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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:40 P. M.

Monday, December 20, 1954.

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

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS:

Andrew O. Berg, (Berg's - 1306 Commerce) requesting that the license for the sale of second hand barrels, which at present is \$50.00 a year, be reclassified and lowered, as he feels this is an unjust charge; stating that he has taken this matter up with City Manager Backstrom, who says it is out of his hands; and asking that he be advised what consideration can be given this matter, as he intends to hold up the payment of renewal of same until he hears from the Council. Referred to City Manager.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14115.

By STOJACK:

Authorizing the Director of Public Works to immediately solicit for the lease of the entire Municipal Dock and Warehouse premises to one management concern, and to thereafter make a report to the Council for its further action in regard to same.

Adopted on roll call December 20, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14116.

By STOJACK:

Fixing January 17, 1955 as date for hearing on petition to vacate Morrison Street from Waterview to North Mason Avenue and the alley extending from Morrison Street to North 44th Street, lying between Blocks 9 and 11, Mason's Waterfront Addition. (Petition Robert J. Lowesby, et al (9-2-54) ⁺³⁷

Adopted on roll call December 20, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Initial Resolution No. 14117- L I D 2220

By GOERING:

Stating intention of Council to order grading and placing thereon an oil mat surface, together with the necessary storm drainage on Wapato Street from South 64th Street to South 66th Street; creating L I D 2220 and fixing January 18, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call December 20, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Resolution 14118.

By THE COUNCIL:

Resolving that public necessity and general welfare require that a zoning reclassification of the property at 52nd and Pacific Avenue from its present classification to an R-4 Multiple Family Dwelling District, and further, establishing an R-4-T District covering the said premises and that the general zoning ordinance be changed to accomplish said reclassification, and that this resolution be considered as a request by the City Council for the initiation of the necessary amendments to accomplish said purposes, and that the City Planning Commission set a date for a public hearing and give notice of the time and place thereof. (Petition of Ray O'Flynn) It was moved by Dr. Hamiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call December 20, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14119.

By BATTIN:

Transferring the sum of \$25,000, previously allocated from the City Street Fund for Sidewalk Repair Participation, as stated in Item 8 of the Department of Public Works 1954 Construction Program, Second Revision, in Resolution No. 13947, to the Sidewalk Construction Fund, said money to be expended for City participation in those certain improvements outlined in Resolution No. 14086, and to be otherwise accounted for in manner provided in Ordinance No. 14024, creating the said Sidewalk Construction Fund.

Adopted on roll call December 20, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14120.

By BATTIN:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to invest the sum of \$19,000 of the funds in Cumulative Reserve Fund, New City Hall, in United States government bonds.

Adopted on roll call December 20, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14121.

BY GOERING:

Approving the recommendation of the Chief of Police and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for furnishing of five Servi-cars for Police Division to W. E. Montgomery, d/b/a Montgomery Motorcycle Co., on his bid of \$7336. plus sales tax, less turn-in allowance on five used Servi-cars, making a total net bid of \$6556.10 plus sales tax in the sum of \$220.10; provided that execution and delivery of said contract and of said cars be made subsequent to January 1, 1955, and that payment required in said contract be made in funds provided for such purchase in the annual budget for the year 1955.

Adopted on roll call December 20, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15197.

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." (Reduce gross earnings tax from 4 to 3 percent, effective January 1, 1955). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15198.

Ratifying and confirming a loan by the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$960,000.00; authorizing the issuance and sale therefor of general negotiable serial interest-bearing coupon general obligation general street and bridge improvement bonds, Series "A" in the amount of \$500,000.00, and Series "B" in the amount of \$460,000.00, for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the cost of the construction of capital improvements consisting of street and bridge improvements necessary to improve the general system of streets and bridges of said City as submitted to the qualified voters under Ordinance No. 15078, passed August 30, 1954; and creating and establishing a fund to be known as "General Street and Bridge Improvement Fund"; and providing for the levy and collection of taxes for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15199.

Ratifying and confirming a loan by the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$1,500,000.00; authorizing the issuance and sale therefor of general negotiable serial interest-bearing coupon general obligation street lighting bonds, Series "A", "B" and "C", in the amount of \$500,000.00 for each series, for the purpose of providing funds for the cost of capital improvements consisting of additions, betterments and extensions to the existing artificial street lighting system in the City of Tacoma, Washington, as submitted to the qualified voters under Ordinance No. 15077, passed August 30, 1954; and creating and establishing a fund to be known as "Street Lighting Fund"; and providing for the levy and collection of taxes for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15200.

Amending Section 29 of Ordinance No. 14887 entitled: "An ordinance to be known as the Administrative Code providing for the establishment of a complete plan of administrative organization of the government of the City of Tacoma; defining the jurisdiction, functions and powers of departments, offices, boards and other units of the City; and establishing administrative procedures; and repealing Ordinance No. 14822." Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15188.

Appropriating the sum of \$47,190.00 from the Water Fund to the Water Construction Fund of 1952; and declaring a public emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance, the appropriation herein contained and the taking effect immediately after publication. Read in full and passed.

