

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, July 27, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Anderson, Bratrud, Wasterday, Goering, Perdue, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Humiston.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition of the Tacoma Freeway Mart, Inc. for a "C-P-R" Planned Regional Shopping Center District on property bounded generally by So. 43rd and So. 48th from So. Pine Street to the Freeway. 60
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Mayor Hanson explained that an appeal has been filed by the Tacoma Freeway Mart, Inc. and the Planning Department has suggested that August 10, 1959 be set as the date for hearing.

Mr. Anderson then moved that the hearing date of August 10, 1959 be set. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

This is the date set for hearing on the appeal on the petition of Fanning-Starkey Co. for the reclassification of property located at 7819 Pacific Avenue from an R-2 District to a R-4-L District. 186

Mrs. Helen Zanni, owner of the property at 7819 Pacific Avenue, was present and explained that she has been attempting to sell this property since November, 1958. Several people have expressed interest in buying the property if it were rezoned to permit duplex dwellings. She said she felt that a duplex would improve the site. At the present time the property is in a run down condition as she is unable to take care of it properly due to financial reasons.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Council defer action on this for one week in order to examine the property in question. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Anderson asked that the Planning Commission staff give a report as to why they arrived at their decision.

Mr. Bob Garen, member of the Planning Commission explained that the main reason the petition was denied was that the entire neighborhood along Pacific Avenue is single family dwellings. To change the character of an entire strip to accommodate the property owner did not seem to be a good policy, he added.

Several residents of the area were present to protest the rezoning.

Mr. Anderson said a hearing was held before the Planning Commission on this petition and after all of the facts were considered, the vote was unanimous to deny the rezoning. He felt the Council would not gain anything by setting this over for a week, and would vote against postponing the matter.

Mr. Porter said although he has seen the property and has arrived at his decision, he had no objections to a postponement and would therefore vote in favor of postponing it for one week.

Roll call was then taken on Mr. Easterday's motion to postpone the question for one week. Motion lost on roll call: Ayes 4; Nays 4, Anderson, Bratrud, Goering, and Perdue; Absent 1, Humiston.

Mr. Bratrud moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

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This is the date set for hearing on the vacation of property in the alley between So. 34th to 35th from Pine to South Tacoma Way. (Saul Levy petition)

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the vacation of a portion of the alley between South 34th and South 35th Streets from Pine to South Tacoma Way. Neither the Public Works Department nor the Public Utilities Department objected to the vacation. It will eliminate right of way not now needed by the City nor anticipated for future use. The efficiency of the street pattern will not be affected by vacation,

Mr. Easterday moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the petition and that an Ordinance be drawn vacating a portion of the alley between South 34th and South 35th Streets from Pine to So. Tacoma Way. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Communication from Filis L. Otto, Attorney for Edward R. Rose, appealing the revocation of his private detective license.

Mr. Rowlands said August 17, 1959 has been suggested as the date of hearing on this matter.

Mr. Easterday moved that August 17, 1959 be set as the date of hearing on Mr. Rose's appeal. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15819:

L I D 4490

BY PERDUE:

Fixing Tuesday, September 22, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4490 for paving, curbs and gutters in the vicinity of No. 12th to No. 18th between Stevens and Orchard Streets.

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

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15820:

L I D 4532

BY BRATRUD:

Fixing Tuesday, August 25, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4532 for grading and paving including concrete curbs and gutters on various streets between So. 36th and 55th Streets and between So. Ash and East K; also on So. Prospect from So. 68th to So. 72nd Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15821:

BY PRICE:

Awarding contract to Carl T. Madsen, Inc. for the construction of

I D 6763 on their bid of \$56,057.00 on Proposal #3, which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

Resolution No. 15822:

BY PERDUE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a new lease agreement with Charles W. Voss to operate a concession at Lake Kapowsin for a period of five years at an annual rental fee of \$445.00.

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

Mr. Benedetti of the Water Division, explained that the Water Department owns a considerable amount of frontage on Lake Kapowsin. This was purchased many years ago with the idea of developing Lake Kapowsin as one source of the City's water supply. In the interim period the Department has leased property to several concessionaires.

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

Resolution No. 15823:

BY PRICE:

Authorizing the sale of approximately 20,000 pounds of junk insulated copper wire to the Pacific Iron & Metal Co. on their total bid of \$3,372.00.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15824:

BY ANDERSON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a quit claim deed to the State of Washington for certain water division property, for highway purposes.

