

Council Chamber, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, February 4, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5: Bratrud, Goering, Jensen, Stojack and Mayor Anderson. Dr. Battin taking his seat at 7:33 P. M., Dr. Humiston and Mr. Tollefson at 7:37 P. M. Absent 1, Perdue.

It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Stojack 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 on roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Battin, Humiston, Perdue and Tollefson.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14896: X L I D 2261: 182

By GOERING:

Fixing March 5, 1957 as the date for hearing on L I D 2261 - oil mat surface on Alaska Street from South 74th to South 72nd Streets, on Asotin from South 76th to approximately 300 feet north of South 74th; on South 74th from Alaska to Ainsworth; also on the alley between Asotin and Ainsworth from South 74th Street to approximately 300 feet north, thence west to Asotin.

Adopted on roll call February 4, 1957 -
Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Battin, Humiston, Perdue and Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14897: X L I D 2268: 183

By BRATRUD:

Fixing March 5, 1957 as the date for hearing on L I D 2268 - gravel and oil mat surface on North 30th Street from Pearl to Highland; also storm sewer drainage on North 30th Street from Pearl to Winnifred, etc.

Adopted on roll call February 4, 1957
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Humiston, Perdue and Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14898:

By JENSEN:

Approving recommendations of Chief of Police and Board of Contracts and Awards, and awarding the contract for furnishing thirteen 1957 Police Special Four Door Sedans to Walker Chevrolet Company, and awarding the contract for one 1957 Panel Truck to Munson-Smith Motors, Inc.

Adopted on roll call February 4, 1957
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Humiston, Perdue and Tollefson.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15805:

Appropriating the sum of \$675.00 from the Library Fund for the purpose of securing for the library a policy of insurance protecting the library and the City of Tacoma from liability for damages in the event of accident or injury to its employees; and declaring an emergency making necessary the appropriation herein contained. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15806:

Amending Sections 6.15, 6.17, 6.18, 6.19, 6.29 and 6.30 of Ordinance No. 15751 - PAY OR COMPENSATION PLAN. Read by title. Mr. Rowlands advised that the changes provided in this amendment are the result of the negotiations with Electrical Workers, Local 483, as authorized by Council last week by Resolution No. 14891. The position of Assistant Water Superintendent has also been added, under pay range #29, which will place this position one step above other comparable positions in General Government, which are now in Range No. 28, Mr. Rowlands said. He felt Council should consider this problem in the interests of Harmony and morale, Mr. Rowlands added. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15803:

Amending Ordinance No. 14793 - ZONING ORDINANCE - by adding a new section to be known as Section 4A (R-2 One Family Dwelling District at intersection of South 19th and Proctor Streets.). Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15804:

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, under right of eminent domain for purpose of acquiring a tract of land for construction of a sub-station for the City of Tacoma (at approximately So. 63rd and Portland Avenue). Read by title and passed.

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

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

- ✓ Annual Report of the Tacoma Police Department for 1956.
- Annual Report for the Traffic Division of the Tacoma Police Department for 1956.
- Report of the Director of Finance for December, 1956.

Y Mayor Anderson called Council's attention to the Film "Our Living Future" which is being shown at Jason Lee Auditorium at 8:00 P. M. Monday, February 18th. This film is very worthwhile and every Council member should see it if at all possible. It was pointed out that this was a Council meeting night. Mr. McCormick, in reply to a question, advised that Council could not legally schedule the meeting for any other night, but it could meet on February 18th and recess to some other date. A suggestion was made that Council meet at 7:00 P. M. instead of 7:30, so that Council members could attend this film. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack that the Council meeting on February 18th convene at 7:00 P. M. Motion carried: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Perdue. 141

Y Mayor Anderson read a letter of resignation from the Library Board from Mrs. Lucille Chastak. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin, that the resignation be accepted, and the Mayor be instructed to write Mrs. Chastak thanking her for her services on the Board.

X Mrs. Goering said she had read with interest the recent article about Air Pollution Control in the daily paper. When she first took office this matter had been considered thoroughly by Council members, and it was found that funds and necessary equipment were lacking to properly carry on this work, Mrs. Goering stated. She would like to have a report as to the current status of this department, including the budget for this purpose and whether or not needed equipment has been acquired and if more equipment is needed, she said. The City Manager was directed to obtain this report from the Director of Public Works for next Monday's meeting.

