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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, September 20, 1960

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call: 9, Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of September 6, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Steele, Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

At this time, Mr. Bill Brown, Chairman of the Park Board and also of the Beautification Committee presented to the Mayor and the City Council, on behalf of the Beautification Committee, the trophy won in the Century 21 Beautification Committee Championship for Cities the size of Tacoma. He said it was his pleasure to present this cup and also a certificate from the State Beautification Committee of the World's fair to the City Council. He commended all the members of the Committee for the time spent on the project, and also thanked the City Manager and his staff for their fine cooperation.

Mayor Hanson expressed appreciation in receiving the award and thanked the members of the committee who helped the City gain this recognition.

#### HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date to which the hearing on the Old City Hall disposition has been continued from June 15, 1959. *Traced 21, 1960*

Mr. Robert Evans, an architect for the project, said that all of the Council members received a copy of the Report by the Tacoma Allied Arts Committee on Historic Buildings in reference to the proposal for the disposition of the old City Hall building. He said much study has been given to all of the suggestions received. The suggestion that was determined to be the most practical and feasible is set forth in this report, he added. 51  
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It was outlined in the report that the exterior shell of the building is structurally sound. However, rehabilitation will require a new interior of fire-proof construction involving a substantial investment. The remodeling plans are to provide for seven floors instead of the present high ceiling five floors.

Mr. Evans said the plan is to convert the old City Hall into a Junior-Senior High School of Arts and Sciences for both City and County students. The remodeling would provide class rooms and laboratory space for about 800 students, two lecture theaters on the sixth floor, which would be connected to Broadway Avenue by a footbridge over Commerce Street, and a 1,120-seat auditorium on the seventh floor.

Mr. Steele asked what would be done with the tower. Mr. Evans said the tower is structurally sound and would be retained.

Dr. Anderson, Tacoma engineer and co-chairman of the committee, thanked the Council for the opportunity in allowing the committee time to work out these plans, and said they would appreciate an opportunity to continue their studies to see whether or not they could make this plan a reality. He said the group is interested not only in saving the building because of its historic value, but also in providing a specialized school for students with serious academic objectives, in the same manner that the Tacoma Vocational-Technical Institute prepares students for trades.

Dr. Anderson presented a letter from Mr. E. Albert Morrison, Chairman of the Pierce County School Board, in which Mr. Morrison said that there is pending

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legislation to change the organization of the County school system, which would increase the feasibility of a county-wide specialized high school utilizing the old City Hall building. He urged the City Council not to demolish the building at this time, but to postpone the matter for at least an additional six months so that its potential use might be more thoroughly explored. The letter was read in full by the Clerk.

Mr. Easterday moved that action on this be deferred until the first meeting in April, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

This is the date fixed for the hearing on the petition for the vacation submitted by John R Wiborg, for a triangular portion of North 36th Street bounded by Ruston Way and North Alder Street.

Mr. Rowlands said this vacation was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. Easterday moved that the proper Ordinance be drafted vacating the triangular portion of North 36th Street bounded by Ruston Way and North Alder Street. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Hanson explained that inasmuch as there are so many people present regarding Resolution No. 16297, he asked for a suspension of the rules in order that the Resolution could be taken up at this time. Mr Steele moved that the rules be suspended to take up Resolution No. 16297 at this time. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 16297:

Authorizing the Off-Street Parking Garages and directing the City Attorney to prepare and submit to the City Council all necessary Ordinances and Resolutions necessary therefor.

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

Mr. Murtland said since the hearing on September 6, 1960, new facts have been presented to the Council; therefore, he would like an opportunity to obtain further information on the proposal before voting on this Resolution. He then moved that the Resolution be postponed for one week. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote on the motion to postpone for one week resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tollefson, attorney for the private parking garage operators, said it was his understanding that when a Resolution is brought before the Council, those persons desiring to speak on the matter have the opportunity to do so.

Mayor Hanson said if there is no objection from the Council, he thought those persons who came to discuss this Resolution should be allowed an opportunity to speak briefly.

