

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, August 1, 1961

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Porter, Price and Hanson. Absent 2: Olson and Steele. Mr. Steele coming in at 7:10 P. M.

Mayor Hanson said the verbatim portion of the minutes of July 5th was prepared at the request of Mrs. Olson, therefore, perhaps the approval of the same should be postponed until her return in two weeks.

Mr. Easterday moved that no action be taken on this portion of the minutes of July 5, 1961 until Mrs. Olson's return on August 15, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of July 18, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Svitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the proposed vacation of No. 38th and No. 40th Sts. from Vassault to Whitman St. and No. 37th between Vassault and Defiance St. extended, set up by Resolutions No. 16580 and 16615. 52:377  
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Mr. Rowlands said the map submitted to the Council with their Agenda clearly delineates what is involved. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the vacation of North 38th Street between Whitman and Vassault Streets and North 37th Street between Vassault and Defiance Streets extended. However, they have determined that North 40th Street should not be vacated due to the long block that would be created by such an action. Therefore, they have also recommended that the right of way from North 40th to North 42nd Street on Vassault be eliminated as a condition of the vacation.

Mr. Rowlands said the vacation of North 37th Street will help the Park Department by allowing consolidation of park property. With the recent dedication realigning North 37th between Vassault and Defiance Street this portion of North 37th Street proposed for vacation will no longer be needed as a right of way.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the proper Ordinance be drawn vacating North 38th Street between Whitman and Vassault Streets and North 37th Street between Vassault and Defiance Streets extended. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

PETITION:

Petition submitted by Arthur Munson requesting the rezoning of the west side of Yakima Ave. between So. 46th and So. 48th St. where Yakima Avenue converges with Thompson Avenue, from an "R-2" District to a "C-1" District. 54:2  
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Referred to the Planning Commission.

Steele coming in at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Rules and Regulations for Motor Vehicle Wrecker and Towing Operator Licenses engaged in Authorized Police Towing, postponed from meeting of July 18, 1961.

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Mr. Rowlands said it would be appreciated if the Council would postpone this matter for two weeks. Inspector Smith of the Police Dept. who is doing some research on the subject is on vacation at the present time. A complete report will be ready for the Council in two weeks.

Mr. Bott moved that this be postponed for two weeks, until August 15, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich said since this is to be postponed for two weeks, he would like to have some qualifications with regard to an item on page 1 of the rules and regulations for motor vehicle, etc. and that is, "Each licensee must have an attendant on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at the place of business." He would also like a breakdown in regard to the paragraph on page 4 which refers to the unusual situations requiring special services or equipment. He thought this could be spelled out a little more clearly to see what the public will be confronted with and what they may be charged.

Mr. Rowlands said this would be provided.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 16678: (postponed from the meeting of July 25, 1961)  
By request of Olson, Easterday and Porter.

Appointing Lewis C. Hatfield as a member of the City Planning Commission for the term expiring June 30, 1967.

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Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be tabled. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Resolution was then declared tabled by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16679:  
By request of Hanson.

Appointing Lewis C. Hatfield as a member of the City Planning Commission for the term expiring June 30, 1967.

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It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16680:

Awarding contract to J. D. Shotwell Co., for L I D 4664 on their bid of \$39,592.75 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16681:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the United States Post Office for the furnishing of transportation by the Tacoma Transit System for letter carriers and other post office employees. 23

It was moved by Mr. Bott that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Pirce.

Mr. Rowlands said a Resolution adopted about 4 weeks ago by the Council authorized a similar agreement. However, subsequent to the signing of said agreement, the Post Office Department received thirty additional mailsters which has necessitated a revision of the estimates of the letter carriers riding the transit buses. The amount to be paid by the Post Office for employees riding on buses has been reduced from approximately \$6,000 to \$4,719.20.

