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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:35 P.M.

May 17, 1954, Monday.

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 2, Stojack, and Battin (taking his seat at 7:45 P. M.)

It was moved by Col. Hooker that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Stojack.

PETITIONS:

George W. and Margaret Delvecchio, for licenses for drug store, meat market, and grocery store at 2502 South 54th Street. The Building Inspector and City Manager recommend the petitions be denied because of violation of zoning ordinance (Par. 5, Sec. 20, Ord. 14793). Moved by Dr. Humiston to concur in the recommendation. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13914.

By STOJACK:

Approving recommendation of the Fire Chief and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for Replacement cable for City of Tacoma Fire Alarm Division to Ansonia Wire & Cable Co., Ansonia, Connecticut, on its low bid of \$7,218.25.

Adopted on roll call May 17, 1954.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Resolution No. 13915.

By GOERING:

Authorizing the City Manager to employ the firm of Mock & Morrison, Architects of the City of Tacoma, to prepare plans and specifications for and supervise the erection of the new fire station to be erected on the site located in the vicinity of South 35th and Union Avenue; that said employment be upon the basis of a sum equal to 6% of the construction costs for said building. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston that the resolution be laid over for one week to May 24th. Carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Resolution No. 13916.

By JENSEN:

Commending the members of the Committee, both residents within and without the City, and the Tacoma Yacht Club, for their work and efforts which were responsible for a most successful Daffodil Parade, Festival and Marine Parade.

Adopted on roll call May 17, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13917.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing sale of building located on Lots 3 & 4, Block 1, Town of Kapowsin, Pierce County, State of Washington by the Water Division, Department of Public Utilities, to Mark Reynolds for \$300.00 in cash, said bidder to remove building from its

at location and leave the real estate in a clean and orderly condition.

Adopted on roll call May 17, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13918.

BY HUMISTON:

Approving recommendation of the Public Utility Board, the Light Division, and the Purchasing Agent, and authorizing Purchasing Agent to sell to Ball Brass Co. the scrap brass and scrap aluminum owned by the Light Division upon receipt of said scrap material of an amount based upon a sale price of \$0.195 per pound for the scrap brass and \$0.12 per pound for scrap aluminum.

Adopted on roll call May 17, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Official Resolution No. 13919. X

BY HENSEN:

L. I. D. 2194.

Stating intention of Council to order grading and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock surface on South Steele Street from South 38th Street to South 41st Street; fixing June 15, 1954, as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The Resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call May 17, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13920.

BY HUMISTON:

Approving and commending the preventative program recommended by the State Health Department and Medical Society for vaccination against smallpox as a program which will be beneficial to the health and welfare of the Citizens of Tacoma.

Adopted on roll call May 17, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15023.

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute and deliver a lease between the City, as lessor, and Washington Toll Bridge Authority, an agency of the State of Washington, operating Washington State Ferries, as lessee, leasing to said Washington Toll Bridge Authority the Point Defiance Ferry Landing and approach, as a terminus for lessee's ferry operation to Tahlequah, Washington; specifying the terms and conditions of said lease, and cancelling lease between the parties, dated October 2, 1951. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15024.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County under the right of eminent domain for the condemnation and acquisition in fee simple of certain tracts or parcels of land for the purpose of acquiring

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a right of way for an alley between MacArthur and Meyers Streets from South 8th to South 10th Street in the City of Tacoma; and providing for the payment therefor. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15025.

Appropriating the sum of \$2700.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Health, Fire and Police Aid Fund, for the development of a pistol range on property owned by the City and for the construction of necessary improvements thereon; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance, the appropriation herein authorized and the taking effect hereof immediately after publication. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15018.

Amending Ordinance No. 11701, entitled: "An ordinance regulating travel and traffic on the streets of the City of Tacoma; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, etc. (Traffic Code)" by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 109-17. Restricted parking District, South 35th Street, both sides, between Union Avenue and Alams Street; vehicles parked parallel to curb and between 8 A. M. and 6 P. M., Sundays and legal holidays excepted, no vehicle shall be parked in said district for a longer period than one hour). Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15019.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between South K Street and South L Street from South 21st Street to South 23rd Street by paving and storm drainage; creating Local Improvement District No. 4529. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15020.

Amending Sections 21 and 23 of Ordinance No. 14887 entitled: "An ordinance to be known as the Administrative Code providing for the establishment of a complete plan of administrative organization of the government of the City of Tacoma; defining the jurisdiction, functions and powers of departments, offices, boards and other units of the City; and establishing administrative procedures." and repealing Ordinance No. 14986. (City Treasury Department and Finance Department). Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15021.

Amending Sections 2 and 4 of Ordinance No. 5862 entitled: "An ordinance to prescribe the manner in which obligations of the City of Tacoma shall be paid." and repealing Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 14803. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15022.