Mr. Medved, President of the Private Parking Garages Association, said the communication from Mr. William G. Barr, Executive Director of the National Parking Association, which the private garage operators asked be made a part of the official record of the hearing, is now on file in the office of the City Clerk. Mr. Medved said Mr. Barr will be in the City next week and it would be appreciated if he could have the opportunity to appear before the City Council at a regular meeting or at a study session. He added that the proponents of the Parking Garages would be happy to appear before the Council to answer any further questions on the matter.

Mayor Hanson said under those circumstances he thought that arrangements could be made to take up this matter at a study session next week.

The regular order of business was resumed.

Hearings and Appeals - continued:

The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition of Oscar Hokold, Inc., for the rezoning of property located near So. 80th and Sprague to be rezoned from an "F-2" District to a "C-2" and recommending the new Freeway Commercial Type Zoning instead. An appeal has been filed by Mr. Hokold. 485

Mr. Rowlands said the Planning Commission has recommended that October 25, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing on the appeal.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, said these appeals are simply a matter of routine. The Planning Commission has recommended the new "C-F" zoning on these petitions. He said if the Council passes Ordinances No. 16640 and 16641 which will come up later on the agenda, creating the new "C-F" Zoning, the petitioner will withdraw his appeal on this particular request, but if the Council should deny the recommended "C-F" Zoning, the hearing on this appeal will be held as set forth,

Mrs. Price moved that the date of October 25, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing on the appeal. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition filed by Arthur Munson for the rezoning of property located on the southeast corner of So. 72nd and Sprague Streets from an "B-2" District to "C-1" District and recommending the new Freeway Commercial Type Zoning instead. An appeal has been filed by Mr. Munson. 485

Mr. Buehler said the same procedure applies to this appeal, as explained in the previous one. He said the appeal is merely to keep the petition active should the Council deny the Planning Commission's recommendation of the new "C-F" Zoning.

Mr. Steele Moved that the date of October 25, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing on the appeal. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16275: (Postponed from the meeting of September 13, 1960)

Resolution amending the rules of the City Council to provide that the regular meetings be held at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday of each week instead of 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Murtland moved that the Resolution be tabled. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 1, Bott; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16288.

Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$104,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the City Street Fund to the Airport Construction Fund, said loan to be repaid upon the receipt of the funds from the Housing and Home Finance Agency. 396  
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Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mr. Rowlands said the City has received the approval from the Housing and Home Finance Agency for this loan. He said this loan would take care of some of the costs of the photography and engineering work, etc., and would facilitate work on the project, pending actual receipt of these funds.

Mr. Easterday asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, in the event the Airport project should have to be abandoned, what position would the City be in, in the matter of returning the loan. Mr. McCormick said by the terms of the agreement with the government, in the event the project does not go through, the City will repay only the unspent balance of the loan.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 2; Cvitanich and Easterday; Absent 0.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16289:

Extending the Tacoma Transit Company lease and management agreement with the City of Tacoma to the first day of April, 1961.

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

Mr. Rowlands said the present agreement with the Transit Company terminates on October 1st, 1960. This is merely an extension pending the completion of the negotiations for the Transit Company, which permits the Transit Company the opportunity to enjoy certain tax benefits under the existing agreement.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0;  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16291.

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a power contract and agreement for a term of (20) years with the Lakeview Light and Power Co.

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

Mr. Barline, Director of Utilities, said the Lakeview Light & Power Co., is presently a contract under an ordinance rate schedule known as the "E-2" Wholesale Power Rate." This agreement specified the conditions and manner in which the City will deliver electric power and energy to the Lakeview Light & Power Co. and further provides that the present rate will be charged subject to change at a period of time not less than 2-1/2 years after the effective date of any rate adjustment.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16292.

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to negotiate a contract with the Tacoma Housing Authority for the performance of relocation services in the Center Street Urban Renewal Project.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Resolution and Resolution No. 16293 are somewhat comparable, in that the City, called the "Local Public Agency", has selected the Tacoma Housing Authority to represent it as far as the relocation services are concerned, in the Center Street Urban Renewal Project. The Council has heretofore indicated its desire to have the Housing Authority do this work. These Resolutions more or less designate more specifically the services to be performed.

