

## COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, April 8, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack and Tollefson. Absent 1 Mayor Anderson. In the absence of the Mayor, Dr. Battin, Vice-President of the City Council, presided.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilmember, be approved and the reading thereof dispensed with. Motion carried, Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 14954:L I D 1970:BY BATTIN:

Fixing May 7, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 1970 - drainage sewers in the alley between Sixth Avenue and North 7th Street from the existing 48-inch storm sewer in Cedar Street to 130 feet east. 255

Adopted on roll call April 8, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 14955:By STOJACK:

Authorizing execution and delivery to Emil Estvold of a quit claim deed to a strip of land over his property known as 6436 South L Street, Lots 9 and 10, Freiday's South Side Acres Addition, for which the City had been granted a sewer easement, as same is no longer needed for sewer purposes. City Manager, Rowlands, reported this was actually an exchange, as a new easement, covering the present location of the sewer line eleven feet west of the original plans, has been secured.

Adopted on roll call April 8; 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 14956:By ANDERSON:

Authorizing execution of a conditional sale contract to Elmer J. McGrady and Mary L. McGrady, covering sale for the sum of \$200.00 for property located at the southeast corner of South 62nd and Gove Streets.

Adopted on roll call April 8, 1957;  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 14957:

By JENSEN:

Authorizing private sale for \$115.00 and directing delivery of a Local Improvement Assessment Deed to Gilbo Moving and Storage Company covering property south of 2920 South L Street, in order to strengthen their title. In reply to a question from Dr. Humiston as to whether the City was losing money in this transaction, Mr. Rowlands stated that the cost involved is actually \$15.00 and that the City is receiving this amount, plus a flat charge of \$100.00. The Gilbo moving & Storage Company had obtained a quit claim deed to the property some time ago; and since it has been ascertained there is an L I D lien clouding the title, Mr. Rowlands advised. The deed provided by this resolution, will give them a clear title to the property, Mr. Rowlands added.

Adopted on roll call April 8, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson

Resolution No. 14958:

By HUMISTON:

Accepting and approving the plat of Nilsen's First Addition, located on the NE corner of South 12th and Jackson Streets. Mr. Buehler, Chief of the Planning Department, advised that this plat has been approved by all City Departments. The owners have put up a deposit of \$2,000 as a guarantee that the streets and alleys will be constructed, and have filed the corrected dedicatory paragraph to conform to the provisions of Ord. No. 15493; Mr. Perdue added,

Adopted on roll call April 8, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 14959:

By TOLLEFSON:

Authorizing transfer of \$3,384. from Clerk-Typist II of Salaries and Wages classification of Public Works Administrative Division budget, in 1957 Budget, to Salary and Wage Classification of Fire Department, administrative Division Budget to pay position of Harbor Master's Office - Clerk-Typist II. Mr. Rowlands advised that the Harbor Master's Office is now under the jurisdiction of the Public Works and Fire Department, and this resolution is for the purpose of transferring the funds budgeted for the Clerk-Typist Salary to the Fire Department Funds.

Adopted on roll call April 8, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 14960:

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By GOERING:

Establishing the policy of providing in all future ordinances creating Local Improvement Districts, that any bonds or warrants issued thereunder bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum. Read in full by the Clerk for the information of Councilmembers. Mr. Bratrud said he knew interest rates had gone up, but on the other hand one of the selling points in the L I D program has been the 4% interest rate. He suggested that perhaps someone beside the Retirement Board may be willing to buy these bonds at 4% interest. Dr. Humiston pointed out that these are tax free securities and in the open market today the return on this type of investment is under 4%. He did not feel the Council should raise the interest rate until all markets for selling these bonds have been thoroughly investigated or until we find we cannot sell them.

It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, to postpone the Resolution for two weeks to April 22, 1957 in order to procure additional information.

Mr. Tollefson said he agreed with Dr. Humiston that nothing should be done to raise the rates until the City finds it cannot sell the bonds.

City Treasurer Lyle Lemley advised that some other municipal bonds now offer 4.75% and 5% interest, as in the last few months the interest rate has been showing a marked increase.

Roll was called on the motion, to postpone the Resolution for two weeks which carried unanimously.

Mr. Tollefson asked if any of these bonds had been sold on the open market recently, and if perhaps these could be sold at a lower rate.

The City Manager was directed to make an investigation of the market for this type of security and report to Council.

