

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:40 P. M.

Monday, January 31, 1955

Battin,

Council met in regular session. Present 7, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Hooker, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 2; Jensen, taking his seat at 7:43, and Perdue, for the entire meeting (absent from City).

It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Dr. Humiston, 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; Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Perdue.

PETITIONS:

The petition of Le Roy Frierson, for renewal of license for Columbus Hotel at 1552 $\frac{1}{2}$ Market Street, The Health Department recommends the petition be denied because of certain defects listed herein. The City Manager concurs in the recommendation. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14146.

BY GOERING:

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for channelization of South Tacoma Way at South 66th and South 74th Street (Improvement No. 4545) to George Madsen Co. on its low bid of \$4,910.12.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14147.

BY GOERING:

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for construction of curbs, sidewalks, gutters, etc. at various locations throughout the City, constituting Work Order 6038, Units 51 through 371, and Work Order 5977, Improvement No. 4-7, to George Madsen Co. on its low bid of \$26,817.10.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14148.

By Battin:

Authorizing private sale of all right, title and interest of City of Tacoma acquired by and through foreclosure proceedings to be made to Howard W. Taylor, as administrator of the estate of B. W. Nash, deceased, in consideration of the payment of \$648.64 and authorizing execution and delivery of a local improvement assessment deed covering Lot 12, Block 8, Woodlawn Addition, located at 6th Avenue between Winnifred and Shirley Streets; and rescinding Resolution No. 14137, adopted January 10, 1955. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

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Resolution No. 14149.By GOERING:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of City to purchase from Pitney-Bowes Co. one certain Tickometer, No. 2339, for sum of \$890.80, upon the condition that said machine now being rented to the City be rebuilt by said Company and transferred to the City with a full year's guarantee and that thereafter the rental agreement now in existence be cancelled and there be no further liability against the City other than the payment of a yearly service charge in the sum of \$75.00. It was moved by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Initial Resolution No. 14150. L. I. D. 4542.

By BATTIN:

Stating intention of Council to order widening the existing pavement ten feet with asphaltic concrete, and installing concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the west side of Union Avenue from Center Street south to within 100 feet of the north boundary line of South 35th Street; creating L I D 4542 and fixing March 1, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14151.By BATTIN:

Authorizing and directing transfer from Garbage Department's Customers' Deposit Fund to the current Garbage and Refuse Fund, all unclaimed balances of customers' deposits, in cases where garbage service has been discontinued and such unclaimed balances remain after a determination from a survey of accounting records that any such unclaimed deposits will be likely to remain unclaimed; provided that upon demand of the depositor subsequent to such transfer, any such unclaimed balance be returned to such depositor. Mr. Hiberly, Superintendent of Garbage Division, stated that every reasonable effort has been made to identify these depositors; that the amounts involved at the moment are small, but that the closing of these accounts and turning the money into the current Garbage and Refuse Fund will eliminate a great deal of book-keeping. He stressed that the accounts will be kept on a memorandum so that they can be easily located if a demand for refund is made by the depositor. The action proposed by Resolution #14151 is legal under a recent ruling from the State Attorney General's office, he added.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14152.By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to enter into a contract for the sale of the timber located on land near Kapowsin to Chambers Creek Lumber Co. on their bid of \$3,001.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14153.By BATTIN:

Authorizing private sale of all right, title and interest of City of Tacoma acquired by and through the local improvement district assessments and the proceedings for foreclosure for the sum of \$10.00 in cash to Leonard A. Blauman, and authorizing and directing execution and delivery of a local improvement assessment deed covering Lots 6 and 7, Block 6, Bede's Replat of Part of Pacific Avenue, located at 6510 South C Street. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14154.By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell copper wire in amount of 45,000 pounds to Simon Junk Co. on their bid of \$.235 per pound; and 26,000 pounds aluminum wire to Northwest Pipe and Salvage Co. on their bid of \$.16861 per pound, and to sell 10,000 pounds of iron to George Michaels on his bid of \$16.50 per ton, which material is no longer necessary for continued effective utility operation. It was moved by Mr. Jensen to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Initial Resolution No. 14155 L I D 5170.

By HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order installation of cast iron watermains in area between Mason Street and Orchard Street from South 62nd to South 71st Street in Manitou District; creating L I D 5170 and fixing March 1, 1955 as the date for ⁴⁹³ hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Initial Resolution No. 14156. L. I. D. 2222

By PERDUE:

Stating intention of Council to order installation of concrete sidewalks on west side of South J Street from 70 feet south of the south boundary line of South 64th Street, for approximately 430.5 feet south; creating L I D 2222 and fixing March 1st, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule, seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

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Resolution No. 14157.By BATTIN:

Accepting bid of Maude Scott for purchase of Lots 27 to 30 inc., Block 1, Tacoma Eastern Addition for \$1200.00 cash, and authorizing and directing execution of a local improvement assessment deed in favor of said purchaser. (located at N.W. corner of East I and 65th Streets).