Resolution No. 16292 provides an amount not to exceed \$6,500 for services to be performed and for social service consultation, to be paid to the Contractor, the Housing Authority, in (24) installments of \$250 each month.

Resolution No. 16293 involves property management and provides that the sum of \$1,500 shall be paid as compensation for management and maintenance of the records, plus an additional sum of not more than \$2,300 for the maintenance of property. This means that the total compensation in this instance shall not exceed \$3,800.

Mr. Bergerson of the Tacoma Housing Authority said these Resolutions simply implement that which has already been determined by the Council. The Contract has been reviewed by the Housing Authority and is acceptable to them.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the salaries of the employees involved in these services would be the going rate of comparable industries, and if it would be union labor.

Mr. Bergerson said they are required to pay comparable wages and that all the employees are contract laborers in the sense that the Housing Authority has union contracts with the Central Labor Council.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16293:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to negotiate a contract with the Tacoma Housing Authority for residential property management in the Center Street Urban Renewal Project.

Mrs. Price moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

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. 16294

Fixing Monday, October 10, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on LID 3503 for sanitary sewers in the vicinity of Geiger Street, Mountain View and So. 8th to So. 19th Street. 471

Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16295:

Fixing Monday, October 10, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. As the date for hearing on LID 6749 for modern street lights at intersections on existing wooden poles in the vicinity of East 40th and "C" Streets. 471

Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16296.

Amending Sec. 6 of Resolution No. 15119 relating to the City's contribution on Local Improvement Districts and increasing the assessment rates on sanitary sewers.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, explained that about three years ago the City Council passed a Resolution setting up maximum rates to be assessed against abutting properties. Due to the rise of construction costs in laying sanitary sewers, the cost to the City has been greater than anticipated. He said it appears necessary to provide for increased assessments, and also that a distinction be made between local improvement district assessments involving both sides of the street and also one side of the street. The previous rate was \$3.25 per foot to be paid by the property owners. The ceiling on sanitary sewer costs will be \$3.75 hereafter. The cost for sewers which serve only one side of the street will be \$4.75 per foot.

Mr. Schuster said all pending petitioners will be notified of the change but the increase costs will not affect property owners in areas where sanitary sewer L I D petitions already are circulating or have been filed.

Mr. Easterday brought out that the new charges were largely the result of a problem on the steep slope west of Jackson Avenue, 6th Avenue to So. 19th Street.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16640:

Amending the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning and adding a new section 13.06.112 to include property located on the east side of East Sprague Frontage Road from So. 76th to So 80th Street. (Oscar Hokold, Inc. petition). Read by title.

Mr Rowlands explained that this Ordinance and Ordinance No. 16642 and 16643 are in relation to the new "C-F" zoning created by Ordinance No. 16636 which was given first reading last week and which will come up for final action tonight. Therefore, since Ordinance No. 16636 will not become effective until ten days after publication, final action on these other Ordinances will have to be postponed until after the zoning becomes effective.

Mayor Hanson said he thought it would simplify matters if the Ordinances were placed in final reading and then at next week's meeting, postponement could be made to a later date.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16641:

Amending the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning by adding

a new section known as Section 14.06.115 (2) to include property adjacent to the southeast corner of So. 72nd and the East Sprague Frontage Road in "C-P-N" Planned Neighborhood Shopping Center District. (Oscar Hokold, Inc. petition). Read by title and placed in order for final reading.

Ordinance No. 16642:

Amending the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning by adding a new section known as Section 13.06.113 (1) to include the southeast corner of realigned So. 72nd and the East Sprague Frontage Road. (Arthur Munsion petition) Read by title and placed in order of final reading. 424

Ordinance No. 16643:

Amending Chapter 13/06 of the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning and adding a new section known as Section 13/06/113 to include property located in the southeast corner of So. Sprague Avenue and So. 84th Street; thence s utherly along So. Sprague Ave. 481 feet more or less in a "C-F-V" District. (Mike Nicholic petition). Read by title and placed in order of final reading. 424

Ordinance No. 16644:

Authorizing the condemnation of property near the Lidford Road and Pioneer Way for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining the Riverside distribution substation. Read by title.

Mr. Barline said the condemnation of this property is necessary for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining the Riverside distribution substation necessary for transforming electrical energy which is required to serve the said area of the City's electrical distribution system in Pierce County.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16631: (To be reconsidered by the City Council as of this date)

Providing for the improvement of LID 2314 for concrete sidewalks on various south end streets in the vicinity of So. 43rd and Junett Streets. 394  
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Mr. Rowlands explained that the Council has voted to reconsider this Ordinance at the request of Rev. Durham who desires to have his property eliminated from the Local Improvement District. Mr. Rowlands added, it was discovered that an error has been made in Section 3 on the next to the last line in the Ordinance, where it states that the cost will be paid from the "sidewalk Construction Fund," it should read from the "City Street Fund".

Mr. Steele moved that Section 3 of the Ordinance be amended to read "City Street Fund" in place of "Sidewalk Construction Fund." Seconded by Mr. Porter.  
Voice vote taken on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Rev. Durham, who was present, requested that the Council delete his property at 4211 So Pine Street from the Local Improvement District. He said he had not petitioned for the improvement and could not afford the \$1100 assessment at this time. He said he was not against the improvement, but added he could do the work himself at a later date. Rev. Durham added that this L I D originated in the 4th and Alder Street district, and this area was included at the request of the P. T. A. members of the Madison School District.

Mr. Schuster said it has been the policy of the Public Works Department to include areas in various locations in a sidewalk construction L I D. He said notices were sent to property owners in the District advising them of the reconsideration of this Ordinance.

Mr. Porter asked if there were any of the P. T. A. members present who petitioned for this L I D; if so, he would like to hear from them.

Mr. Bott said he would like to clarify the question that the P. T. A. petitioned for this improvement. He said he mentioned at the meeting last week that he had received a call from a member of the P.T.A. of the Madison School who informed him the P. T. A. did not petition for the improvement.

Mrs. John Larsen, president of the Madison School P.T.A., was present and stated there was no request made by the P. T. A. for these sidewalks. If there was any action taken, it had to be individually. The P. T. A. is not urging sidewalks nor are they protesting. They are neutral, she added.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that Rev. Durham's request be denied. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mayor Hanson explained that, so far, he has not heard any property owner objecting to the deletion of this piece of property. He said there is going to be a great number of projects for sidewalks in this area and he did not see any reason to force this improvement upon Rev. Durham. He said he has heard of no indication that the deletion would create a burden upon any of the other property owners. Inasmuch as the ordinance is before the Council including this portion, he said he would rule Mr. Cvitanich's motion out of order, since it would take a negative action to bring this question before the Council. Therefore, the proper procedure would be to have a motion to delete this portion from the Ordinance.

Mrs. Olson moved that the property at 4211 so Pine Street be deleted from the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 2; Nays 7; Bott, Cvitanich, Murtland, Easterday, Price, Porter and Steele; Absent 0. Motion LOST.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes; 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Rev. Durham asked if he had any recourse. Mayor Hanson the next recourse would be to prevail upon a majority of the Council to change their thinking and move for reconsideration at the next Council meeting.

Ordinance No. 16636:

Amending chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section known as Sec. 13.-6.273 in reference to zoning of "C-F" Districts.

Mrs. Olson moved that final vote on this Ordinance be postponed until October 4, 1960 to give the Council further opportunity to study the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion to postpone resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16637:

Providing for the improvement of LID 2301 for grading, oilmat surface and sidewalks on So. Huson, 6th Avenue to 12th Street.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the overall protest on the LID at the time of the hearing was 39%; however, on Huson Street alone it amounted to about 55%. He asked if there had been any changes in these percentages.



Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, said additional protests had been filed since the hearing, bringing the overall protest to 43% and the area on Huson Street is now 61.4%.