Resolution No. 14961:By ANDERSON:

Authorizing and directing execution of a written agreement with Pierce County for the operation of a Child Guidance Clinic. Mr. Tollefson asked to what extent the City was obligated to engage in this operation. Mr. Rowlands advised that an appropriation of \$10,000 has been set up in the 1957 budget, the City to pay 2/3 of the cost of operation and the County 1/3, and stated the appropriation is up \$5,000 from last year and the County also has appropriated \$2,500 more than last year. This item should be scrutinized carefully in October when the budget is up for consideration, to ascertain whether or not the City wishes to continue to participate in this program. Mrs. Goering said she felt the Council should make an investigation of the program, so they will know what it entails.

It was moved by Mr. Tollefson to postpone the Resolution for two weeks. Lost for want of a second.

Adopted on roll call April 8, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 14962:By BRATRUD:

Modifying Section 4 of agreement between the City and the State of

Washington, dated October 22, 1954, providing for maintenance and improvement in the area surrounding the east approach to the Narrows Bridge. (Raising price to be paid the City by the State from \$175.00 to \$200. per month)

Mr. Rowlands advised that the cost of the maintenance of the approach to the Narrows has been checked by the Director of Public Works, and it has been determined this increase will fully reimburse the City for its services.

Adopted on roll call April 8, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 14963:

By JENSEN:

Appropriating \$2,000 from Cumulative Reserve Fund, for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation, for purpose of retaining Harry Blangy, of the firm of Comfort, Davis and Blangy, to make a complete and comprehensive survey, appraisal and analysis, of all City-owned property being leased to third parties, from which the City of Tacoma might obtain valuable information in order to more favorably negotiate for the renting or leasing of said real property.

Mr. Rowlands stated that they feel the increase in rentals obtained as a result of the survey will more than pay for the \$2,000 which the survey will cost within a short time. Mr. Gaisford stated that there has not been a survey of this nature for a number of years, and they feel it should be made. Mr. Rowlands advised that this is going to be a detailed survey on each piece of property owned, and will cover land value as well as buildings. Some of the tenants want to improve their premises on a long range program, and when this survey is completed the City will be in a position to negotiate on a realistic basis. Dr. Humiston said after having made an inspection of the various City properties with Marc Anderson when he was a member of the Finance Committee, he was very much in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Jensen asked about selling some of this property and thus putting it on the tax rolls. Mr. Rowlands advised that it would be necessary to have the citizens vote on the sale of Waterfront property owned by the City.

Mr. Bratrud pointed out that in the past appraisals of City property had been made by a Committee appointed by the Tacoma Real Estate Board, and he felt this method should have been <sup>used</sup> this time also. He felt a better appraisal would be obtained from the Real Estate Board which has many competent appraisers, he added. Mr. Stojack asked if the survey could not be obtained cheaper through the Real Estate Board. Mr. Rowlands said they felt the \$2,000 was a very reasonable amount. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Bratrud to postpone the resolution for one week, to April 15th, 1957, for the purpose of obtaining information from the Real Estate Board, as to what their offer will be in performing this survey. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Dr. Battin announced that a Resolution had been submitted too late to be placed on the Agenda. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Tollefson that Rule 7 (relative to filing of new matter for Council's consideration) be suspended in order to consider Resolution No. 14964. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 14964:****By PERDUE:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a preliminary agreement with the State Highway Commission so that it may begin to obtain right of way and otherwise commence construction of the limited access highway, known and designated as Primary State Highway No. 1.

Mr. Rowlands advised that this resolution was the outcome of a conference between City and State Highway Officials last Friday. The legal department drew the agreement attached to this resolution, which is more acceptable to the City than the one submitted by the State Highway Department, yet embodies the requirements set forth by the State, Mr. Rowlands said. The Highway Department needs the preliminary agreement so it can proceed with the construction of Limited Access Highway, Mr. Rowlands advised. Mr. Bratrud asked if any mention had been made at this conference as to where the Highway Department would cross Nalley Valley, as the proposed location will hinder the operations of the Atlas Foundry. Mr. Buehler stated that the resolution is of a general nature and the City Planning Commission will work with the Highway Department and will approve all the construction plans as work progresses.

Mr. Staman reported that the Public Works Department had submitted two alternate plans to the State for crossing Nalley Valley to the west.

