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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, January 27, 1958.

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson. Absent 1, Stojack.

Dr. Humiston called attention to the following corrections to be made in last week's minutes. 1) Roll call on Resolution No. 15200 - Mr. Perdue voted against the Resolution instead of Mr. Tollefson and 2) In the discussion on Ordinance No. 16030, reference is made to Mr. Art Jordan, this, Dr. Humiston said should have been Mr. Norton Gordon.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the above corrections be made. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Mr. R. L. Clevenger, Jr., President of the Central Labor Council requested to speak on "one man police cars". Mr. Clevenger read a lengthy statement, stating that the Central Labor Council has unanimously supported Police Local 252's objection to the new policy of one man police cars. Mr. Clevenger pointed out that if "we desire economy in government, but economy in government can never be justified if it involves risking the safety of our citizens, particularly defenseless women and children."

Mr. Clevenger said they are asking that this protection be given to the people by reinstating the two-man patrol cars.

Mayor Anderson asked that copies of Mr. Clevenger's remarks be distributed to the Council members and asked that the City Manager set out the points of interest and submit them to the Council.

PETITIONS:

X Annie Jezek, et al, For rezoning property on the Northwest corner of 73rd and Park Avenue from an "R-2" District to a "C-1" District. Referred to the City Planning Commission.

f Port of Tacoma Submitting petition for vacation of the following plats in the tideflats area: Lincoln Avenue Addition (that portion south of Lincoln Avenue); Lawler Miller Co.'s Milwaukee Terminal Addition; McKone's Tideland Addition; Lawler's Fifth Tideland Addition and Lawler's Sixth Tideland Addition. Pursuant to applicable State Laws the City Clerk has set March 3, 1958 at 7:30 P. M. as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that March 3, 1958 at 7:30 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15201:

L I D 2271:

By ANDERSON:

Fixing February 18, 1958 as the date for hearing on L I D 2271 -

cement concrete sidewalks on both sides of East 72nd Street from "A" Street to East "D" Street.

Adopted on roll call January 27, 1958
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Resolution No. 15202:

By BATTIN:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the M. R. Smith Shingle Company for use of a portion of the City's right of way on Ruston Way.

Dr. Humiston said he was by the building recently and felt if any building needed tearing down, this should be one of them. He asked that the Building Inspector report on the structural condition of the buildings on the City's right of way, and report to Council on his findings.

Adopted on roll call January 27, 1958
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Jensen; Absent 1, Stojack.

Resolution No. 15203:

By BRATRUD:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Union 483, outlining the wages, hours and conditions of labor of the electrical workers of the Light Division for the year February 1, 1958 to and including January 31, 1959.

Adopted on roll call January 27, 1958
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Resolution No. 15204:

By BATTIN:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an easement to Pierce County for road purposes of a 30 foot strip on the City Water Division's Pipeline No. 2, extending from the Collins Road northwesterly approximately 1060 feet to an intersection with Laurine Street.

Mr. Dean Barline, Director of Utilities explained that the County is asking for an easement which is revokable. This will be an improvement for the property owners, he said.

Adopted on roll call January 27, 1958.
Ayes 8; Nays 3; Absent 1, Stojack.

The City Manager advised that he had a Resolution which should be considered at tonight's meeting, and was not on the agenda. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 15205. Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. 15205:**By HUMISTON AND BATTIN:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an employment agreement with James C. Buckley, Inc., to make an independent study and appraisal of the City Airport. Read by title.

Dr. Humiston advised he would endorse this Resolution wholeheartedly. He said he thought further study on the airport proposition was necessary. He said some of the Council Members met with Mr. Buckley Saturday and said he thought he understood the problems of airports. Dr. Humiston said they could have a report in by the first of March.

Mrs. Goering said she was very much impressed by Mr. Buckley, but said she had not had time to read the letter and also the agreement before the Council, and asked if it could be read.

The Clerk read the agreement.

Mrs. Goering said it appeared to her that it was well drawn.

