

Monday, December 19, 1955.

Goering,

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Bratrud, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 2, Battin, taking his seat at 7:37 P. M. and Jensen.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, 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 voice vote.

Mayor Tollefson call the Council's attention to the beautiful Christmas "Swag", brightening the wall of the Council Chamber. He read a message from the Sea Cadets of Washington, donors of the "Swag", which stated it was extended in appreciation for much help and many courtesies. The Mayor directed the Clerk to express the Council's tanks for the beautiful Christmas decoration.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14478.

By HUMISTON:

Approving items listed herein for expenditure from the 1955 annual budget Capital Outlay for the Light Division, Department of Public Utilities in total amount of \$185,831.00 (made possible by various savings and deferment of some project previously listed).

Adopted on roll call December 19, 1955.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14479.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the Investment Board of the City of Tacoma to invest surplus funds from the Water Division of the Department of Public Utilities in U.S. Government securities or securities of the Water Division.

Adopted on roll call December 19, 1955.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14480.

By GOERING:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase for the Police Department one IBM electric typewriter, and one Remington electric typewriter at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$602.50, purchase price to be paid from Cumulative Reserve Fund Capital Outlay.

Adopted on roll call December 19, 1955.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14481. L. I. D. 5268.

By HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order construction of cast iron water main in North Highland and North Winnifred from north line of Nelson's 2nd Addition to North 30th; and in North 30th Street from Highland Street to Shirley Street; creating L I D 5268 and fixing January 17, 1956 as the date for hearing thereon.

Adopted on roll call December 19, 1955.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

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Resolution No. 14482.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the City Manager to employ the firm of McKinsey and Company, Management Consultants, to conduct a general management survey of all utilities under the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Board, upon the terms and conditions and at the rate of compensation set forth in the attached written proposition of said firm and that the cost thereof be paid from funds appropriated for such purpose in the annual budget for the year 1956. Dr. Humiston advised the Council that this survey is in accordance with provisions of the City Charter and is a purely Councilmatic function, and for this reason he felt the words "City Manager" in the first line of the body of the resolution after "Be It Resolved, etc." should be changed to the word "Mayor". It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud to amend the resolution by changing the words "City Manager" to "Mayor". Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen. Dr. Humiston reviewed for Council's information the procedure followed by the Utilities Committee in selecting McKinsey & Co. to make this survey; and answered numerous questions raised by other Council members. The possibility of deferring this survey until after the Charter election February 14th and what effect such delay would have was asked by Col. Hooker. Dr. Humiston replied that the Charter requires this survey to be completed by June 1st; that the Company has informed him that at least four months are required to complete the survey, so if it were deferred until after February 14th, it could not be completed within the required time limit. It was pointed out by both Dr. Humiston and Mr. Bratrud, members of the Utilities Committee, that the firm selected had not been previously employed by the City or the Utility Department and they were completely disinterested. Roll was called on the resolution as amended.

Adopted on roll call December 19, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Dr. Humiston said he felt some branch of the Council should follow through to see that the survey is made satisfactory to the Council and Charter requirements. The Mayor directed that the Utilities Committee act on behalf of the Council in this matter. However, Dr. Humiston said he thought this authority should be set forth in the form of a motion or resolution, and the City Attorney was directed to prepare a suitable resolution for next Monday's meeting.

Resolution No. 14483.

By PERDUE:

Directing and authorizing the City Clerk for and on behalf of the City Council to certify to the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as County Supervisor of Elections, a list of the municipal offices to be filled at the Tacoma City Municipal Election not less than forty days before the date of said election to be held on February 14th, 1956.

Adopted on roll call December 19, 1955
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14484.

By PERDUE:

Requesting the County Auditor, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections, to call a special election to be held in the City of Tacoma on February 14, 1956, in conjunction with the municipal primary election, to vote upon the adoption or the rejection of the proposed new Charter, and to place upon the ballot at said election the proposition.

Adopted on roll call December 19, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

In connection with the proposed Charter, Mayor Tollefson said he had given further thought to the publication of the City Charter, which Council had decided at last week's meeting would be published once in large type out of the thirty required publications. He said further that he, as one who had voted with the prevailing side, would like to have both the matter of newspaper publication and the offer of the radio stations reconsidered. Moved by Mayor Tollefson to reconsider the matter of the publication of the proposed City Charter in the News Tribune. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston and lost on roll call: Ayes 4; Battin, Hooker, Humiston, Tollefson. Nays 4; Bratrud, Goering, Perdue, Stojack. Absent 1; Jensen. It was then moved by Mayor Tollefson to reconsider the matter of having the proposed Charter read over the three Tacoma radio stations. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Stojack, Tollefson. Nays 2; Humiston, Perdue; Absent 1; Jensen. Mr. Bratrud voiced the opinion that should it be decided to broadcast the Charter, the time should be advertised for the public's information. One of the representatives of a broadcasting station advised the Station would give out this publicity by spot announcements. It was moved by Mayor Tollefson, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the Charter be read over three local radio stations at 3 different intervals on each station, with no editorial comment at a cost not to exceed \$582.00. Dr. Humiston and Mr. Perdue both expressed the opinion that reading the Charter over the air would be of little value and the cost was not warranted. Col. Hooker and Mrs. Goering spoke in favor of the radio broadcast, as they felt it would publicize the Charter issue and arouse the interest of the citizens, perhaps to the extent that many will want to read it, and it will also be a great benefit to those who are unable to read it because of poor eyesight. Mayor Tollefson expressed the opinion that having the Charter read over the air will create a public interest in the matter. Roll was called on the motion, which carried: Ayes 5; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Stojack, Tollefson; Nays 3; Hooker, Humiston, Perdue; Absent 1; Jensen.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15508.