Mr. Rowlands said this figure has been checked with Mr. Lee, Transit Director, and it is felt this is a reasonable amount and more accurately reflects the situation.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16682:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to amend the agreement with the County of Pierce concerning the cost of the operation of the jail kitchen.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

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Mr. Rowlands said each year this agreement is reviewed with the County officials to determine a formula for paying the cost of the operation of the jail kitchen. The number of prisoners fed from the County and those from the City have been reviewed and it has tentatively been agreed that a correct formula for the ensuing year should be established on the basis of the City paying 55% of the cost of the operation and the County paying 45% of the cost. There is a slight modification on this; the City picked up about 1% this year.

Mr. Rowlands added that the City is in the process of negotiating a new Agreement with the Federal Authorities also on feeding the federal prisoners.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16683:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement permitting Lewis & Son Logging Company to use said land for salvaging sunken logs from Lake Kapowsin upon payment of \$50.00 a month.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Benedetti, Acting Director of Utilities, explained that the Water Department owns approximately 400 acres around Lake Kapowsin and this Resolution will authorize a revocable permit to allow the Lewis & Son Logging Company to salvage sunken logs from the Lake and also to store their machinery on the property. It is estimated it will be a six month's operation and the Logging Company has agreed to pay \$50 a month for this revocable permit.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16684:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a lease agreement with Robert D. & Lois T. Reed and Clemtine A. Hester granting them a concession at Lake Cushman.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Benedetti explained that in 1957 the City entered into an agreement with these persons leasing property and granting a concession for the operation of a fishing, hunting and camping lodge and resort at Lake Cushman, which lease would expire in 1967. However, the parties now desire a twenty-five year lease

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covering the same properties with other changes in the existing lease agreement. The Lessees contemplate making improvements to the extent of some \$65,000 over the next five year period. In order to obtain financing for this improvement, it is necessary that they have a lease of longer duration. This new agreement which has been approved by the Utility Board would grant a 25 year lease for the consideration of \$500.00 per year subject to the right of the City and the Lessees to adjust the rental at 5 year intervals.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16685:

Accepting certain offers to sell real property situated within the Center Street Urban Renewal Project designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16686:

Fixing Monday, August 28, 1961 at 4:00 P M as the date for hearing on L I D 4685 for paving on So. 37th from J to Thompson.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16687:

Fixing Tuesday, August 29, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the southwest corner of East 11th & Alexander Avenue. 151

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

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**Resolution No. 16688:**

Fixing Tuesday, August 29, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the alley located between McKinley Ave. and Spokane St. extended from East 43rd to East 44th St. (Metropolitan Park District) 151

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16689:**

Fixing Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1961 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of So. 7th between Orchard and Shirley Sts. (Petition of Wm. M. Busch) 160

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16690:**

Authorizing the City Manager to submit to the Department of Public Assistance an application for the purpose of establishing a Work Program as provided by Chapter 269, Laws of 1961. 99  
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It was moved by Mr. Bott that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Rowlands said the City will have to obtain an offer of agreement from the Department of Public Assistance and then he will report back to the City Council. It is hoped this can be accomplished within the next 2 or 3 weeks so that this man power can be utilized.

Mayor Hanson said the Council will then be informed with reference to the use of these men.

Mr. Rowlands said that was correct.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if it would be possible to obtain a letter from the Central Labor Council in regard to the proposals. He would like to see something outlined as to where this man power is to be utilized. His concern is that, perhaps, the City will be going into some areas that should not be entered.

Mr. Rowlands said he would be happy to secure this. He has already discussed the matter with the Central Labor Council and they were unanimous in approving his approach by the City. The Resolution itself does spell out what the personnel will be used for, -the 4th paragraph states "to clear underbrush and debris from lands and right of way owned by the City of Tacoma to

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eliminate fire hazards and health hazards. They will be utilized only in these areas where the City does not have personnel at the present time or where the personnel is insufficient to do the job.

Mr. Bott said it will in no way jeopardize present employment.