Mr. Tollefson said this agreement was primarily setting up the duties of the consultant.

Dr. Battin explained if the firms studies show a site other than the Peninsula to be the most desirable, Tacoma's application for Federal Matching Funds now before the Civil Aeronautics Association can be amended by the Council.

Mr. Jensen said he would want the assurance that this will be an unbiased report.

Dr. Battin said the Buckley firm is an organization of national size and reputation and he felt they could not afford to make an unfeasible recommendation.

Dr. Humiston said the firm is not in the business of designing or constructing airports, so would have nothing to gain by recommending one, if an airport were not feasible.

Mr. Perdue said he thought all of the Council members present at the meeting were impressed by the Buckley Firm and had the feeling they would come up with an unbiased report.

It was the feeling of the Council as a whole, that an unbiased report would be submitted.

Roll was then called on the Resolution.

Adopted on roll call January 27, 1958.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Dr. Battin said last week there was a Resolution introduced appointing a special committee by the Mayor in reference to the airport, which was tabled, and said he would like to have this reconsidered. Dr. Battin then moved that Resolution No. 15199 be taken off the table. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 15199:**By HUMISTON:**

Authorizing the Mayor to appoint a special committee of three members of the City Council, plus himself as an ex-officio member, to be known as the Airport Committee and setting forth the duties thereof.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston that in addition to the duties set forth for the Committee, that they work, insofar as possible with the firm of James C. Buckley, Inc. Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Roll was then taken on the Resolution, as amended, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call January 27, 1958.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Mayor Anderson then appointed three members of the Council for the Airport Committee. Dr. Humiston, as chairman, Mrs. Goering and Mr. Tollefson. X

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16041:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to the repair of certain defective sidewalks and curbs upon agreement with the abutting property owner for participation in the cost thereof. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16042:

Appropriating the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the Street Lighting Fund of 1955 for the purpose of paying the cost of making of additions, betterments and extensions to the existing artificial street lighting system in the City of Tacoma. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16043:

Appropriating the sum of \$460,000.00 from the Street and Bridge Construction Fund of 1955 for the purpose of paying the costs of general street and bridge improvements in the City of Tacoma. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16044:

Amending the Charter and Official Code of the City making provisions for supervising the Parking Meter Checkers by the Finance Department. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16045:

Amending the Charter and Official Code of the City relating to retirement and pensions of employees of the City. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance should be amended to insert the words "other than" after the word "City" in the paragraph setting up "Involuntary Separation" in Section 1.30.115, which was inadvertently left out.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to amend Section 1.30.115, by adding the words "other than" after the word "City" in the paragraph setting up "Involuntary Separation." Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16036:

Appropriating \$22,000.00 from the Garbage and Refuse Fund for paying maintenance and operation obligations incurred during the year 1957. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Ordinance No. 16037: ✕

L I D 2268:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2268 - grading, ballasting, storm sewer and placing an MC-3 Oil Mat on North 30th Street from Pearl to Highlands Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Ordinance No. 16038: ✕

L I D 4600:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4600 - grading, ballasting and asphalt paving of the alley between Ainsworth and Grant Avenues from South 17th Street to South 19th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Ordinance No. 16039: ✕

L I D 2276:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2276 - Tacoma Avenue from So. 70th Street to South 72nd Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel and oil mat surface; also storm drainage on Tacoma Avenue from So. 70th Street to 400 feet south of South 72nd Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Ordinance No. 16040: ✕

L I D 5218:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5218 - cast iron watermains in the area bounded by South 64th Street; Pacific Avenue; South 80th Street; South K Street; South 76th Street; Sheridan Avenue; South 74th Street and South J Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Ordinance No. 16030:

(Postponed from January 20, 1958)

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to reclassification of property at the north side of South 12th Street from 120' west of South Junett to 150' west of South Cedar Street from an R-3 Two-family Dwelling District to a C-1 Commercial District. Read by title.