Amending Section 17 of Ordinance No. 11459 entitled: "An ordinance granting to the Tacoma Railway and Power Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, the authority, right and privilege to establish, maintain and operate a transportation system in and upon streets of the City of Tacoma for the transportation of passengers for hire; and fixing the terms and conditions of such grant." (reducing the gross earnings tax to 2% for the year 1956.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15509.

Changing the name of Skyline Drive, located in Northeast Tacoma and extending from Marine Drive to Brown's Point Boulevard. (Name changed to Harbor View Drive.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15497. L I D 2186. X

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2186. (grading to established subgrade and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat surface on South M Street from South 64th Street to South 68th Street.) Read by title and passed. 218

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

Ordinance No. 15498. L I D 5245. X

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of improvement in L I D 5245 (For construction of cast iron water main in South State Street from South 15th Street to South 19th Street and in South 18th Street from

South Sprague Street to South State Street.) Read by title, and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15499.

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; etc." (General License Ordinance) by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 25i. (providing for the appointment of a Charitable Solicitations Advisory Board by the City Manager, subject to ratification of the City Council.) Read by title. Mr. Backstrom reported this provision had been in the previous ordinance, but had been omitted through oversight when all the license ordinance were consolidated into one ordinance. The advisory committee has been functioning and this is merely to give it legal status, he added. Col. Hooker requested the City Manager to submit the names of his appointees on this Committee a week in advance of the time they are to be confirmed by the Council. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance.

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

Ordinance No. 15500. L I D 1947.

Providing for the construction of sewers along the lines described as follows: In the alley between Verde and Stevens Streets from the north to the south boundary of Puget Sound First Addition; also in Stevens Street from the north to the south boundary of said addition; also on the south line of said addition from Stevens Street west approximately 450 feet; creating L I D No. 1947. Read by title, and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15501. L I D 4578.

Providing for improvement of M Street from South 56th Street to South 58th Street by grading and placing thereon an asphaltic concrete pavement with cement concrete curb and gutter; together with necessary storm drainage; creating L I D No. 4578. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15502. L I D 5260.

Providing for construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in South M Street from South 56th Street to South 58th Street; creating L I D 5260. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15503. L I D 5262.

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron watermain in East 67th Street from A Street to East B Street; creating L I D 5262. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15504. L I D 5265.

Providing for the construction of an 8-inch cast iron water main in North Shirley Street from North 27th Street to North 31st Street; creating L I D 5265. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15505. L I D 5266.

Providing for the construction of a 12-in. cast iron water main in South 56th street from South Adams Street to Durango Street; a 6-inch cast iron water main in South Adams Street from South 56th Street to South 64th Street; in South Durango Street from South 56th to South 58th Street; and in South 58th Street from Adams Street to Durango Street; creating L I D 5266. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Stojack (not voting) Absent 1; Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15506. L I D 1950.

Providing for the construction of sewers in Sheridan Avenue from approximately South 63rd Street to a point approximately 340 feet south of South 64th Street; creating L I D 1950. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15507. L I D 2243.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between North 24th and North 25th Streets from Huson Street to Ferdinand Street by grading, graveling and oil mat, also acquisition of right of way; creating L I D 2243. Read by title and passed.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor called attention to the fact that next week was Christmas week and that the Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 27th. It has been suggested that the Council meeting on that night start early so those required to attend can get away earlier, he said. The matter was discussed and it was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mayor Tollefson that the Council meet at 7:00 P. M. on Tuesday, December 27th. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 5; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Tollefson. Nays 3; Battin, Perdue, Stojack. Absent 1; Jensen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The City Manager referred to his letter to the Council of December 14th, reporting on request of Russell L. Breining, et al (10-31-55) for manually-operated stoplights at the junction of Oxford Street, Skyline Drive and Sixth Avenue, in which he cited the recommendation of the Traffic engineer that they feel after making a survey such a light is not justified. On November 15th a copy of a Safety Survey made by the Public Schools was received by his office from A. H. Blankenship, Superintendent of Tacoma Schools, which asks for a number of stop lights including the one on 6th Avenue, he said. This report has been sent to the Public Works Department and Police Department for study, Mr. Backstrom advised and he promised to keep the Council informed of any further developments.

Mayor Tollefson reported that he had received a message from Mr. Olaf A. Wiggen of Seattle, asking him to express her thanks to the Utilities Chorus and Orchestra for an enjoyable evening's entertainment when she viewed the "Mayor's Mailbag" Program.

Mayor Tollefson made a brief report on the ceremony of turning on the Street lights on Tacoma Avenue, which was held at 7 P. M. He expressed the Council's appreciation for the cooperation that has been shown between all City Departments in carrying out the Street Lighting Program, and commended the Light Department for the manner in which it has cooperated with the Public Works Department.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Meeton
City Clerk.

W. M. Tollefson
President of City Council