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City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Monday, April 11, 1960

The City Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Mr. Perdue. Mr. Perdue coming in at 4:10 P. M.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of the meeting of April 4, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Perdue.

#### HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for the hearing on the petition requesting two-way traffic on Commerce Street.

MC-299 - "Request to change Commerce Street from present one-way operation to two-way operation, submitted.

Mayor Hanson explained this was the date set for the hearing on the petition for changing Commerce Street from a one-way to a two-way street. He asked if there were proponents of the petition present who wished to speak.

Mr. A. R. Warwick, owner of the Warwick Machinery Exchange Co., located at 1334 Commerce was the first to speak.

He explained that a petition had been presented with ninety-two (92) signatures requesting that the traffic on Commerce Street be returned to two-way traffic.

He said many businesses have been badly hurt by the one-way traffic, and unless the one-way traffic is removed some businessmen will be forced to close their establishments.

Mr. Sam Curtright, owner of a barber shop at 1327 Commerce Street said his business dropped about \$500.00 during the first quarter of 1960. He said he believed at least 30 per cent of this drop is attributable to the one-way streets. He said the businessmen on Commerce Street have felt the same downgrading of business since the one-way street system was started. He said he had made his own survey in his block as to the availability of parking and said that between 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. the average of 20 parking spaces could be found at all times.

Mr. Mrs. Mary E. Kent, owner of the Travelers' Hotel at 1506 1/2 Pacific Avenue complained of the extra driving she had to do because of the one-way streets. She explained in order to go 4 blocks to 11th and Commerce from her Hotel at 15th and Commerce, she was required to travel 14 blocks. She added that the one-way streets are killing Tacoma and she was against one-way streets as a whole.

Mr. H. J. Scovell of Scovell's Service at 1120 Commerce Street asked that the two-way traffic be restored on Commerce Street for the benefit of those who live in the South end of town.

Mr. John Pike, operator of the Star Lunch said many of his customers have complained of the accessibility of the street.

Mr. Berg, owner of Berg's Tavern at 13th and Commerce said their business has been on Commerce Street for 40 years, and he, himself had been working there for 15 years. He said his business has lost some \$20,00 in sales since the one-way streets were inaugurated and said that while he one had five employees, he is now down to two.

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Mr. V. O. Barkby, Manager of the Turnpike Lunch at 15th and Pacific, asked that two-way streets be returned. He explained there is an entrance to his Restaurant from Commerce Street, and the business coming from Commerce Street has decreased to only a very few people.

Mayor Hanson stated that the Whole Council is concerned in making a decision for the best interests of the City .

It has been Council's experience that complaints are heard from the dissatisfied people on an issue, and if the Council took action to revert to a two-way system, another petition would come before the Council from the proponents of the one-way system.

Mr. Easterday asked that an ordinance be presented for first reading at next week's Council meeting changing traffic on Commerce to two-way.

Mayor Hanson said the one-way streets were not put into effect to impose a burden on anyone but were designed to facilitate traffic, and for the general benefit of the public.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a memorandum was sent to the City Council with their agenda last week based on information from the Traffic Engineers of the Public Works Department and from the Traffic Division of the Police Department, in reference to the one-way streets.

Mr. Perdue coming in at this time.

Mr. Rowlands asked that Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, point out on the map, how the one-way system is integrated into the Central Core, and also the comparison between the one-way and the two-way streets, in regard to traffic.

Mr. Kosai, City Traffic Engineer, pointed out the route of the one-way traffic on the map, for the benefit of the people present, and explained that the one-way system had been inaugurated to increase the traffic carrying capacities of downtown streets, to reduce collision possibilities and to speed traffic. He said the engineers had realized that some routes would become more circuitous, but that under the two-way system other routes have been circuitous due to left-turn restrictions. He added that the elimination of the one-way traffic on Commerce Street probably would mean the elimination of the entire system.

He pointed out that on Commerce Street alone there were five less accidents after the one-way streets were in operation as compared to a like period before the one-way streets. In the general one-way street area, accidents have reduced as much as 40%, he added.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Kosai if this was due to less traffic on Commerce Street.