Two petitions were signed and submitted by proponents and opponents of the rezoning of the above property on the north side of South 12th Street between Junett

and Cedar Streets from an R-3 District to a C-1 Commercial District. It was stated on the petition with 28 signatures opposing the rezoning that they were led to believe that a Medical Center was to be built on the property, whereas they now understand it was to be a site for a gasoline station and are opposed to the rezoning.

The petition with 55 signatures in favor of the rezoning contended there had been no misrepresentation.

In checking over the remonstrances it was found that the valid petition only contained 56.1% in favor of the rezoning, whereby a valid petition should contain 65% signatures.

Council heard Mr. Williams and Mr. Gordon, who spoke in favor of the rezoning. Mr. Burkhart and Mr. R. W. Johnson spoke against.

Dr. Humiston suggested that hereafter the rezoning petitions bear a list of all the various uses prescribed by the Zoning Ordinance, therefore it would be clearer to the person signing a petition if they knew how many uses were allowed.

Dr. Battin brought up that there are originally nine members on the Planning Commission, and asked how many voted on this particular problem when it came up before the Commission.

Mayor Anderson said there was a 3 to 2 vote in favor.

Mr. Perdue requested that the vote on petitions that come before the Planning Commission be recorded in their minutes.

Mayor Anderson said he would arrange a meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss some of their problems.

Mr. Perdue said inasmuch as this matter is so confused there would be only one thing to do, that is to vote this petition down, and it was agreed that the proponents of the rezoning could re-initiate their proposal with a new petition.

Roll was called on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll Call: Ayes 0; Nays 8; Absent 1, Stojack. Lost on roll call.

Ordinance No. 16032:

(Postponed from January 20, 1958)

Amending the Charter and Official Code of the City relating to retirement and pensions of employees of said City. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance should be voted down, inasmuch as Ordinance No. 16045 superseded this one and pertains to the same matter.

Roll was then called on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll Call: Ayes 0; Nays 8; Absent 1, Stojack. Lost on roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the Assessment Rolls for the following Local Improvement Districts:

L I D 5277 - Watermains in South 72nd Street from Sheridan Avenue to Alaska Street and area bounded by South 72nd Street, Alaska Street, South 76th Street and Asotin Street. X

L I D 5291 - Watermains in area bounded by North 42nd Street, View Ridge Drive and Frace Avenue X

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that March 4, 1958 be fixed as the date for hearing thereon. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

X Mr. Rowlands, City Manager presented for Council's information M. C. 179 regarding Sheet Asphalt and Oil Seal Maintenance for 1957. Placed on file.

X Mr. Tollefson advised that the American Municipal Association has asked him to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington D. C. later this week, and asked if the Council would authorize payment of his travel expenses. He said the House is considering legislation proposed by the A. M. A. Committee which would permit a wider market for municipal bonds and which would be of benefit to all cities. Mrs. Goering moved that this request be granted, stating that Council members had been very conscientious in giving the City value received for city paid trips. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Mr. Jensen said he appreciated the fact that Mr. Tollefson would be sacrificing his time, but doubted that the trip would be of direct value to Tacoma. He felt there could be some alternates, who live closer, that could attend, because he felt the City should not spend this money.

Roll was then called on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 3; Nays 5, Bratrud, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson (not voting) and Mayor Anderson (not voting) Absent 1, Stojack. Motion was declared lost.

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

X Harbor Commerce, Waterborne Foreign and Domestic Statistical Report for October and November, 1957.

X Dr. Humiston announced there is to be a meeting with James Buckley, Inc., at 9:00 A. M. Thursday, January 30th in the Council Chambers with the Airport Committee and other members of the Council.

A letter was received from Mr. L. P. Staman, Director of Public Works, in reply to Mayor Anderson's inquiry at last week's meeting if there had ever been separate storm sewer drains in the area of North 31st and Monroe Streets.

The Clerk was directed to read Mr. Staman's reply in full, which pointed out the year the various storm and trunk sewers were installed. The letter was then placed on file.

Council then adjourned at 10:04 P. M.


President of the City Council

Attest:


City Clerk