Mr. Rowlands answered that it would not. That is why the Central Labor Council expressed their approval of it. However, he would obtain a letter as requested by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16691:**

Changing the Rules of the City Council to provide that the Mayor of the City of Tacoma desiring to nominate a candidate for appointment to any Board or Commission, be required to submit the nomination to the members of the Council in writing at least (30) days prior to the effective date of appointment.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mayor Hanson said he was in favor of the intent of this Resolution. However, as has been experienced on many occasions an appointment can be contemplated 30 days in advance and conditions can develop where that appointment is no longer available; so he would assume that the Resolution, although it is a rule of the Council, will not prevail in terms of the other rules governing appointments. He said, first of all the Council is entitled to advance notice with reference to the intention of the Mayor. However, in the event an appointment is contemplated, and between the time of notice and the time of the actual appointment something intervenes, would the adoption of this Resolution affect the powers of appointment in terms of the Mayor.

Mr. McCormick said he did not think the Council by rule can pass any rule that would be in conflict with direct grant of power by the Charter or by the State Law. If it is simply a procedure, that is another matter. If the Law states that the Mayor shall appoint, he did not think the Council could require the Mayor to give 30 days advance notice because that is something the State Statute does not require. The same applies to the Charter which gives the right to (3) members of the Council to nominate names. He said he did not think that a rule could be written to take away the right of (3) members to nominate by saying an advance notice has to be given. He thought this was more or less a gentlemen's agreement reduced to writing.

Mayor Hanson said that was his understanding of the effect of this Resolution and for that reason he would vote in favor of it.

Mr. McCormick said the first portion of the Resolution where it states that the City Clerk shall give the members of the City Council notice of the expiration date of any term of office was a different matter and a rule that can definitely be followed.

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Mr. Bott said, that is the part he placed the greatest amount of importance upon and would be happy to have the Resolution so amended if the Mayor so desires. Mr. Bott said his desire particularly was to be notified of the expiration of terms of office.

Mr. Porter said he thought the second paragraph of the Resolution beginning with, "Be It Resolved," pertaining to notice by the Mayor, might tend to confuse the Council in the future. He asked if it would be better to delete that portion and leave only the first paragraph pertaining to the notice by the Clerk.

Mr. Bott said he would be happy to accept that amendment.

Mr. Porter then moved the Resolution be amended by striking the last paragraph. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Murtland said he felt although this particular paragraph would not be binding upon the Mayor, it was still a good procedure and, he for one, would like to have it left in the Resolution. He thought it would give the Mayor some reason for presenting names of persons he is considering for different appointments and perhaps would do away with the misunderstandings that have arisen. This would still allow the Mayor to appoint someone else if he deemed it necessary, he added.

Mayor Hanson said he thought the advantage of the requirement of 30 days advance notice was that it would focus attention not only by the Mayor, but, by all members of the Council that an appointment was forthcoming and during that time, unless the Mayor had someone specifically in mind, the Council would work together in choosing an appointee. He said he was in favor of leaving the Resolution as it now stands recognizing it as a rule of direction to the Mayor that he should do everything possible to present his thinking to the Council 30 days in advance of the appointment.

Voice vote taken on Mr. Porter's motion to delete the last paragraph.

Motion lost.

Mr. McCormick pointed out that the Resolution reads "The City Attorney be and is hereby directed to amend the rules." The Council is the only one that can amend the rules and the Resolution should be corrected to reflect this. He asked the Council that he be allowed to redraft this paragraph correctly. He added that this Resolution cannot be adopted by the Council this evening since any amendment to the Council Rules must receive two readings.

Mr. Rowlands mentioned that in the first "Be It Resolved" is contained the wording "the term of office of all members of boards, and commissions appointed by the Council," actually this should read "appointed by the Mayor or Council."

Mayor Hanson said he thought the City Attorney should be directed to redraft this Resolution to correct these areas mentioned, for further consideration and a possible final passage at the next meeting.