Mrs. Price said in view of the fact that there is such a large remonstrance on this area of Huson Street from 6th to 12 Street, she moved that this portion be deleted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mrs. Price said Mrs. Olson, Mr. Bott, and she were on the LID Committee when this particular LID was heard. At that time there was around 50% protest on this particular area. She said, personally, she was disappointed that the property owners did not see fit to agree to the improvement as it seemed quite necessary from the standpoint of the safety of school children.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that it was brought out at the hearing that the reason for the request for sidewalks was that there are quite a number of children using Huson Street going and coming from the DeLong School. The walking area is very poorly identified and children cannot tell where the sidewalks, streets and gutters are located.

Mrs. Price said that was correct and she personally felt that it was a shame these children are forced to walk on the street rather than on the sidewalks. However, she said the protests do amount to 61.4%

Mr. Harold Evans, 901 So Huson, spoke in favor of sidewalks in this area. He said not only will the appearance of the area be enhanced by this improvement, but most important of all the sidewalks will increase the safety for the children going to school. He said the speed limit is 30 MPH on Huson Street which is only 20 to 25 feet wide, increasing the hazardous condition for school children.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell, 1001 So Huson, and Mr. Erickson, 1105 So. Huson, spoke in protest of the improvement. They felt the City should discourage the use of Huson as an arterial and also that any paving should await construction of water mains.

Mr. Erickson pointed out that the initial petition was started by the people in this area of Huson from 6th to 12th Street for sidewalks. Since then the Public Works Department included the grading job with the sidewalks, plus (4) other unrelated areas, which means that the 61% protests filed against the Huson Street area totals to only 43% against the entire LID. On that basis he felt Huson Street should be deleted.

Mr. Bott said he thought much of these problems would be eliminated if the LID's were not spread out over the entire city. He thought the local improvement districts should more or less consolidated.

Mayor Hanson said many times there are small portions that must be included in order to obtain a reasonable bid on the project.

Mr. Bott said there are many small contractors who would be happy to do the work at a comparable price.

Voice vote was then taken on Mrs. Price's motion to delete Huson Street from 6th Avenue to So 12th Street, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Evans again mentioned the speed limit on Huson which he felt should be investigated in light of the Council's action to delete the area from the LID. Mayor Hanson agreed this could be investigated.

Mr. Bott said they were informed at the LID Committee meeting that the plans were to delete Huson as an arterial street.

Mr. Schuster said Orchard Street is proposed as the arterial in this area, but at present time it is cut through only to approximately No. 16th Street. Therefore, the public will no doubt continue to use Huson until such time as Orchard is a through street.

Mayor Hanson asked that the water main question be looked into also in this area.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16638:

Providing for the improvement of LID 2308 for grading and storm drains in Bell from So. 74th to 76th from Bell to Pacific Avenue.

Mr. Bott said additional protests were presented to him a few minutes ago which should be considered in the creation of this LID. The objection is mainly against the drainage system proposed and not against the street improvement, he added.

Mr. Schuster said they would like to have this Ordinance postponed for one week to check the protests. He said this is a peculiar situation whereas it was deemed necessary to install storm drain pipes in order to solve the drainage problem which will exist when the oilmat is laid.

Mr. Bott then moved that this Ordinance be postponed one week until September 27, 1960. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion to postpone resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16639:

Providing for the improvement of LID 2316 for grading and an oilmat surface and concrete sidewalks on No. Shirley to Bennett Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This is the date set for the adoption of the 1961 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Steele moved that the 1961 Preliminary Budget in the total of \$56,068,969 be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson explained that this action is necessary according to State Law which is only the beginning of the work involved in compiling the budget for the City.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Frank Naccarato has made a special request to appear before the Council at this time.

Mr. Naccarato complained to the Council about the Water Division's policy of requiring a \$200 deposit for future installation of permanent water mains. He said when he moved into his home he found that there was no water in the

house and the City would not connect the water even though the \$75 hook-up fee had been paid, until they received a \$200 deposit for a future water main to replace the present one, which he discovered is a temporary main.