Mr. Kosai explained that Commerce Street is being used more as a thoroughfare now than when it was a two-way street.

Mr. Easterday asked if they were contemplating making Yakima Avenue a one-way street after the bridge is completed.

Mr. Kosai explained that in the over-all planning, Tacoma Avenue and Yakima Avenue might become a system of one-way operation within the next five to ten years, depending on the growth of traffic.

Mr. Easterday asked if it would be feasible to have an Ordinance providing that Commerce Street be one-way from 7 a. m. to 8:30 or 9 a. m. , and if so, how expensive would it be to operate.

Mr. Kosai said they have not gone into that phase of the matter, as it would be difficult to estimate the cost. He said they had used this type of operation on 11th Street previously, and it had proved to be rather costly.

Mr. Cvitanich asked, in the event Parking Garages are constructed in the proposed areas, how will this be connected to the "grid system" in downtown Tacoma.

Mr. Kosai explained that the parking garages on the west side of Commerce Street can be designed to receive traffic, which was taken into consideration.

Mr. Bill Dyer, Chairman of the Public Carriers Bureau of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce said he would like to have the records show that the Public Carriers are in favor of the one-way streets.

Mr. Rowlands distributed copies of letters from ten businessmen in the area favoring the one-way streets.

Mr. Easterday asked that an amendment be submitted with the Ordinance for next week's council meeting, to provide for one-way streets during the peak hours from 7 a. m. to 8:30 or 9 a. m.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Lieutenant Hutt of the Police Traffic Division how the number of accidents in the downtown area compared at the present time to the number of accidents when the two-way system was in operation.

Lieutenant Hutt explained that during the period from August of 1958 through March of 1959, there were 800 accidents reported in the downtown area. After the one-way streets were put into operation, a total of 670 accidents had been reported and there has been a steady decrease in the number of accidents. He felt this is due mainly to the one-way streets.

Mayor Hanson said he realizes there has been a definite decrease in accidents, and asked if these figures covered only the area in the "grid system".

Lieutenant Hutt said these figures covered what they call the "downtown area" and all the one-way streets, up to J Street.

No one else wishing to talk on the subject, Mayor Hanson advised that additional material is being gathered on the matter, and will again be discussed at the time the Ordinance is presented.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

##### Resolution No. 16084:

By STEELE:

Fixing Tuesday, May 10, 1960 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 2213 for Grading and Oil mat surface on 27th Street N. E. from 61st Avenue to 64th Avenue.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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**Resolution No. 16085:**

**BY PORTER:**

Fixing Tuesday, May 10, 1960 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3505 for Sanitary sewers in the vicinity of 96th Street between Sheridan Avenue and McKinley Avenue. 162

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16086:**

**BY PERDUE:**

Awarding contract to Morris Construction Co., Inc., for L I D 3504 and Improvement No. 3004-B in the amount of \$146,099.48 and \$8,426.62 on the supplemental proposal, plus sales tax, which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Mayor Hanson explained this Resolution represents a portion of the Sanitary Sewer Program.

Mr. G. Schuster, Director of Public Works stated this construction will provide sanitary sewers in the area bounded by East 38th Street, South 72nd Street between Portland Avenue and McKinley Avenue. He added that in the areas where no sanitary sewers exist, they will be constructed under a Local Improvement District.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that a report be submitted on the income and expenditures of the Sanitary Sewer System.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16087:**

**BY EASTERDAY:**

Awarding contract to Howard-Cooper Corporation for repairing the TD14A International Bulldozer, in the amount of \$5,955.64, plus sales tax, which was the only bid received.

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

Mr. Rowlands said that the equipment referred to in Resolution No. 16087 and the next Resolution, No. 16088 are to be used in the disposal area. He said both of these bids came within the estimate of the Public Works Department, and will put both pieces of equipment in first class condition.