Mr. Bratrud asked if any action had been taken relative to placing proposed Charter changes on the ballot at the Spring Election. It was pointed out that the School Board has not as yet set a definite date for its special election which it is rumored will be held in May. Mr. Stojack suggested that Council members be thinking about changes they feel should be made. Mayor Anderson suggested that any ideas for changes which Council members wish to offer be discussed at either a luncheon meeting or at a Council meeting in the near future. 149

Mr. Rowlands called on Public Works Director Staman for the report on the condition of North Whitman Street from North 50th to 51st, requested at the hearing on Assessment Roll 5267 on January 21st. Mr. Staman advised that he had made a personal check at the site, that this street has never been graded and the north half of the block has not been used to any great extent; that the barricading did not block off any one on Whitman Street from having access; that in the case of water main construction, it is the practice to return the street to substantially what it was before the work began, and explained that the reason for barricading the street was, that it is an unimproved and unused street right of way, which is dangerous to the traveling public. 128 137

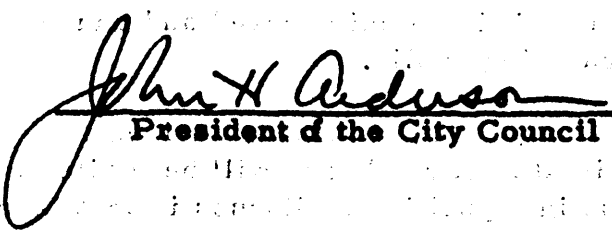
Mr. Rowlands advised that the report on the Leech Creek impounding area is almost ready and will be mailed to Council members this week, so they will be in a position to discuss it next Monday. In reply to a question as to whether or not the sounding station had been installed, Mr. Staman reported that all necessary arrangements had been made, but the equipment had not been installed because of the bad weather. Mr. Rowlands reported that the contractor had met the deadline for the storm drain installation. 149

The matter of Council's representation at the Legislature was brought up by Mr. Rowlands. Mayor Anderson asked if any Council members could serve in Olympia this week. Dr. Humiston advised that Mr. Reynolds of the Tacoma Transit Company had asked Mr. Rowlands and himself to attend a joint Committee meeting Thursday evening for discussion on the bill exempting public transportation systems from payment of gasoline tax, and that he had agreed to attend this meeting. Mr. Tollefson said he would be available during the week if needed and Mayor Anderson said he also would be available.

Mr. Rowlands reported on the cost of a fishing dock at Sixth Avenue, in compliance with Council's request of January 28th, and advised that a new dock of this nature will cost approximately \$45,000 and, if a railroad overpass is required, another \$20,000 will be added to the cost. Two parties have talked to County Commissioner Geiger about leasing the dock from the City, Mr. Rowlands advised. He pointed out that the Dock is still under the control of Pierce County, and is in a dangerous condition.

Mayor Anderson stated there are undoubtedly many good timbers in the old dock, and asked if the City Engineers could estimate the amount of salvage and give a report to Council if it is feasible to use these timbers to construct another dock in the vicinity. Mr. Rowlands said he would direct the City Engineer to make this report. Mr. Staman reported that his department has made an exploration of the dock and they found a great deal of dry rot in the timber. Mr. Archie W. Noble, 1535 Wilton Road, said that, if the dock is torn down, 20 residents on Wilton Road (a private road) will be denied access to their homes, as well as fire protection, and asked what the City planned to do about this. Mayor Anderson assured them that a careful check would be made by the Director of Public Works concerning access to homes and fire protection before anything is done to remove the dock. Mrs. Edward Bryne said she would like to see the City salvage the timber from the dock, which she had been informed by a reliable source would total approximately 87,944' of good timber. Mayor Anderson advised that the engineers will ascertain the footage of the lumber and the salvage problems involved, and would report back to the Council. Mr. Noble asked if they could have a fire hydrant on their side of the railroad tracks, and Mayor Anderson advised him this would involve an L I D project, for which the residents would have to pay. He suggested that Mr. Noble contact the City Manager to obtain information relative to procedure in this matter.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 8:15 P. M.


President of the City Council

Attest:


City Clerk