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14158.

By BATTIN: Authorizing and directing execution and delivery of a conditional sale contract covering sale of Lots 19 and 20, Block 2511, Sahn's Addition to Josephine Nicolai for \$1975.00 (located at 2543 South Tacoma Avenue).

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14159.By TOLLEFSON:

Directing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to make transfers listed herein in the 1954 Budget.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14142. (laid over to this date on January 24th, 1955).By JENSEN:

Approving recommendation of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for furnishing one self-propelled street sweeper to Feenaughty Machinery Co. on its low bid of \$10,077.25 plus sales tax, less trade-in allowance on used equipment in sum of \$1,977.25, making a net bid of \$8,100 plus sales tax. Mr. Staman was called upon and gave a resume of the information submitted by the companies selling the Wayne, Mobil and Elgin sweepers, and stated that he had called all three bidders and that each of them had a representative present tonight to give information about their product. The representatives each spoke at length on the respective merits of their sweeper and answered technical questions about operation and maintenance costs which were asked by Council members. After considerable time had been allowed each representative, Col. Hooker said he felt this was not the proper place to bring up this discussion, and stressed the point that the Council is a policy making group and is not qualified to make a decision on a matter of this nature. He further stated that the Council should set a policy of letting the Board of Contracts and Awards and qualified representatives of the department decide on these matters and the Board should be given a free hand to choose the best equipment, whether the bid is the lowest or not. Mr. Backstrom asked the Director of Public Works if there was any change in his recommendation in the light of additional information submitted, to which Mr. Staman replied in the negative. Roll was then called on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15236.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit

the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts, etc." (ZONING ORDINANCE) by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 36A. (Broadening the scope of permitted uses). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15237.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase certain property to be used for peat soil purposes in the various landscaping activities of the City and for street right of way; and providing for the payment therefor. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15238.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts; etc." (ZONING ORDINANCE) by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 8G. (C-1 Commercial District on s w corner of South 38th and L Streets). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15239.

Amending Ordinance No. 13931 entitled: "An Ordinance increasing and establishing certain revolving fund advances for use in the payment of current and incidental expenses in connection with the operation of various offices in the Department of Public Utilities; and authorizing the Director of Finance to issue a warrant or warrants on the Light Fund for the purpose of so increasing and establishing said funds to a total of \$1215.00". by increasing the Revolving Fund Advance of the Light Division, Storekeeper Main Storeroom, to a total of \$500.00; establishing a Revolving Fund Advance for the purpose of payment of current and incidental expenses in connection with the Cowlitz Power Development; and authorizing the Director of Finance to issue a warrant or warrants on the Cowlitz Power Development Fund in the sum of \$2000.00 for said purpose. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15240.

Amending Section 3 of Ordinance No. 14980 entitled: "An ordinance relating to the Municipal Water Supply System of the City of Tacoma; regulating the use of water therefrom; providing for the sale of same; fixing the price thereof; providing a method of collecting fees and charges therefor; providing penalties for violations of this ordinance and repealing Ordinances No. 12899, 12496, 12610, 12611, 13381, 13582 and 13715 and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith." (Bi-monthly billing of water charges). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15241.

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute and deliver a lease agreement between the City and Department of Conservation and Development, Division of Forestry, State of Washington, on nine lots in the Kappowsin area, Pierce County, Washington, for the purpose of providing a fire camp; and fixing the terms and conditions of such lease. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15242.

Amending Sections 2, 10, 11 and 12 of Ordinance No. 11314 entitled:

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"An ordinance to fix the price of and to regulate the use and manner and conditions of selling electric energy by the City of Tacoma; prescribing penalties for the violation hereof, et c." (Bi-monthly billing of electric light bills). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15243.

Amending Section 66 of Ordinance No. 13443 entitled: "An ordinance to be known as the Electrical Code, regulating the sale, lease, rental, installation, repair, use and removal of electrical wiring, equipment and appliances; providing a penalty for the violation hereof; etc." (Section 66- Large services). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15244.

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to enter into a supplement to the Lease between the City of Tacoma and Bessie McRae, and setting out the terms and provisions thereof. (1131 Dock Street). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15227.

Amending Section 9 of Ordinance No. 15132, entitled: "An ordinance to define 'Tacoma Harbor'; to establish rules and regulations for the movement, anchorage and docking of vessels and watercraft within said Harbor; to prescribe the duties of the Harbor Master; to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of owners of docks, wharves and waterfront structures; to provide penalties for the violation hereof; and to repeal Ordinance No. 6245 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith." Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Jensen; Absent 1; Perdue.