Mr. Easterday asked if it is more economical to proceed in this manner, or could the Public Works Department do the work in their own shops.

Mr. Schuster advised that Howard Cooper Co. and Northern Commercial Machinery Company are both equipped to handle this type of repairs. Whereas, the City does not have the proper equipment.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16088:

BY CVITANICH:

Awarding contract to Northern Commercial Machinery Co. for repairs to the D7 Caterpillar Bulldozer, in the amount of \$4,701.52 plus sales tax, said bid being the only bid received.

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

Voice vote was called on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16089:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to terminate the contract with James Copeland and Marvin Bilderback for salvage operation at the City Disposal Area.

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

Mr. Rowlands advised that the contract was originally signed for a five year period. He said that in the move to the new disposal area, circumstances have changed and there is no need of having these men any longer. At the old location on the tideflats, he added, there was burning going on at all times, and it was necessary for them to be there for salvage purposes.

Mr. Rowlands further stated that this termination agreement was worked out by the Legal Department and the City did not lose money as they received approximately \$2,900.00 during the first year of this agreement.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16090:

BY BOTT:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a local improvement assessment deed to Stanley and Shirley Slater for the sum of \$650.00 for property located on the east side of South Lawrence, within 200 feet of South 45th Street.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16091:

By PERDUE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a real estate contract to Dexter G. and Ida A. Dewing for the sum of \$700.00 for property located on the northwest corner of South 81st and So. Tacoma Avenue.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16092:

By STEELE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a conditional real estate contract to Curtis W. and Corinne A. Emerson for the sum of \$150.00 for property located on the east side of Madison Street between South 15th and 16th Streets.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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**Resolution No. 16093:**

**By PORTER:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to place two small parcels of surplus property no longer needed by the City back on the tax rolls; and exchanging three parcels of property no longer needed for property to be used by the City for public purposes.

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

Mr. Rowlands advised that there were two small strips of land that the City no longer needs that is being sold to the adjacent property owners, and three other parcels of land which the City is exchanging with the adjacent property owners. As a result of the exchanges, the property is no longer needed by the City is being placed back on the tax rolls, and the City is receiving property which is necessary for right-of-way purposes.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, pointed out that all the property is of such a size that they are too small for individual building sites.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16094:**

**BY HANSON:**

Approving the Center Street Urban Renewal Plan and project, in compliance with 42 U. S. C. A. Sec. 14,55 (a) and (d) and R. C. W. 34.81.060.

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

Mayor Hanson said the presentation and adoption of this Resolution is the next step required after the hearing on the Center Street Urban Renewal Plan, in order to proceed with the project.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the matter of the Railroad property had been taken care of in reference to the ownership etc.

Mr. Robert Jacobson, Urban Renewal Director, said a great deal of research has been done in determining the question of ownership of several pieces of property in this particular area, which will be settled in carrying out the project.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16095:

BY CVITANICH:

Adopting the rules for the government of the City Council and rescinding Resolution No. 15608, adopted January 19, 1959 and all amendments thereto. 75  
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Mayor Hanson explained that this Resolution cannot be acted upon tonight for the reason any amendment to the Council Rules cannot pass until two readings have been given.

Mr. Murtland said this Resolution would directly affect him; inasmuch as it would interfere with his teaching duties at the University of Puget Sound.

Mr. Murtland said he would like to move to suspend the Council Rules in order to consider Resolution No. 16096 which does not appear on the Agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Murtland explained he would like to set forth his position in reference to this Resolution. He said at last week's meeting, which was his first Council meeting, he arrived late after having been absent from the City for nearly two weeks, and did not have an opportunity to thoroughly study the items on the agenda, and

Approximately fifteen minutes after he was sworn in as a Council member the three commending Resolutions were read, two of which were passed.

He said he had not read the newspaper accounts of Mr. Anderson's statement until after last week's Council meeting. He said he did not agree with all of his opinions, but, he thought Mr. Anderson has a right to express those opinions as a private citizen. He felt that Mr. Anderson had served Tacoma for many years and had given of his personal time, efforts and money in serving Tacoma. He has been Mayor and a member of the City Council, and is deserving of this commendation.