Vacating the south six feet of East 53rd Street from East D Street to the alley between East D and East E Streets, being a six-foot strip adjacent to Lot 1 in Block 5, Ashton's First Addition. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Jensen; absent 1; Stojack. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Jensen, Absent 1; Stojack.

Ordinance No. 15026.

as widened,

Providing for the improvement of South 12th Street/from Proctor Street to Orchard Street, by grading to the established sub-grade and placing thereon gravel ballast with an asphaltic concrete pavement, together with concrete curbs and gutters and the necessary storm drainage, including all work necessary to complete said improvement in full accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the City Engineer; creating Local Improvement District No. 4453. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 199

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Utilities submitted the assessments and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in Local Improvement District No. 5171. It was moved by Dr. Humiston that June 15, 1954 be fixed as the date for hearing on said assessment roll. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack. 248

It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend the rules, and revert back to First Reading of Ordinances for the purpose of giving further consideration to Ordinance No. 15025-- appropriating the sum of \$2700.00 from the Health, Fire and Police Aid fund for the development of a pistol range on property owned by the City. Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15025.

Appropriating the sum of \$2700.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Health, Fire and Police Aid Fund, for the development of a pistol range on property owned by the City and for the construction of necessary improvements thereon; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance, the appropriation herein authorized and the taking effect hereof immediately after publication. Mayor Tollefson reported that only five members would be present at the next meeting, and inasmuch as this ordinance covers an emergency appropriation and requires the affirmative vote of six members, it cannot be passed at that time. As it is desirable to complete this work at the earliest possible date, it was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Col. Hooker to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the letting of the contracts, subject to the appropriation of the funds by the passage of the ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At this time the members of the Metropolitan Park District were given an opportunity to appear before the Council, as requested at the last Council meeting. In October, 1953 when the budget was being considered, the City Council had promised to give financial assistance to the Metropolitan Park Board, so the representatives of the Park Board wished to present their financial problems to the Council at this time. Mr. Fred Henriksen, spokesman for the Park Board, explained the financial status of the Metropolitan Park District and presented two alternatives for its future operation: (1) The 20

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Metropolitan Park Board could continue to operate under their present one-mill levy, plus a grant equal to two mills from the City Council. (2) The Metropolitan Park Board could dissolve operations entirely and the Park's operations would then have to be carried on by City for operations within the City Limits, and the County for operations outside the City Limits. Mr. Henricksen said the Board was willing to abide by the decision of the City Council, but that they had reached the point where some action must be taken as to their future operation, and promised that they would not dissolve without the consent of the Council. The Council discussed the matter and Mr. Backstrom stated that in his opinion the Metropolitan Park District should continue to operate until after next January in order to take advantage of the 1 mill levy, and the City could take over later in 1955, or the Park District could continue to exist under an agreement, with the Park Board running the operation and the City in financial control. After further discussion, it was decided that a meeting be held at a later date with the Park Board, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Council and the City Manager.

The "Rules and Regulations for Motor Vehicle Wrecker and Towing Operator Licensees engaging in Authorized Police Towing" which were postponed to this date on May 10 were presented for Council's consideration. Mayor Tollefson reported that he had received some suggested changes in the rules from the Wrecker operators, and read them in full for Council's information. The changes were discussed by the Council and in conclusion the proposed rules and suggestions of the operators were referred to City Manager Backstrom with the recommendation that he review them and submit any changes he deems necessary.

Mayor Tollefson announced that he would like to present for Council's consideration the name of J. Elmer Alskog as a member of the City Planning Commission. Mr. Alskog is a graduate of Stadium High School and the College of Puget Sound and is now employed by the George Scofield Company, he informed the Council. After discussing this appointment with the Council, Mr. Tollefson requested that Mr. Boyle prepare a resolution confirming this appointment for Council's adoption at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. George Moore of 2544 South Tacoma Avenue appeared before Council to protest against a Foster & Kleiser sign that has been erected on property adjacent to his home, for the reason that this sign interferes with his view of the street and surrounding area. He said he has checked with the Planning Department and Building Inspector to see if anything could be done, but that he has received no satisfaction from either of these departments. Mayor Tollefson informed Mr. Moore that the only way the City would be liable if the sign were placed on the property in violation of the proper zoning laws, and he asked Mr. Backstrom if he would check further into this matter and notify Mr. Moore of his findings.

Mr. P. J. French of 714 Market Street was present and advised Council that he would like to go on record as opposing the installation under the present plans of the swimming pool at Titlow Beach. He claimed that the pool is too large, the type of construction is not good, and the minimum depth is 3 feet, which does not allow any shallow water for small children. Mayor Tollefson advised Mr. French that inasmuch as the City does not control the Metropolitan Park Board, there is nothing that the Council can do on this matter at the present time.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council

Attest:

*Josephine Melton*  
City Clerk.