Roll was called on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call April 8, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:****Ordinance No. 15844:**

Vacating a portion of South 7th Street from Ainsworth Avenue to Grant Avenue and the alley between Ainsworth Avenue and Grant Avenue from a point 75 feet south of South 7th Street to a point 50 feet north of South 7th Street; and retaining and reserving easements therein for the construction, repair and maintenance of public utilities and services. (Petition of Tacoma School District No. 10 - 1-13-55)

Mr. Buehler, Chief of the Planning Commission, advised that this vacation had been approved by the Planning Commission and the Council over a year and a half ago. The ordinance has been held in abeyance pending the School Board's complying with certain conditions laid down by various City Departments and property owners, Mr. Buehler stated. All conditions requested have now been met and the agreements have been signed, Mr. Buehler added. Mr. Rowlands reported that the new alley provides ingress and egress to property owners, which was one of the chief objections at the hearing. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**Ordinance No. 15845:**

Vacating certain plats described as follows: Reuter's First Tideland Addition; Chicago, Milwaukee Addition; Chicago, Milwaukee Second Addition; Prichard's 2nd Addition and Mrs. Lawler's Tideland Addition, together with all streets, alleys and public ways therein, save and except Milwaukee Way. (Petition of Port of Tacoma - 3-4-57) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**Ordinance No. 15846:**

Vacating that portion of the alley between Waterview and Forest Streets from North 42nd Street to McIntosh Street. (Petition of Helen Hepp, et al, 12-27-56) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**Ordinance No. 15847:**

Vacating that portion of South Tacoma Way between South Prospect Street and the alley west of South Prospect Street more fully described herein. (Petition of Tacoma Milk Producer's Association 12-31-56) Read by title and placed in-order of final reading.

**Ordinance No. 15848:**

Amending Ordinance No. 14887 - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE - by amending Sections 15, 23, 24 and 29 thereof, and repealing Section 21, as amended by Ordinance No. 15020. Mr. Rowlands explained that this proposed change will integrate the Treasurer's Office with the Finance Department and provide for a more effective and economical operation, by increasing services and eliminating duplication. Mr. Gaisford stated that the accounting of the two offices will be integrated and at least one position eliminated.

Mr. Lemley said he felt this new plan will work very well. Dr. Humiston asked if the Legal Department had checked the changes against the Charter provisions. Mr. McCormick advised there is nothing in the Charter to prevent carrying out the changes. Dr. Battin said this change had been recommended to him two years ago by the firm which is carrying on the Running Audit for the City.

The Ordinance was read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:****Ordinance No. 15843: L I D 5275 .**

Providing for construction of a 20-inch cast iron water main in South 12th Street from Huson Street to Orchard Street and in Orchard Street from South 12th Street to Sixth Avenue; creating L I D No 5275. Read by title and passed.

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

**Ordinance No. 15832:**

Amending Ordinance No. 14793 - ZONING ORDINANCE - by adding thereto one new section to be known as Section 9N: (C-2 District at SE corner of South 30th and Pacific) (Petition of Wellman Building Company, Inc. - 1-28-57) Read by title. Mr. Rowlands stated that he had been advised by Mr. Northstrom, Attorney for Mr. Wellman, that his client and the Right of Way Engineer for the State of Washington are going to have the property appraised as an R-4 District, and he suggested the Ordinance be postponed for three weeks for the completion of the appraisal. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Perdue to postpone the Ordinance for three weeks to April 29, 1957. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Allan R. Billett, Assistant City Attorney, advising that it is their opinion that police officers who took the Detective examination a few years back, in preference to an examination for Police Sergeant, thus using their veteran's preference, could not be allowed to use this same preference again on a Sergeant's examination, in view of the fact that Sergeants now receive one pay step over Detectives. Placed on File.

Mr. Stojack asked what would happen to the eligible list for Sergeants. Mr. Rowlands advised that the Personnel Department feels it should be eliminated and a new list created to meet the broader requirements for Sergeants in all divisions of the Police Department. It is legally possible to hold a new examination as the present list is over two years old, which is the minimum time it must be in effect, Mr. Rowlands added. Mr. Rowlands said he felt the examination for the new class of Sergeants will have many features that the old examination did not include.

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 4585 - paving, etc., on East 60th Street from East B to East F Street. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Tollefson that May 7, 1957 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment roll. Motion carried unanimously.

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 5280 - cast iron water mains in East 50th Street from McKihley Avenue to East K Street. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Tollefson that May 7, 1957 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment roll. Motion carried unanimously.

This is the date to which Council continued the hearing on the petition of Carl Schreiner, et al, requesting the City of Tacoma to vacate a parcel of land at the southwest corner of East 84th and D Streets. (Hearing continued from 1-7-57 at the request of Reverend L. W. Blackwell so that their architect, who is coming from Elgin Illinois, may complete a study of the situation.)