Resolution No. 16096:

BY MURLAND:

The City Council of the City of Tacoma collectively and individually publicly honor and extend their sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation and public commendation to John H. Anderson for his many years of service as a member of the City Council for the City of Tacoma for the period from June, 1956 to March 28, 1960. 75

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

Roll call was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 4 (Passing) Cvitanich, Easterday, Porter and Price. Absent 0.  
The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.



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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16548:

Vacating a portion of 49th Avenue N. E. near 29th Street N. E. (Petition of Lloyd A. Beeher)

Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16547:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning by adding a new section known as Section 13.06.120 (13) to include property located adjacent to the N. E. corner of East 38th and McKinley Avenue, in a C-1 Commercial District. (Petition of Gerald F. Morrow) Read by title and passed.

Roll call on the Ordinance resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Rowlands advised that an emergency Ordinance had been prepared and asked that it be considered at tonight's meeting. The ordinance is in reference to the Ball Park parking lot and concessions, so that the City might properly receive and disburse moneys for the project.

It was moved by Mr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Peddie to reverse the order of business and consider Ordinance No. 16549 at this time. Motion

Voice vote was called on the motion, resulting as follows:  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16549:

Establishing a special trust fund designated as the "Tacoma Baseball Park Trust Fund". Read by title.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance explained that the contract had been signed today for the concessions, and until now a definite fund had not been set up into which the monies from the Ball Park would be placed. There will also be other monies coming in from the concessions and admissions. One fund was created, called "The Tacoma Baseball Park Trust Fund" which is to be broken down into two sections for accounting purposes. One, being used for all moneys received that do not have any connection with the parking agreement; ie, Admission tax, payments and the like.

The other fund is to be for parking, which the Veterans Organization will receive 40% of the moneys collected, as per their agreement

Mr. Rowlands explained that the moneys collected will be used to amortize the Ball Park as the payments become due.

Mayor Hanson explained that this Ordinance creates the receptacle to receive the moneys, and then gives authority to the proper officials of the City to

make the payments that arise out of the contracts.

Roll call on the ordinance resulted as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the <sup>135</sup> cost of the improvement of Work Order No. 7707-A for construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs along and driveways across sidewalks, and other appurtenances and works necessary thereto.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that Monday, May 9, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing. Motion seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Council will have to select two voting delegates to the Association of Washington Cities convention, which is to be held in Wenatchee from May 11th to 13th. He suggested that the delegates be appointed at next week's Council meeting. <sup>98</sup>

Mayor Hanson explained that a parade honoring the Tacoma Giants will be held Wednesday at 12:15 which will start from the Union Depot. Then, Wednesday evening the Giants Booster Club will hold a banquet at 7:30 p. m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Winthrop Hotel, to honor the members of the Team. <sup>84</sup>  
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~~Tickets for the opening ball game can be obtained from Jack Seantag, County Auditor, for Officers.~~ He further stated that the dedication ceremonies for the Ball park will probably be held some time in May.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that a letter of commendation be written to Officers J. F. Fitzpatrick and Ed Cutler, from the Mayor and City Council commending them for their actions regarding a runaway automobile at 9th and Broadway, with a copy to be placed in their personnel records. He added that a great deal of courage and quick thinking was needed on their part to avert a more serious disaster.

Mayor Hanson asked that a telegram he received from Sam Pryor and "Red" Schneider be read, which stated:

"We are deeply gratified that your firm position with respect to competition in the finest American Tradition and to need for expanded air transport between Hawaii and the Pacific Northwest has been so fully vindicated by the Civil Aeronautics Board's decision permanently certificating both carriers. This has been Pan American's Thesis since the start so we doubly appreciate such splendid support from leading citizens like yourself. Regards, (Signed) Sam Pryor and (Signed) "Red" Schneider.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion, duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P. M.

Ben Hanson  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

Josephine Meeton  
City Clerk