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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, November 13, 1956

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Battin, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson, Anderson. Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Dr. Battin, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Council Member, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

RESOLUTIONS:

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Resolution No. 14817.

L I D 4588.

By STOJACK:

Fixing December 4, 1956 as the date for hearing on L I D 4588-- asphaltic concrete surface, including concrete curbs, gutters, storm water catch basins in the approximate area from South 48th Street to South 50th Street from G Street to C Street; also from South 50th Street to South 53rd Street from Park Avenue to D Street.

Adopted on roll call November 13, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

Resolution No. 14818.

By GOERING:

Approving recommendation of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for one self-propelled street sweeper to Feenaughty Machinery Co. on its bid of \$11,365.00.

Adopted on roll call November 13, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

Resolution No. 14819.

By STOJACK:

Accepting the plat of "The Firlands Addition to the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington" (located in the area south of South 16th Street along South Mullen Street.)

Adopted on roll call November 13, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

Resolution No. 14820.

By BRATRUD:

Correcting the property description in Resolution No. 12023, and authorizing the delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to John R. Wiborg.

Adopted on roll call November 13, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

Resolution No. 14821.

By JENSEN AND STOJACK:

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Commending Mayor John H. Anderson for his untiring and successful efforts in raising sufficient funds which were expended for the purpose of placing before the public the facts in connection with County Proposition No. 1, the County-City Building Bonds.

Adopted on roll call November 13, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bratrud, Goering.

The Clerk read a letter from Harry Sprinker, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, thanking Mayor Anderson for his good work and loyal support in the recent bond issue campaign for the completion of the County-City Building and expressing thanks and appreciation to the members of the City Council for their unanimous support of this issue. Placed on file.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15743.      L I D 5270.

Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 5270--cast iron water main in East B Street from East 58th Street to East 60th Street. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15744.      L I D 1963.

Providing for construction of sanitary sewers beginning at lamp-hole in South 65th Street, located approximately 270 feet east of L Street and running east in South 65th Street, to a point 5 feet east of the center of K Street, thence south in K Street to a point 5 feet south of the center of South 67th Street; thence west in South 67th Street approximately 185 feet; creating L I D 1963. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15741.

Amending Ordinance No. 15106--PAY OR COMPENSATION PLAN--by amending Section 20 thereof and by adding a new section to be known as Section 20A. (Salaries of City Manager and Director of Utility fixed at the present salary level of the City Manager.) Read by title. Dr. Battin reported that he had talked with the City Attorney and learned that the Legal and Personnel Departments are preparing a complete revision of the Compensation Plan, which will be submitted to the Council before the first of the year. The results, which would be accomplished by Ordinance No. 15741, will be taken care of in this revision, Dr. Battin stated, and in view of this he felt the passage of the ordinance is not necessary. Moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that Ordinance No. 15741 be laid on the table. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering. 60 96

Ordinance No. 15742.

Providing for the vacation, removal, repair or demolition of any building or structure which is or threatens to be a public nuisance, dangerous to the health, morals, safety or general welfare of the people of the City of Tacoma, or which might tend to constitute a fire menace; and repealing Ordinance No. 12246. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that page 6, paragraph (e) be amended to conform to revision submitted by City Attorney (to include a provision for foreclosure in the manner provided for the foreclosure of mechanics and material-

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men's liens). Motion carried unanimously: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering. Mr. Hugo Hartnack protested the ordinance as being too broad in scope and unfair to property owners, and said in his estimation too much power was being given to the Health Department. Dr. Humiston said he felt the "Building Board of Appeals" provided for in Section 6, should be appointed by the Mayor, who is an elective official, instead of by the City Manager, who is appointive, as set forth in the ordinance. This line of thought was discussed at length, and some of the Council members agreed with Dr. Humiston's thinking. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Tollefson, to amend Section 6 to provide for appointment of Board of Appeals by the mayor. Motion lost on roll call: Ayes 2; Humiston, Tollefson. Nays 5: Battin, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Anderson. Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

Ordinance No. 15745.

Amending Ordinance No. 14892--GENERAL LICENSE ORDINANCE-- by adding thereto four new sections to be known as Section 75, 75A, 75B and 75C; and declaring an emergency making necessary the immediate passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately after publication. (Licensing installation of Burglary and Theft Prevention devices and equipment). Read by title. Lyle Raymond, Tacoma Manager of American District Telegraph Co., asked to have the passage of this ordinance delayed for a week or ten days so they can study it more carefully, as there are several provisions which they feel need to be clarified and reworded. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to postpone the ordinance for one week to November 19th. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15737.

(Laid over to this date on November 5th).

