

Monday, October 1, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 9; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson, Anderson. Absent 0.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston, 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 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

* Robert C. Olson, et al. (38th and Yakima Avenue Businessmen), stating they would like an opportunity to speak before Council at its meeting of October 1, 1956 regarding future plans for Yakima Avenue. Robert C. Olson was present and spoke to Council in favor of the proposed plan to make Yakima Avenue a through street with an overpass across Wakefield Drive, as outlined in the 1950 and 1955 traffic engineer's survey. He pointed out the traffic problems on the Tacoma Avenue, Delin, G Street route where there are several bottlenecks, and also the traffic congestion at Lincoln High School, which makes it difficult to use this route as a through street. He also stated that the Yakima Avenue Route would be more level, and thus eliminate traffic hazards due to ice and snow, that exist during the winter on G Street hill. They would like to have this proposition put on the ballot as a bond issue, Mr. Olson said, and the district will work to have it pass. Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Olson for appearing and said that he would appoint him as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, which is scheduled to meet in the Council Chamber tomorrow night at 7:30 P. M. City Engineer Calkins said this route has been under consideration for some time and it was the Department's opinion this would make a good cross City arterial.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14783.

BY HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell one Rotary Transformer to Spokane Steel Foundry Co. for the sum of \$5,001.00 plus sales tax under a conditional sales contract.

Adopted on roll call October 1, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14784.

By ANDERSON:

Consenting to the appointment by the Mayor of David Hopkins as a member of the Board of Adjustment for a one-year term commencing on the 30th day of September 1956 and ending on the 30th day of September, 1957, and approving said appointment.

Adopted on roll call October 1, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14785.

By ANDERSON:

Consenting to appointment by the Mayor of V. W. Stevenson as a mem-

ber of the Board of Adjustment for a four-year term commencing on the 30th day of September, 1956 and ending on the 30th day of September, 1960, and approving said appointment.

Adopted on roll Call: October 1, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14786.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing and directing execution and delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to Andrew E. and Doris H. Williamson for sale of property located south of 7432 South Oakes Street for \$176.27 in cash.

Adopted on roll call October 1, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14782. (laid over to this date on September 24, 1956).

By GOERING:

Approving recommendation of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract for purchase of one Medium Heavy Duty Motor Grader and Bulldozer Attachment to the Caldwell Machinery Co. for the purchase price of \$14,936.20, plus sales tax, which bid is determined to be the best bid. City Manager Rowlands called attention to MC 97- on the subject of the above Resolution, which had been prepared for Council's information. Mr. Stojack moved that the resolution be amended to accept the bid of Murphy-Campbell Co. (Caterpillar). Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Mr. Perdue said he had been told that the Caterpillar is supposed to be the Cadillac of graders, that there is a large stock of parts available and that there is a better trade-in value, so it would perhaps be more advantageous to buy this machine. Dr. Humiston said he felt the Council should abide by the recommendation of the staff, and he favored following this policy. Mr. Rowlands said the bids had been given careful consideration and it was felt that a differential of \$1,000 was too much to warrant awarding the bid to Murphy-Campbell. If it is done in this case there might be repercussions in the future on other bids for equipment, Mr. Rowlands said. Mr. Jensen pointed out that money for this equipment was made available last March and six months have elapsed and in the meantime prices have gone up from 8 to 10%. He also said that although other governmental agencies have been consulted concerning various graders, the City employees who work with the equipment were not asked for a recommendation, and he felt they should have been taken into consideration in this instance. Mr. Calkins, City Engineer, stated that City employees had been contacted, and their unanimous opinion was in favor of the Caterpillar. However the Department felt it had to have facts to substantiate a recommendation and this is the reason they conferred with other agencies outside of Tacoma, which used various makes of equipment, Mr. Calkins added. Mr. Stojack asked if contractors had been consulted, and Mr. Calkins replied that they had and the majority favored the Caterpillar. Their purchases were not on a competitive bid basis, he added. Mr. Henriot was called upon and he said the Department would be glad to get any type of grader as they had been a year trying to obtain a new one. He said the recommendation of the Board for a Huber Warco was fine as far as he is concerned. He also pointed out that his department does not go in for heavy construction like contractors do. Dr. Battin said if the Council voted for the amendment, it would be voting for the highest bid and in his opinion competitive bidding would lose its significance. Mr. Bratrud asked Mr. Henriot how many graders were needed and he replied that his department could manage with one new grader as the majority of the old ones had been reconditioned and were in fair condition. Roll was called on Mr. Stojack's amendment, resulting as follows: Carried on roll call: Ayes 5; Bratrud, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Anderson. Nays 4; Battin, Goering, Humiston, Tollefson. Mr. McCormick stated that the resolution would have to be completely re-written in view of this amendment, but action could be taken by the Council tonight to adopt the resolution as amended. Roll was then called on the resolution as amended.

Adopted on roll call October 1, 1956.
Ayes 6; Bratrud, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Anderson. Nays 3; Battin.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15717.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793--ZONING ORDINANCE- by adding thereto two new sections to be known as Section 9K and 9L (Sec. 9K-"C-2" District- property on east side of South M from South 39th Street 250 feet north; Sec. 9L-"C-2" District- an 80' strip of land running north and south through the center of the North 26th and Proctor Business District). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15718.

