Item No. 1. Seconded by Councilwoman Bichsel. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

Resolution No. 27660

Authorizing the initiation of the consultant selection process for the development of revitalization plans for the area located between South 13th and 23rd Streets and Pacific Avenue and Market Streets.

Councilman Strege moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Hyde.

Councilman Strege moved to amend the Resolution on Line 22 by adding a new sentence to read as follows: "provided that any plans prepared as a result of this proposal shall assume passenger rail transportation at the Union Station." Seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows: Ayes: 5 - Hawkins, Hyde, Kirby, Ladenburg and Strege. Nays: 4 - Bichsel, Nielsen, Rasmussen and Mayor Sutherland.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, as amended, and carried; with Councilmembers Bichsel and Sutherland voting Nay. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 27661

Authorizing the execution of a renewal of the lease with Western Fish and Oyster, Inc. for the property located at 1137 Dock Street.

Mayor Sutherland moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Hyde.

Mayor Sutherland moved that the Resolution be set over for one week. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried with Councilman Kirby voting Nay.

The Resolution was set over to the Council meeting of December 14, 1982.

Resolution No. 27662

Authorizing the release of a portion of the slope easement located north of South 56th Street between Cheyenne and Mason Streets.

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

Resolution No. 27663

Express opposition to the appointment of Donald Hodel as Secretary of Energy.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried with Councilman Rasmussen abstaining and Mayor Sutherland voting Nay. The Resolution was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS: (Will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m.)

This is the date set for hearing the appeal of Robert A. Jones regarding the decision of the Hearings Examiner to deny his request for a Temporary Use Permit to allow a Christmas tree sales lot on the north side of South 8th Street between Highland Street and the alley between Highland Street and Winnifred Street from December 1st to December 25th, 1982.

Mayor Sutherland announced at the beginning of the meeting that Mr. Robert Jones had withdrawn his appeal.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager, Erling Mork, stated that there were some questions raised by Councilmembers at last night's workshop regarding the ordinance on the half-cent sales tax. He said the Council had before them an amended half-cent sales tax ordinance and asked the City Attorney, Bob Hamilton, to review the ordinance with the Council.

Mayor Sutherland moved to suspend the rules for purposes of considering an amendment to Ordinance No. 22829. Seconded by Councilman Hyde. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Ordinance No. 22829

Amending Section 6.87.070 of the Official Code relating to the sales tax, and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately upon publication.

Mayor Sutherland announced that this was the First Reading of the Ordinance and that the Council would hear public testimony prior to the Final Reading next week.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Councilman Hawkins reported that the bulk of the seminars at the National League of Cities convention were beneficial and that he has ordered tapes from the seminars dealing with Provision of Police Services and Efficiency of Providing Police Services. He stated that there were some excellent presentations from members of the US Senate dealing with the overall Fortunes of the Block Grant, UDAG and other economic development policies.

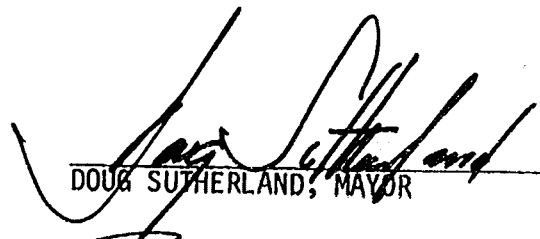
Councilwoman Bichsel read portions of a letter she had received from Senator Ted Kennedy regarding the nuclear weapons freeze.

Councilman Strege gave a report on the Joint Municipal Committee/ City Council School Board Committee meeting he had attended recently.

Councilman Strege stated that during the recent Appointments Committee interview process, the Chairperson of the Plaza Pavilion Advisory Committee said there is some concern as to what the committees charge and duty is. He said he asked for some additional material as to their functions and had received that material and will pass it along to the Appointments Committee.

Councilwoman Bichsel moved to recess into Executive Session for purposes of discussing personnel. Seconded by Councilman Rasmussen. Voice vote was taken and carried. Council recessed at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


DOUG SUTHERLAND, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
GENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK