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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:38 P. M.

Monday, June 6, 1955.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goeking, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 1; Stojack, (taking his seat at 7:47 P. M.).

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin, 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 on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Mrs. J. D. Powell, appeared before Council with Buttons for the "Tacoma Fun Fair" July 22, 23, 24, which the Committee is selling to promote the celebration, and asked the Council members for a group picture with each wearing a button, to be used for publicity purposes. The photographer was present and the picture was taken.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14275.

By STOJACK:

Fixing Tuesday, July 5, 1955 as the date for hearing on petition to vacate South 7th Street from Ainsworth to Grant and the alley between Ainsworth and Grant from a point 75' south of South 7th Street to a point 50' north of South 7th Street, (Petition Tacoma School District No. 10)(1-23-55).

Adopted on roll call June 6, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14276.

By TOLLEFSON:

Confirming appointment by the Mayor of Gerald Longstreth to fill the term expiring June 30, 1960 as a member of the City Planning Commission.

Withdrawn at request of Mayor. Not acted upon at this meeting.

Resolution No. 14277.

By HOOKER:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to expend a sum not in excess of \$1725.00 to purchase for the General Fund Departments equipment listed herein; providing said equipment for the recently elected freeholders for their temporary use in quarters assigned to them for their deliberations; and that the payment of such equipment be made from Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay for municipal purposes.

Adopted on roll call June 6, 1955.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15351.

Appropriating the sum of \$6,796.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund to pay the salaries or additional personnel required in the administration of the Library for the remainder of the year 1955; authorizing the issuance of warrants, as provided by law, for said purpose; and declaring an emergency making necessary said appropriation and the immediate taking effect of this ordinance. Read by title and placed in order of final reading. Mr. Joseph Ibbotson, Director of the Library, and Mrs. I. G. Gimlett, President of the Library Board, explained the need for this emergency appropriation, stating that it is primarily due to an increased use of library facilities by the Citizens of Tacoma.

Ordinance No. 15352.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts." (ZONING ORDINANCE) by adding thereto three new sections to be known as Section 9G, Section 12E and Section 12 F. (Sec. 9 G- C-2 District property at N W and S W corner North 26th and Pearl) (Section 12-E- M-1 Light Industrial District property located at South Pine to South Steeles and South 35th to South Tacoma Way) (Sec. 12F- M-1 Light Industrial District property located in area north of Center Street to the bluff and from South Steeles to South "G" Street). Read by title. A number of persons interested in a C-2 rezoning at North 26th and Pearl, were present and were given an opportunity to be heard. Attorney Hilton B. Gardner, who represented Westgate Inc., the company requesting the rezoning, explained what they contemplated using the property for, such as a drive-in restaurant, a department store, garden shop, etc., which are all uses not permitted in a C-1 District. He said that the property involved was sufficiently distant from any residences to be objectionable. The rezoning has been approved by the City Planning Commission and he urged the Council to also approve it. Trevor H. Wilkinson, residing at 2315 No Winnifred, objected to the change, saying the rubbish from a drive-in would be a nuisance, and the value of his property would depreciate as a result of the creation of a C-2 District. Mrs. G. G. Gilbertson, 2107 North Highland, also objected, saying that the street in front of her home would get all the through traffic. She also said there was no assurance that in the future an objectionable business which is permitted in a C-2 district would not be allowed to operate on Pearl Street. Mr. H. J. Underwood, 2345 North Winnifred, also objected because of the fear of what type of business might be put in at a future date. The Mayor explained that those interested were given an opportunity to express their views and it would then be up to the Council to decide, and pointed out that the ordinance is only in for first reading tonight. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15353.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts; etc." (ZONING ORDINANCE) by amending Section 25 thereof as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 15003. Read by title and placed in order of final reading. (Sec. 25.- regulations of the "M-1" Light Industrial District).

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15347.

Repealing Ordinance No. 12445, entitled: "An ordinance creating and

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establishing in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma a special fund to be known and designated as "Health, Fire and Police Aid Fund"; specifying the purposes for which said fund is created; repealing Ordinance No. 12429; directing that all moneys in the War Liquor Tax Fund created by said Ordinance No. 12429 be transferred to the special fund herein created; providing that the appropriation made from said War Liquor Tax Fund in and by Ordinance No. 12440 be paid out of the fund herein created; declaring a public emergency and that this ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication." Read in full and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Hooker (temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15348.

Amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 14869 entitled: "An ordinance imposing a Gross Earnings Tax for the benefit of the General Fund upon the Sewer Utility, Department of Public Works and declaring the effective date hereof." (making gross earnings tax subordinate to the payment of principal and interest on any revenue bonds heretofore or hereafter issued by the City of Tacoma, for any utility of the City). Read in full and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Hooker (temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15349.

Appropriating from the General Fund the sum of \$6,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of paying all necessary expenses incident to the deliberations and work of the fifteen freeholders elected May 10, 1955, for the purpose of altering, changing or revising the Charter of the City of Tacoma; declaring the emergency making necessary said appropriation; and authorizing the issuance of emergency warrants for said purpose. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen, to suspend Rule 9. The motion was carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Hooker (temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15350.

Amending Section 26 of Ordinance No. 15106 entitled: "An ordinance adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonelective officers and employees of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City Government; fixing the effective date of this Ordinance, etc." (Compensation Plan). (add Statistician- Health Department). Read in full. Dr. Fargher, Director of Health, advised the Council that the statistician will take the place of a long-time employee with a classification of Clerk-Typist 2, who is retiring, and that it has been set up in the 1955 budget. Dr. Powers, who preceded him in office, had a statistician in mind twelve years ago, but the matter has been held in abeyance pending retirement of Miss Moody. This is an opportune time to make the change, and bring in a trained statistician, whose services will be invaluable in planning health programs and analyzing data, he added. There is no one in the Department qualified for the position as it requires a person trained in statistics, Dr. Fargher said. The ordinance was then passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14254, adopted on May 9, 1955 for hearing on petition of College of Puget Sound, et al (10225-54) for vacation of a portion of North 17th Street lying between North Lawrence Street and a point 151 feet east therefrom, the Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law

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and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioners, and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. A letter from the City Planning Commission, dated April 21, 1955, advising that at their meeting of April 19, they recommended approval of the petition subject to the recommendations of the Public Works and Public Utilities Departments as outlined in their letters of January 3, and January 27. (Letters in vacation file). The Clerk read a request from the Chief of the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, that the action be postponed for one month as they have not received the appraisal of the property from the Real Estate Appraisal Board. Mr. Backstrom reported that the College of Puget Sound proposes an exchange of property on North 11th Street for the property vacated on North 17th Street, and he would recommend the appraisal fee be waived in view of this exchange of property. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin that the Council waive the appraisal fee. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen (temporarily). It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Stojack that the petition be granted and the City attorney instructed to bring in an ordinance vacating the property. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen (temporarily).

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Tollefson called attention of Council members to the copies of the Program of the Convention of the Association of Washington Cities, which is to be held June 9, 10, in Tacoma, which had been handed each Council member. He urged all Council members to attend all meetings possible and the luncheons and Thursday evening banquet. Dr. Battin suggested that the Freeholders be supplied with copies of this program and invited to attend.

Mayor Tollefson read a letter from P. M. Snider, relative to the anniversary month of the "Breakfast Group" in August and the breakfast to be held at the Top of the Ocean the morning of August 6th. Placed on file.

He also read a letter from County Assessor L. W. Craig, advising that the first meeting of the 1955 County Board of Equalization will convene on July 5th, and asking that they be advised of the names of the City representatives. Mayor Tollefson appointed Mr. Stojack, Mr. Bratrud and Mrs. Goering to serve on the Board of Equalization this year.

The Mayor read a letter from Herrick Allen, on behalf of the Lowell P. T. A., asking the City to take some action to curb the use of B-B guns and pistols in the City of Tacoma, which was referred to the City Manager and City Attorney.

He read a wire from the Executive Director of the American Municipal Association, asking Council to wire Washington senators, urging support of S. 2126, relative to urban renewal, public housing, advance planning and air pollution research. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the Mayor be authorized to send these wires to our Senators, and carried unanimously.

He also read from a letter from Hugh Gallagher, Chairman of Mayor's Committee for Shipping, Shipbuilding and Ship Repair, relative to S. 2038, which would eliminate the 6 per centum differential applying to certain bids of Pacific Coast Shipbuilders. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the Mayor be authorized to send wires to all Senators and Congressmen from Washington State urging them to do all in their power to defeat this bill. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk

W. M. Tollefson
President of City Council.