Appropriating sum of \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from General Fund, to be transferred to Police Relief and Pension Fund; authorizing the expenditure thereof, or so much thereof as may be needed for the purpose of paying claims for back pensions to retired police personnel; and declaring an emergency. Read by title and placed in order of final reading. City Attorney McCormick briefed the Council on the circumstances which made necessary the passage of this emergency ordinance to pay back pension claims to the retired police officers.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15707. L I D 1949.

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L I D 1949-- construction of sanitary sewers from existing manhole, 145 feet south of South 80th Street, thence continuing northward between South K Street and South L Street approximately 520 feet. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15708. L I D 2187.

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L I D 2187--cement concrete sidewalks on North 27th Street from Stevens Street to Tyler Street (both sides); North 27th Street from Tyler Street to approximately 124 feet east (North side only) and on North Stevens Street from 27th street north to the alley (east side only). Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15709. L I D 2210.

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L I D 2210-- gravel and crushed rock oil mat surface and acquisition of right of way on North 26th Street (Narrow's Drive) from Pearl Street to Jackson Avenue and approximately 400 feet north of North 15th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15710. L I D 2223.

Approving and confirming assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 2223-- crushed rock and oil mat surface on alley between South Tacoma Way and Puget Sound Avenue from South 60th Street to South 62nd Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Ordinance No. 15711. L I D 4562.

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Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 4562-- grading, asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter and storm sewer on South J Street from South 38th Street to South 37th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Ordinance No. 15712. L I D 4590.

Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 5490-- cement concrete pavement and storm sewer on Boundary Street from Center Street south one hundred feet. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Ordinance No. 15713. L I D 5255.

Approving and confirming assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 5255-- cast iron water main in East 55th and East 57th from McKinley to East L and in East L from East 55th to East 57th. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Ordinance No. 15714. L I D 5282.

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Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in K Street from South 65th Street to South 67th Street and in South 67th Street from K Street to L Street; creating L I D 5282. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15715. L I D 5283.

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Providing for construction of 6-inch cast iron water main in Junett Street from South 40th Street to South 45th Street and in South 40th Street from Junett Street to Pine Street; creating L I D 5283. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15716.

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Requiring the maintenance of continuous lighting in public cold storage lockers and of an emergency warning device in connection therewith; and providing penalties for the violation hereof. Read by title. Mr. Tollefson reported that this matter came to his attention through the Better Business Bureau. It seems a mother and her child were locked in one of the lockers for over an hour before they were noticed, and this incident is what actually brought the danger to light, Mr. Tollefson added. Mr. Stojack asked if the operators of cold storage lockers had been consulted, and Mr. Calkins, City Engineer, replied in the negative. Mr. Tollefson said he felt the ordinance should not be passed until this group is contacted and he moved that the ordinance be laid over for two weeks to October 15, 1956. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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The Director of Utilities presented the assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L I D 5270-- for cast iron water mains in East B Street from East 58th Street to East 60th Street. It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Dr. Battin.

that November 7, 1956 be fixed as the date for hearing on said assessment roll. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

This being the date fixed by State Law for hearing on the Preliminary Budget, adopted by the Council on September 17th, 1956, the Clerk reported the publication of the notice required by law on September 19th and 26th, 1956. Mr. Rowlands said they were not prepared to go into much detail tonight, but hoped to have graphs and charts ready for Council tomorrow night. He reported that they have held negotiations with in the neighborhood of 18 Unions and on the average three meetings were held with each group. Stanley Bixel, Director of Personnel, distributed the charts: (1) Exceptions From the General Salary and Pay Increase Proposal Recommendation for 1957; and (2) City of Tacoma 1956 Rates of Compensation and Recommended Rates for 1957, for Council's study and information. The communications were discussed briefly by Mr. Rowlands, City Manager. No one being present to be heard on the budget, it was duly moved, seconded and carried that the budget hearing be continued on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1956 at 7:30 P. M.

Dr. Humiston brought up L I D 1955- West End Storm Sewer- upon which hearing was held before Council as a Whole on September 25th. He said he felt the next step on this district should be outlined by Council so those interested would have an idea what is taking place. Mr. Tollefson advised that the L I D Committee had made no recommendation, and he felt there should be further study. The question of whether or not there was a time limit within which the providing ordinance must be passed, was asked by Mr. Stojack. Mr. McCormick advised that the statute sets no time limit, so it would be his opinion that it should be within a reasonable time. Mr. Calkins advised that the Fircrest Trunk bids were opened September 17th and should be awarded within 30 days, or October 17th. Mayor Anderson reported that Mr. Lige Dickson, successful bidder, had called him and offered to grant an extension if the Council wished. After some discussion, Dr. Humiston asked the City Attorney to bring in an ordinance providing for L I D 1955 for first reading next Monday. Mr. Rowlands reported that they are compiling some data on this subject, which will require at least two weeks to complete, and they are also endeavoring to obtain a progress report from Brown and Caldwell. Mr. Bratrud said in his opinion the Council should do nothing until they have the Brown and Caldwell report. The matter was discussed further and it was decided the next step was to introduce the ordinance.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council at 9:25 P. M. recessed on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1956 at 7:30 P. M.

Attest: Josephine Matton
City Clerk.

John H. Anderson
President of City Council.