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

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

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Mr. Rowlands asked that three Resolutions appointing members to the Building and Appeals Commission, the Elevator Safety Board and the Planning Commission be taken up at this time.

Mr. Anderson moved that the rules be suspended to consider Resolution Numbers 15825, 15826 and 15827. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15825:

BY ANDERSON:

Appointing Paul Martin, John E. McGuire, Orville Johnson, E. L. Visser and Leo Seiwerath to the Dangerous Building Appeals Commission.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that the members of the Council had previously received a copy of the proposed appointments. He explained that the "old" Board went out of existence when the new State Law was passed.

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15826:

BY REQUEST OF HANSON:

Appointing Les Johnson to the Elevator Safety Board to fill the unexpired term of George Miller ending the 31st day of October, 1960.

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

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15827:

BY REQUEST OF HANSON:

Reappointing Marshall Riconosciuto to the Planning Commission for a 6 year term - July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1965.

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

Adopted on roll call July 27, 1959
Ayes 5; Nays 3, Goering, Perdue, Anderson (not voting); Absent 1, Humiston.

Mayor Hanson said we are fortunate to have a young man who is willing to give his time to this thankless task, and one who is willing to speak out clearly on his ideas and attitudes, even though they might not always coincide with our own, he added.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16399:

Amending Chapter 6.28.020, 6.28.030 and 6.28.040 of the Official Code of the City in reference to licenses and taxes on Music Machines and adding 14 new sections, designated as Sec. 6.28.050 to 6.28.180 inclusive. Read by title and passed. 211

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

Ordinance No. 16400:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5310 for cast iron water mains in Harborview Drive from the East line of Browns Pt. Heights Addition. Read by title and passed. 166 482

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

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council of the A. W. C. meeting, August 12th at the Roosevelt Hotel in Seattle from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. He said he felt it would be a very beneficial meeting.

Mr. Rowlands also informed the Council that on July 29th at 10:00 A.M. the Beautification Committee is making a tour and members of the Council are invited to attend this.

Mr. Rowlands said several weeks ago at a L I D Hearing, complaints were received about excessive speed on No. 21st & Union and the L I D Committee had asked that this be investigated. The report from the Traffic Division stated they have used Radar in this area in an attempt to curtail this violation and have stopped many cars from speeding.

Mr. Anderson asked if any reports had been received on the one-way street system. 169

Mr. Schuster said it was a little early to report on the matter, as they have only been in operation two days. There were a few minor adjustments made, at 11th and A Street and 13th and Broadway, to make traffic run more smoothly. 231

Mayor Hanson said it was contemplated that there would be problems after the system was in operation. The appeal to the public is to be patient, giving the City a chance to work these problems out.

Mr. Rowlands said he felt it important to mention that the City's policy regarding parking on hills and in front of fire hydrants would be enforced more strictly than in the past. He brought to the Council's attention an accident that occurred last week which was caused by a runaway auto that collided at the bottom of the hill with a City garbage truck. He said the public should be warned to be more careful about parking automobiles properly on hillsides.

The City is also going to bring under surveillance more aggressively, people who park closer than 15 feet to a fire hydrant. It is important that these fire hydrants be kept clear so that fire trucks will have quick access to them in case of fire.

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Mayor Hanson announced that the gifts he had received during his trip to Kokura, Japan had arrived; and that they will be in his office on display for all those who wished to see them.

A letter was read from the Pierce County Washington Building & Construction Trades Council protesting the new construction work being done by maintenance crews of the Utilities & Public Works Department. It was their opinion that new work performed is construction work and is within the jurisdiction of the Building Trades Council and its affiliated Local Unions.

Mr. Rowlands said the City has always tried to contract all of the work out. There may be some "mop up" operations that are done by the Departments but all work such as blacktopping, etc. is let for bids.

Mr. Schuster said the Public Works Department has always tried to be careful about this and would like to know what specific jobs the Trades Council meant. He said they had talked to him at one time in regard to this, but later informed him they were specifically interested in the Belt Line problem.

Mayor Hanson said as he sees it then it is a case of merely continuing the present policy unless there is objection from the Council.

Mr. Anderson asked that the Mayor write a letter to the Trades Council advising them of the City's policy.

248 Mr. Dunayski, an interested citizen, said he would like to have the City Council consider the possibility of acquiring the Indian Hospital Property. He believed the property could be acquired gratis from the Government. The State is planning on establishing a juvenile home in connection with the land, but he said he felt a hospital would be more beneficial to Tacoma.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Dunayski for his suggestion and said it would certainly be considered.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.


President of the City Council

Attest: 
City Clerk