Mr. Naccarato said he finally had to comply to the requirements of paying a \$200 deposit on a \$4.00 monthly basis with interest. He said he was told that the water mains might be put in next spring. However, he said in talking to other property owners in the area, he found that the majority did not want the water mains.

Mr. Naccarato said he felt he should not have to pay for this improvement until it is put in, but he said he was told there is an existing Ordinance establishing this policy. He felt the Ordinance should be amended to provide for the return of the deposit in the event the improvement did not go in during a 5-year period. Otherwise, he added, if this improvement were delayed 10 or 15 years, and if he should want to sell his property in the meantime, the money would stay with the property.

Mayor Hanson asked that Mr. Benedetti, Superintendent of the Water Department, make a report to the Council on this matter and also that a copy of the report be sent to Mr. Naccarato. After the facts are before the Council, Mr. Naccarato can again request an appearance before the Council if he so desires.

Mr. Barline, Director of Utilities, spoke briefly on this matter. He said this policy was adopted about four years ago to correct an intolerable situation caused by temporary and substandard water mains which had been installed by developers throughout the City. The practice of installing these temporary services became quite prevalent and in nearly all instances, he said, it was found that it then became increasingly difficult to form a local improvement district for the reasons that the owners, having this type of temporary service, protested against the district.

In an effort to correct this situation, he added, and to further protect the property owners, the Ordinance was revised to provide that for each temporary service connection a \$200 deposit be made for a permanent water main at a future date. Consequently, whenever a home is built now, in an area where there is a substandard main, a prepayment of the assessment is made. As these new areas develop and the deposit is made, eventually there are enough property owners to initiate an LID for permanent water mains.

Mrs. Price asked if it were possible, rather pay the \$200, if there could be a lien made against the property.

Mr. Barline said that was considered, but it was determined it was not legal.

Mr. Rowlands announced that there would be a meeting with the Library Board at 7:00 P.M. and the Park Board at 8:30 P.M. on Thursday, September 22, 1960.

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council members of an important meeting being held September 29 and 30th, 1960 in Yakima - the Good Roads Association.

Mr. Steele said there is a possibility of the Stadium Rehabilitation Program Association acquiring a sum of money if the Council takes some positive action in this respect. He said he spoke to Mr. Porter, who is a member of the Committee, in regard to what action could be taken.

Mr. Porter advised that he has not had an opportunity to make any contacts regarding this matter, but he said a meeting of the group had been arranged for September 21 but has been postponed until September 28 on account of the Puyallup Fair.

Mr. Steele said he thought the Council should take steps to encourage or endorse the action of the committee and explore what cost there would be to the City in connection with the Stadium restoration program. Much work has gone into this project, he added. He asked Mr. Rowlands if the City had any program with reference to this project. Mr. Rowlands said everything to date has been done by the

School District and the Stadium Committee has been very active in encouraging the School Board on this program.

Mayer Hanson asked that Mr. Steele and Mr. Porter serve as a committee to determine the status of the project and report back to the Council with reference to any action advisable to assist in this program.

Mr. Murtland said about ten days ago during the absence of Burt McMurtrie, Helen Weed, the Executive Secretary of the Tacoma Little Theatre, took over his program and made a very fine suggestion which he felt the Council should consider. The suggestion was that a Fine Arts Festival be scheduled in Tacoma at the time of the "Century 21" in Seattle. He felt this had much merit and that the Council should consider this seriously.

Mayor Hanson said he has appointed Mr. Lloyd Sass to work with the "Century 21" group toward the foundation for participation on the part of the City of Tacoma. Presently the principal concern has been with reference to industrial participation. He said that is only facet of the matter and the City should also be thinking along the lines mentioned by Mr. Murtland.

Mayor Hanson asked Mrs. Price, Mrs. Olson and Mr. Murtland to serve on the committee to work with Mr. Sass on the general plans to keep the Council informed.