Amending Ordinance No. 14793--ZONING ORDINANCE-- by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 5E. ("R-3" Two family dwelling district on both sides of 6th Avenue from Huson to Orchard). Read by title. Dr. Humiston reported that he and Mr. Perdue had met with the City Planning Commission on this matter as instructed by Council at last Monday's meeting. At this meeting no new information was gained and they were making no recommendation to the Council at this time, Dr. Humiston added. Mr. Perdue read seven points which have a bearing on this rezoning problem. In conclusion he stated the City Planning Commission's solution seemed to be the best available when the future development of the City is considered. Dr. Humiston agreed that Mr. Perdue's statements were born out in the discussion they had with the Planning Commission. However what bothered him was that the Council ran into these problems at a time an owner makes plans to utilize the property for business purposes, he added. Dr. Humiston pointed out in most cities all four corners of important intersections are devoted to business purposes. Mayor Anderson suggested that the Commercial District be moved east another block, which would allow the property under consideration to be used for a gas station. Mrs. Turner & Mr. Harold Wagner again urged Council to leave this property in a Commercial Zone. After further discussion roll was called on the ordinance resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 1; Humiston, Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presented the assessment rolls for the cost of the improvements in the following Local Improvement Districts:

48:105  
L I D 1952-- sanitary sewers on Villard Street from North 9th Street to Dahl Drive and on Orchard Street from North 9th Street to North 19th Street;

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L I D 1954-- sanitary sewers on Highland and Winnifred from North 27th Street to North 30th Street;

47:105  
 L I D 2237-- concrete sidewalks on East 57th and 58th from East I to East K; 106  
 also on North side of East 57th and south side of East 58th from McKinley to  
 East I Street;

47:177  
 18:105  
 L I D 4576-- grading and asphalt paving and concrete curbs and gutters on North  
 12th Street from Proctor Street to Mason Avenue;

47:229  
 48:106  
 L I D 4586-- grading, asphalt paving, concrete curbs and gutters on North 8th  
 Street from Cedar to Alder.

X Mr. Stojack said he was in favor of having the assessment roll hearings held at the regular Council meetings. In the majority of cases there are no remonstrances against the assessment roll, and he felt it would save the L I D Committee members from attending a meeting when the only hearings scheduled are on assessment rolls, if these hearings were held at the regular Council meetings, Mr. Stojack said. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Tollefson that in the future all assessment roll hearings be held before the Council at a regular scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 1; Humiston; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Tollefson that January 2nd, 1957 at 7:30 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

This being the date fixed by the Council for the hearing on the petition 49.  
 of Port of Tacoma, et al (10-22-56) for vacation of all plats or subdivisions  
 that may exist, thereby reverting all lands back to acreage in the area bounded 77  
 on the west by the Puyallup River, on the south by the northerly line of Lincoln  
 Avenue, on the east by the easterly line of Ross 2nd Addition and on the north  
 by Ross Avenue, Commercial Street and the northerly boundary line of Commence-  
 ment Bay Addition, the matter was brought up for consideration at this time.  
 The Clerk reported that no remonstrances had been filed and that the Utilities  
 Department has approved the vacation of the plats providing an easement is granted  
 for the Light Division's distribution line; that the Public Works Department al-  
 so is favorable if a right of way is deeded for widening of Lincoln Avenue; and  
 that the City Planning Commission also recommended approval of the vacation.  
 Hugh Faville of the Planning Commission submitted a sketch of the proposed vacation to  
 each member of the Council for his information. Mr. Don L. Mosman, Assistant  
 Engineer for the Port of Tacoma was present and answered questions of the Coun-  
 cil members and explained the proposed vacation. No remonstrators appearing,  
 it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack that the petition be granted  
 subject to the filing of the easements and deeds requested by the Light Depart-  
 ment and the Department of Public Works, and that the City Attorney be directed  
 to prepare the necessary ordinance. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays  
 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Goering.

Items received for filing in the Office of the City Clerk:

- (1) X Monthly report- Clerk of the Police Court;
- (2) X Annual Report upon Running Audit for 1956- Lybrand, Ross Bros. and  
 Montgomery;
- (3) X 1957 Annual Budget and City Manager's Budget Message, adopted by the  
 Council on October 5, 1956.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this is a new procedure which has been inaugurated in order to have a record of these documents and does not require Council action.

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NEW BUSINESS:

x 78 Mr. Tollefson asked the City Manager to make a comparative study of the City of Tacoma's income and cost of government in 1945 and at the present time, showing increase in personnel, services, wages paid, and income.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Neeter  
City Clerk.

John H. Anderson  
President of City Council