Ordinance No. 15228.

Amending Ordinance No. 14892, entitled: "An ordinance to provide for licensing and regulating the operation of certain devices, vehicles and things, and the carrying on of certain businesses, callings, professions, trades, occupations and activities in the City of Tacoma; to provide for the suspension and revocation of licenses issued; to establish license fees; to provide a penalty for the violation hereof, etc." (GENERAL LICENSE ORDINANCE) by amending Sections 61, 61a and 61b, and by adding to said ordinance six sections to be known as 61c, 61d, 61e, 61f, 61g and 61h. (relative to tattooing shops and operators). Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend rule 9 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; Perdue.

Ordinance No. 15229.

L. I. D. 4549.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between I and J Streets from North 9th Street to North 10th Street by grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon a 6-inch cement concrete pavement; creating Local Improvement District No. 4549. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9, 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; Perdue.

Ordinance No. 15230.

Amending Sections 30, 30a, 30b, 30c, 30d, 30e, 30f, 30g, 30h, 30i, 30j and 30k of Ordinance No. 14892 entitled: "An ordinance to provide for licensing and regulating the operation of certain devices, vehicles and things, and the carrying on of certain businesses, callings, professions, trades, occupations and activities in the City of Tacoma; to provide for the suspension and revocation of licenses issued; to establish license fees; to provide a penalty for the violation hereof, etc." and Repealing Sections 30-1, 30m and 30n. of said ordinance. (General License Ordinance-pertaining to boiler plants and licenses for operators of boiler plants, etc.) Read by title and it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. Mr. Mc Cormick advised that a Citizens' Committee, composed of representatives from various industries and occupations with Howard D. Norris as Chairman, had revised the old ordinance, passed in 1931, and which was out of date. He named the other members of the Committee and explained briefly the changes proposed. Mr. Norris explained that certain industries and small apartment houses were exempt from the license requirements because these boilers are fully automatic. He also said the Committee feels this ordinance to be a very fair one, which will protect the City. Mayor Tollefson thanked the Committee for the fine work they had performed in revising the boiler licensing ordinance. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15231.

Providing for the conveyance of certain City property and repealing Ordinance No. 15131, entitled: "An ordinance 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 of a certain tract of land for the purpose of installing, maintaining, operating and repairing water mains and appurtenant equipment from the west line of Brown's Point Boulevard to the east line of Beverly Heights Addition; and directing that compensation for the property to be taken or damaged shall be payable from funds to be hereafter appropriated." (conveying N 40' of Lot 1, Block 6, Beverly Hts to Fred C. and Gertrude Hofstetter). Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 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; Perdue.

Ordinance No. 15232.

Relating to an election to be held May 10th, 1955; providing for the submission thereof of a proposition to elect fifteen freeholders to prepare and propose a Charter for the City of Tacoma; and requiring the City Clerk to certify to the County Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, and ex officio Supervisor of Elections, as required by law, said proposition in the form of a specified ballot title. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 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; Perdue.

Ordinance No. 15233.

Relating to an election to be held May 10th, 1955, calling an election⁴³⁸ for the providing for the election thereof by the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma of fifteen freeholders, whose duty it shall be to prepare and propose a Charter

for said City; providing for the filing of nominations of candidates therefor; certifying the offices of said freeholders to the County Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, and ex officio Supervisor of Elections, as provided by law; and requiring the City Clerk to certify to said Auditor and ex officio Supervisor of Elections the names of qualified persons who have filed their nominations for said offices. Read by title and it was moved by Dr. Humiston, Seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

After the passage of the ordinances pertaining to Charter Revision, Dr. Humiston remarked that should the City Manager form of government be voted out, it would be at least a year before a new Council could be seated, and said he felt the present Council should be informed about things the public wants corrected and take steps to make these corrections without waiting for a new government to take office. Mayor Tellefson agreed with this statement. Mr. Backstrom was asked if the group sponsoring the petition had made any complaints or request for changes, to which he replied in the negative. The Public Works Department's policy with regard to unpaved streets and alleys, which appears to be one of the major complaints received by Council members and City officials, was fully discussed and explained by the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Superintendent of Streets Henriot. Mr. Jensen said he believed the City should give consideration to providing funds to repair temporary streets used by Commercial trucks in view of the heavy gas tax borne by commercial firms operating such vehicles. Mrs. Goering concluded the discussion by saying that publicity should be given on the policies of the City with regard to temporary street and alley repairs.