Mr. Cvitanich said at the Spring election, a \$365,000 special millage was voted on to boost the Fire Department ratings to meet certain standards of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Since the 13th of September there has been an order in effect to reduce the outlying fire stations from four men to three. He said he has a copy from the National Board of Fire Underwriters which he would like the Clerk to read and have entered into the record.

The excerpt read as follows: "Four men on duty with each company should be the absolute minimum standard of every fire department, although this number does not represent an adequately manned company. An engine company of four men can lay a 2-1/2 inch line while connecting to a hydrant, and a ladder company force of four men can raise a 40-foot extension ladder and start to carry out simultaneous ladder company work. Relief must be provided for members off duty to insure that four men respond with apparatus at all times.

Mr. Cvitanich asked for an explanation. He said the City is boosting its downtown stations at the sacrifice of the outlying ones.

Mr. Rowlands said as a result of the millage election, additional personnel has been placed on the Fire Department payroll to boost the manpower. He added, from the National Board standpoint, they are more concerned about coverage in the conflagration area which they term the Central business district. On the other hand, he said, it is up to the Fire Chief and staff to move the men about and assign them to the stations based on their best judgment. He said it may be necessary to make further revisions in the vocation schedules to provide a better manpower coverage. Four men in outlying stations is the ideal situation but is not always possible to do this, he added.

Mr. Cvitanich said the City is acting contrary to what the National Board of Fire Underwriters have set up.

Mr. Rowlands said, not necessarily. If the City were to comply with what the National Board has set up there would be about seven men in the downtown stations. The standards set up by the Underwriters are ideal if the manpower is available. The City has been in close touch with the National Board officials and is boosting the manpower in both firefighting and inspection by purchasing additional equipment, installing watermains downtown, and stepping up inspection services. By doing all these extras, the Underwriters have said the City is moving in the right direction to be restored to a Class 3. He said even though the City cannot meet the ultimate, we are doing everything possible, within the amount of money available, to put on the manpower.

Mr. Cvitanich said this has been at the expense of the outlying districts, however, He said when he voted in favor of this millage, it was with the thought in mind that additional men would be provided. He said there are waiting lists on the Fire Department. Fire is graded number three, as far as accidental deaths in the United States are concerned. 25% of the manpower goes downtown when an alarm sounds in the downtown area.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Cvitanich if he favored adoption of a 12-month vacation schedule for fireman.

Mr. Cvitanich added the point is when people voted on this millage they were led to believe that it was to cover all the area adequately, and it is not being covered adequately. Men are being brought in from the outlying districts to the downtown area to boost the high value district.

Mr. Rowlands said, as he understood it, the people voted on the millage for additional manpower to buy the equipment and other things necessary to restore the City to a Class 3. If the men are available they will certainly try to place the four men, if possible.

Mr. Rowlands said the Fire Chief feels that three men responding can handle the situation in most circumstances. Oftentimes a Battalion Chief arrives at the fire before the engine company, and the driver of the Battalion Chief's car is also an experienced fire fighter who can aid in fighting the fire.

Mr. Cvitanich said a common fire practice is that a fireman should never enter a burning building alone.

Mr. Rowlands said naturally he felt the safety of the men is considered. He said this is another reason why a city of Tacoma's geographical size - fifty square miles - can in good faith go to the Legislature and attempt to get more consideration financially.

Mayor Hanson said perhaps the Council could have a report given on the thinking and reasoning behind this recent change.

Mayor Hanson Mr. Calvin Corey, an employee of the N. P. Railway shops, has been very active in trying to get some action on the diminishing of the forces at the N. P. Shops. Mayor Hanson said on Mr. Corey's suggestion, he contacted the manager of the N. P. shops hoping to meet with the Board of Directors who planned on being in the area this weekend. Since then, he was informed they would not be coming to Tacoma, and he asked to meet them in Seattle but was told that it would be impossible as their schedule was very tight. He asked that a message be conveyed to them, and would follow it up with a letter asking for an opportunity to discuss the problem with them, if possible.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 O.M.

*Ben Hanson*  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

*Josephine Nelson*  
City Clerk

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