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At this time Mr. Steele moved to suspend the rules in order that Resolution No. 16692, 16693, 16694, 16695 and 16696, which do not appear on the Agenda, be taken up at this time. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.  
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16692:

Appointing Frank H. Russell as a member of the Board of Adjustment for the term expiring September 30, 1964.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution resulting

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16693:

Appointing Ellen Price and Herbert Erickson as members of the Teen-Age Dance Board for terms of three years ending June 15, 1964.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16694:

Appointing Claude Pearson as a member of the Housing Board of Appeals for the term expiring July 13, 1966.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16695:

Re-appointment of the Reverend Marshall Ellis as a member of the Housing Authority Commission for the term expiring August 16, 1966.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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**Resolution No. 16696:**

Re-appointment of Ernest A. Messenger as a trustee on the Library Board for the City of Tacoma for the term expiring August 3, 1966.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to say, before proceeding with the regular order of business, that he appreciated these persons accepting these appointments and that the City is extremely fortunate in having them serve on the various Boards and Commissions. He also thanked the Council for approving the recommended appointments unanimously.

Mrs. Price said she would like to comment on the Teen Age Dance Board. She said the Board has had such very fine cooperation with the various groups that put on the Teen Age Dances. They are very well chaperoned and well conducted and no complaints have been received. She said it has been a pleasure to serve on this Board.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 16868:**

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City to correct an error in section numbering. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained, that when the annual supplement was being prepared by the Book Publishing Company a few errors were found in Section numbering, therefore, this Ordinance will correct those errors.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Mr. Steele leaving at this time.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 16862:**

Amending the official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section 13.06.120-24 to include property on the west side of Warner St. adjacent to the N. W. corner of So. 56th and Warner, in a "C-1" Commercial District. (Petition of the Post Office Department) Read by title and passed. 97

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Olson and Steele.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

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**Ordinance No. 16863:**

Amending (7) sections of the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning regulations, relating to Boarding & Lodging, Boarding Homes, Group care and Foster Homes. Read by title. 77

Mr. Rowlands said it has been suggested by the Planning Dept. that an additional zoning district should be mentioned on page 15 of the Ordinance in the Section B. Area Exceptions, line 6. The word "R-4-L" should be added so that the line will read "after built in an "R-1" "R-2" "R-3", or "R 4-L" Dwelling District.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Ordinance be amended on page 15, Section B Area Exceptions, line 6 so as to read "after built in an "R-1", "R-2", "R-3", or "R-4-L" District. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Cvitanich said he wondered if something could be set up regarding the waterfront property to prevent more or less substandard boat houses and boat launching facilities, etc. from being constructed. The waterfront area is attractive and if the buildings are not properly constructed it will destroy what beauty exists.

Mayor Hanson said he thought this was a very good suggestion and thought a study could be made to give the Council an idea of what could be accomplished.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, said this particular matter had been investigated in 1948 and 1949 when this Ordinance was first drafted. At that time it was proposed that the waterfront property be zoned residential in order to preserve the natural beauty of the area, but great objections were submitted and as a result, at the hearing held on the matter, the property was zoned industrial.

Mr. Cvitanich said he was not objecting to the boat houses, as they are needed along the waterfront, but was concerned about the type of houses being constructed.

Mayor Hanson said he was certain the Council would agree that some study of this matter would be in order.

Mr. Buehler said additional study would be undertaken and a report will be submitted to the Council for their information as soon as possible.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Olson and Steele.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

**Ordinance No. 16864:**

Amending the Housing Code establishing minimum standards governing all buildings. Read by title. 78

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Mr. Rowlands said a proposed amendment to this Ordinance has been submitted for clarification. On page 5 of the Ordinance, Section 5.46.190 LIEN FOR COST, the word "final" should be inserted between the words "the" and "order" at the end of the second line, and the phrase "issued by the Housing Board of Appeals, or, in the event no appeal is filed on order by the Health Officer," in the third and fourth lines should be deleted.

Mr. Easterday moved that the proposed amendment be made. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Olson and Steele.  
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16865:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 6770 for modern street lights in the vicinity of North 14th and Shirley Streets and nearby streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Olson and Steele.  
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16866:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3515 for sanitary sewers in So. 9th to So. 14th Streets from Orchard to Shirley. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7, Nays 0; Absent 2, Olson and Steele.  
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16867:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3523 for sanitary sewers in Whitman from No. 37th St. to No. 45th; Vassault from No. 37th to No. 46th; Frace from No. 38th south approx, 110 feet; No. 45th from Whitman to Vassault Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7, Nays 0; Absent 2, Olson and Steele.  
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

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REPORTS:

a. Report from the L I D Committee on the assessment roll for L I D 3502 for sanitary sewers in So. 66th from Wapato to Sprague Ave., recommending that it be postponed until August 14, 1961.