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

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Ordinance No. 15189.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase certain property for the protection of the water supply of the City of Tacoma in the Green River Watershed. Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15190.

Authorizing and directing the Director of Finance to pay the sum of \$15,911.82 in full payment of a judgment entered against the City; appropriating the sum of \$15,911.82 for payment of said judgment, declaring a public emergency making necessary the appropriation herein authorized and authorizing the issuance of a warrant for the purpose herein authorized (August O. Andrews vs. City of Tacoma, No. 122213). Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15191. L I D 4493.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for Local Improvement District No. 4493. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15192. L. I. D. 1935.

Providing for the construction of sewers in Lawrence Street from South 14th Street south to the alley line between South 18th and Melrose Streets, also in South 14th Street from Lawrence Street east approximately 75 feet; creating L I D 1935. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perkins and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15193. L. I. D. 5242.

Providing for the construction of a 12 inch cast iron water main in Portland Avenue from Longview Street to East 36th Street; creating L I D 5242. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15194. L. I. D. 1933.

Providing for the construction of sewers in North 16th Street from Cheyenne Street to Mallen Street; creating L I D 1933. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15195. L. I. D. 5193.

Providing for the construction of a six-inch cast iron watermain in Oakes

Street, Fife Street, Prospect Street and Wapato Street from South 64th Street to South 76th Street; in South 76th Street from Oakes Street to Fife Street and from Prospect Street to Wapato Street; an 8-inch cast iron water main in South 64th Street from Fife Street to Wapato Street; and in South 68th Street from Pine Street to Wapato Street; a 12-inch cast iron water main in South 74th Street from Pine Street to Wapato Street; creating L I D 5193. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15196, L. I. D. 2217.

Providing for the improvement of the east side of Mason Avenue from American Lake Boulevard to Reads Street and the south side of American Lake Boulevard from Mason Avenue to the alley east, by the construction of sidewalks, creating L I D 2217. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 377 47-4

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

Ordinance No. 15201.

Providing for overtime pay of certain employees of the Health Department engaged in rodent control work; and declaring a public emergency making necessary the immediate passage of this ordinance, and that the same take effect immediately after publication. Read in full and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Battin asked whether or not any reply had been received to Council's communication of August 14th to the County Commissioners, requesting a statement in writing relative to the City's terms of occupancy in the new County-City Building. Mr. Bratrud, Chairman of the County-City Building Committee, said he had made numerous trips and telephone calls to the County Commissioners' Office, but to date had received nothing but promises. The Mayor reported that he had seen Mr. Sprinker in the Court House last week and in the conversation Mr. Sprinker suggested that the City's Committee meet with the Board once more to talk over the terms. Mr. Bratrud said he felt the City had done its part and the burden was with the County to give out the terms of occupancy, and he could see no advantage to holding another conference. Dr. Battin too could see no reason to continue talking. The Mayor said he felt that the Committee should wait upon the County Commissioners once more to present their preference on the two propositions which they had suggested to the Board. Dr. Humiston said he had heard indirectly that the County Commissioners have instructed the architect to proceed with the plans so they can begin the construction as soon as possible. Mr. Backstrom advised that on November 22nd he had received a letter from Architect Lumm relative to the parking area and requesting the cooperation of the City Traffic Engineer and that the tentative layout for this lot has now been approved by the Traffic Engineer and Mr. Lumm. Dr. Battin expressed the opinion they were giving the city a "run-around", and Mr. Perdue said they were stalling until they are ready to start the project. At the conclusion of the discussion it was decided the Committee would again contact the County Commissioners and give them one last chance to furnish the City with a draft of the terms of occupancy. 375 418

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Neil Hoff appeared before Council and asked permission to present the case of his client, Tak Ikeda, a young Japanese-American, who owns and runs a small

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cleaning establishment known as the Family Cleaners at 714 South 9th Street. He has built up a fairly good business in the neighborhood and among court house employees, and now after constructing a suitable building, he finds that his property has been condemned to make way for the new County-City Building and he is compelled to find a new location. He has been able to find a location on the N.W. corner of 9th and ^{10th} Sts. across the street from the present premises and outside the limits of the County-City area, but he has not been able to get the approval of the City Planning Commission to the rezoning of the property for his purpose, nor does the Planning Commission give him any encouragement or make any commitment that they will give favorable consideration to a request of this nature, he added. Mr. Hoff urged the Council to do anything it could to expedite this matter, as his client has no time for long, drawn-out hearings and legal formalities. The matter was discussed by the Council and, although the Council was sympathetic to Mr. Ikeda's predicament, they felt the sentiment of the surrounding property owners should be consulted, and the matter should go through the customary channels. Mr. Backstrom said he would be willing to confer with the Planning Commission Office and the City Attorney to see what steps can be taken to expedite the matter. The question was referred to the City Manager for report back at next week's Council meeting.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:15 P.

J. M. Jolliffe
President of City Council.

Attest: *Josephine Melton*
City Clerk.