Ordinance No. 15234.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or 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 of certain tracts of land for the purpose of opening and extending a right of way street connection from South 11th Street and Sprague Avenue to South 12th and Ferry Street, and for use incidental to the construction and maintenance of the same; and providing for taking and damaging of said tracts of land; and directing that compensation for the lands to be taken or damages shall be payable from the General Street and Bridge Construction Fund of 1954.. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. In accordance with promises made last Monday, Mr. Backstrom presented a detailed report from the Traffic Engineer on present congestion of traffic at 11th and Sprague and the advantages to be gained in time saved, relief of traffic congestion, decrease in volume of traffic at 12th and Sprague, etc. if this cut-off is provided. Dr. Humiston asked the cost of the project and was informed that \$160,000 has been allocated for this purpose in the Bond Issue Program. The matter was discussed and both Mrs. Goering and Dr. Battin said they had used this project as one of their selling points in their numerous talks on the Bond Issues and they felt committed on this score. As this was one of the projects promised if the bond issue carried, the Council was of the opinion that it would have to be carried out. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Humiston (not voting); Absent 1; Perdue.

Ordinance No. 15235.

Amending Section 28 of Ordinance No. 15106, entitled: "An ordinance adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonelective officers and employees of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City government, etc." (Pay or compensation plan) Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr.

Jensen to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. (Sec. 28. Add (A) Assistant Civil Engineer). Mr. Ketler said he would like to answer Mr. Bratrud's question of the last meeting as to whether or not the two employes involved had an opportunity to take an examination and thus gain Civil Service Status. He said that an examination for Civil Engineer had been held in 1950, two examinations in 1951 and an examination for Civil Engineer 2 had been given in 1950, but one man didn't take any examinations and the other didn't get on the list when he took Civil Engineer 1 examination. One had ~~xxx~~ taken an examination for Engineering Aide 3 and gained rights in this category three years ago he added. He claimed the creation of this appointment was giving special favors to two employes who have no permanent rights to the jobs. The discussion which followed was much the same as that noted in last week's minutes. In reply to a question from Mr. Bratrud as to how the services of these two men could be retained and meet with Civil Service requirements, Mr. Ketler replied there was no way. If the men are so badly needed on the bond program, he suggested they be placed on temporary outside construction jobs like the Cowlitz project. Mr. Bratrud asked if the matter had been laid before the Civil Service Commission, and Mr. Boyle advised that the Commission could give an opinion but could not make a binding decision unless someone filed a claim to the position. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the matter be postponed for one week and be laid before the Civil Service Commission for its recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Stojack. Lost on roll call: Ayes 2; Bratrud, Stojack; Nays 6, Battin, Goering (not voting) Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson. After further discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mrs. Goering to reconsider Mr. Bratrud's motion. Lost on roll call: Ayes 1; Bratrud; Nays 7; Absent 1; Perdue. The Mayor said that much time had been spent listening to Mr. Ketler, Mr. Staman and Mr. Backstrom, all of whose stands had been well put, but it was now up to the Council to make the final decision and he could see no reason for a delay by asking the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission. He then asked for a roll call on the passage of the ordinance, which resulted as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Bratrud, Absent 1; Perdue.

Mr. Backstrom advised that he had a resolution for Council's consideration which was prepared too late to place on the Agenda of tonight's meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 7, relative to filing of new matter for Council's consideration, in order to give consideration to Resolution No. 14160. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14160.

By PERDUE:

Waiving residential requirements set forth in Sec. 6.3 of the City Charter as to Charles G. Montgomery for the purpose of his appointment and qualification as Chief of the Administrative Division, Public Works Department, for a period of six months from and after the date of his appointment and qualification as such officer.

Adopted on roll call January 31, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom read a communication from the Pierce County Commissioners, reporting that Architect A Gordon Lumm advises that it is entirely possible and feasible to place the City Hall Chimes in the new County-City Building and that the County Commissioners are agreeable to having the chimes in the building if all installation costs would be paid by the City of Tacoma.

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Mayor Tollefson read in full a letter from D. H. Ketler, denying the accusation, which he claimed Mayor Tollefson made against him at last week's meeting, relative to his coercing City Employees into making contributions in support of the movement to bring about the Freeholder's election, and asking that it be read in view of the fact that he was denied the right to be heard in his own defense. Mayor Tollefson suggested Mr. Ketler read last week's minutes which would show that no accusation had been made but merely that a warning against the future use of coercion had been given. Col. Hooker asked Mr. Ketler what instructions had been given to those circulating the petition and how much money had been collected and where these funds came from. In reply Mr. Ketler suggested that Edward Carothers, chairman of the Committee of 100, be contacted for this information.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 11:30 P. M.



President of City Council.

Attest



City Clerk.