The Clerk read a letter from Rev. L. W. Blackwell, Pastor of the 84th Street Church of the Brethern, advising they wish Council to cancel their request for vacation. Mr. Buehler advised that a building permit has been issued to the Church on a re-designed plan, which does not require this corner, and the petition should therefore be denied. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, to deny the petition of Carl Schreiner, et al. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

The L. I. D. Committee recommends to the Council that L I D 4619: resurfacing M Street from South 41st Street to South 52nd Street be abandoned as a remonstrance of 65% was filed against this improvement at the hearing on April 2, 1957. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Tollefson to concur in the recommendation of the L I D Committee. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

\* Dr. Humiston said the Committee would like to have sufficient information furnished the Council within a reasonable time, to establish a uniform policy relative to resurfacing of streets. At present some are taken care of entirely by the City, some by an L I D with City participation and some by an L I D, he said. The property owners in this particular district claimed that this street is more heavily traveled than a residential street and the City should therefore pay for the resurfacing. Dr. Humiston said he believed the Council should adopt some policy on this controversial issue, he added.

Mr. Staman advised that the City's contribution varied in the past two years from 25% to 45% in the eighteen resurfacing jobs. Dr. Humiston said he would like to see the figures mentioned by Mr. Staman submitted in a written report.

Mr. H. N. (Barney) Jackson, said that M Street from South Tacoma Way to South 41st and from 52nd to 56th Streets had been resurfaced at City expense and the property owners wanted the portion between South 41st and 52nd likewise, resurfaced at the expense of the City.

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

- (1) Personnel Report for the month of February, 1957.
- (2) Harbor Commerce Report for February, 1957, compiled by the Harbor Master.

Dr. Battin reported that his Debate Team from the College of Puget Sound has received an invitation to participate in a National Tournament covering all corners of the United States to be held at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio on Friday and Saturday of this week.

In connection with this tournament and the Daffodil Festival, arrangements have been made with the Netherland-Hilton Hotel in that City to feature the Daffodil and two thousand blooms are being sent there for display by the Federated Garden Clubs of Cincinnati. Ronald Usher, one of the C. P. S. debate team, will make the presentation and Tacoma will receive a great deal of publicity through pictures and notices in the newspapers, Dr. Battin stated.

Mr. Tollefson asked if anyone was making a survey of businesses in Tacoma, saying he felt some were operating without paying the B. and O. Tax. Mr. Rowlands reported that this matter was under constant surveillance.

Mr. Tollefson reported that he had learned the appropriation proviso had been eliminated from a Federal Bill relative to Sanitation, which is under consideration by Congress. He had written letters and sent wires to Senators and as a result was successful in having this provision restored, he added. Mr. Rowlands reported that the City has put the State Pollution Committee on record that Tacoma expects some Federal assistance in constructing a sewage disposal plant.

Mr. Jensen asked for a progress report on the program for abatement of buildings. Mr. Rowlands reported that twelve notices had been sent out and as a result 3 owners have begun to dismantle their buildings. A report will be made when more tangible information is available, he added.

X Mrs. Goering commented on the "Codification of Ordinances" which had been furnished Council members tonight, saying it was a beautiful job. Mr. McCormick reported that the State Law permitting this does not become effective until the middle of June, so the Ordinance adopting the Codification as the Official code should not be passed until after this date. Revisions will be made every six months and these will be supplied to those who have copies of the codification, Mr. McCormick stated.

X Mr. James C. Frye expressed a desire to speak to the Council. The Chairman asked if any Council member objected to allowing Mr. Frye to speak. Mr. Jensen said he did not feel Mr. Frye has offered any constructive suggestions.

in his various appearances before Council and he suggested that Mr. Frye submit any suggestions he wishes to make in a letter to the Council and it will be considered on its merits. Under these circumstances the Chairman ruled that Mr. Frye would not be allowed to speak at this time.

X Don Barovic, representing Tacoma Unlimited, reported that negotiations have been completed with a number of Downtown theatres and some suburban theatres that by the end of the week Military personnel and their families will be admitted at a discount rate comparable to student admissions. Mr. Tollefson commended the organization for this achievement and also for the part it has played in the strict enforcement of laws against chain parking. Since this campaign was inaugurated many more parking spots are now available for shoppers. Dr. Battin said he has heard many complimentary remarks concerning the organization, known as "Tacoma Unlimited"

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 9:23 P. M.

Charles T. Baker  
Vice President of City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton  
City Clerk