Mr. Easterday moved that the hearing be postponed until August 14, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

b. Report from the L I D Committee recommending that L I D 3529 for sanitary sewers on No. Frace, Whitman, Vassault from 37th to 26th North be abandoned.

Mr. Easterday moved that L I D 3529 be abandoned. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mrs. Price, who is a member of the L I D Committee, explained that L I D 3529 was created because a property owner who appeared before the Committee on another L I D asked that additional property be included in this improvement. However, after the new district was created, 100% of the property owners in the area objected and the Committee then recommended that this L I D be abandoned. They also recommended that the original L I D, No. 3523, be approved, and this was accomplished by Ordinance No. 16867 which was just passed by the Council.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK :

Report from the City Planning Dept. for the month of June, 1961.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Cvitanich asked if something could be done to provide rest-rooms on the Old Town Dock.

Mr. Rowlands said this matter would be looked into.

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Mr. Wm. Ballard, Secretary of the local Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen said it has been brought to their attention that a group of persons at the So. Tacoma N P Shops have asked the Council to pass a Resolution approving the merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways. He said the trainmen are opposed to this merger as it would mean that train crews no longer would be stationed in Tacoma.

Mayor Hanson pointed out that although he could not predict what position the Council may ultimately take, it was brought before the Council just last week and they decided to table the matter until they could become more thoroughly acquainted with the various aspects that must be considered before intelligently taking a position.

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Mr. Ballard asked if it would be possible for his group to meet with the Council to discuss this matter at more length.

Mr. Bott said he thought it would be well to invite the delegation to meet with the Council at one of the noon study session meetings.

Mayor Hanson said such a meeting could be arranged.

Mr. Easterday said he asked that this Resolution be prepared for the reason that he was given to understand that the Shops agreed this consolidation would bring about a lot more work at the shops. However, when he discovered there was objection to the merger, he asked for a continuance of the Resolution so that the matter might more fully be investigated. He said he would be happy to have this meeting with the trainmen and thought that representatives from the Shop should also be present at the discussion.

Mr. Murtland said he fails to see where the City enters into such a matter since it is a private matter and has to do with the Interstate Commerce Commission and with Federal regulations.

Mayor Hanson said the ICC will consider the public interest in making its decision and the Council could properly express what it believes Tacoma's public interest to be in the merger question.

Mr. Frank Krutz, another Brotherhood representative, said the proposed merger will cost Tacoma close to a million dollars per month. A realistic look at a map showing installations of the railroads involved makes it clear that the merged railroad will have little or no use for the Tacoma Shops.

Mayor Hanson said the Council appreciated this matter being brought to their attention. Drawing no conclusions, aside from this, he was convinced more than ever that this is a mighty complicated matter, one that cannot be taken casually. There are different points of view and, of course, it will be the Council's responsibility to first of all identify the areas of their responsibilities; the factors that are the Council's true concern, and then sift through the information and come up with what they feel are the facts and reach a conclusion. He said tentatively Tuesday the 15th of August at 12:30 P. M. would be fixed as a meeting time on this matter and should it happen that this is not convenient to the trainmen, other arrangements could be made.

Mr. Cvitanich said he was certainly sympathetic with these gentlemen and although it may be private capital, etc. he thought they did the proper thing in coming before their elective officials asking for support.

Mayor Hanson said rather than having representatives from all the groups present at the one meeting, he thought it would be best to have one point of view presented at a time, and that a separate meeting date should be set up with each group, and then perhaps have a public hearing on the merger. Therefore, on August 15, 1961 at 12:30 P. M. the Council will meet with the Trainmen to hear their presentation and the next week it can be arranged to meet with the Shop employes.

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Mrs. Price requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to St. Regis thanking them for the tour of their mill and the very enjoyable day spent.

Mayor Hanson said that would be taken care of.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Barbara Heloussau  
Deputy City Clerk