

Council Chambers; 4:00 P.M.
Monday, March 16, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Price. Absent on roll call 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson. In the absence of Mayor Hanson, Dr. Humiston, Vice Mayor, presided.

Mr. Easterday moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 1959 as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15680

L I D 6764

BY HANSON:

Fixing Tuesday, April 28, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D No. 6764 for installation of modern lights at street intersections on wooden poles on So. I Street; from So. 21st to So. 27th; on So. 21st from Ferry to State Street; So. Ferry from 400 feet north of So. 25th to 460 feet south of So. 25th; So. 25th from State to Steele and So. 23rd from Ferry to Steele Streets.

Mr. Anderson moved to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

Resolution No. 15681

BY PRICE:

Awarding contract to J. D. Shotwell Company for L I D 4639 in the amount of \$94,881.55 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Bratrud moved to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

Resolution No. 15682

BY ANDERSON:

Awarding contract to Woodworth and Company for Improvement No. 1981 - Unit B in the amount of \$119,090.85 which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

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Resolution No. 15683

BY PORTER:

Awarding contract for the salvage operation at the City Disposal Area, to James Copeland and Marvin Bilderback, on their bid of \$14,490.00.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15684

BY BRATRUD:

Awarding contract to Morris Construction Company for L I D 1969 in the amount of \$86,790.90 which included Basic, Alternate and Supplemental bids.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15685

BY ANDERSON:

Awarding contract for the sale of 35,000 lbs. of junk copper wire to Pacific Iron & Metal Company on their bid of \$.1969 per pound.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15686

BY PRICE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a quit claim deed to Mr. John Barkost for property located at 4307 No. 34th Street for the sum of \$1,000.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15687

BY HANSON:

Authorizing the Director of Finance to expend from the Cumulative Reserve

Fund for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation, the sum of \$4,243.00; for the purchase of one dictaphone and stand for the Public Works Department for \$420; Fire Alarm Telephone Cable for the Fire Department in the amount of \$3,304.50; and furnishings for the State Examiner's Office in the sum of \$518.50.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

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Mr. Anderson moved that the rules be suspended to take up three Resolutions not on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15688

BY REQUEST OF CITY COUNCIL:

Commending the Representatives and Senators of the 36th regular Legislature for their unselfish efforts in passing and enacting legislation needed for the State.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson said the Senators and Representatives of Pierce County did a fine job for the City of Tacoma, and the Association of Washington Cities recognize the fine work this group did in Olympia. He said he was happy to see this Resolution introduced.

Mr. Rowlands called the Council's attention to the section of the Resolution stating that no legislation was enacted granting any substantial aid to cities and towns of the State. He said their financial plight is serious. Mayor Hanson and Councilman Porter were in Olympia today attempting to obtain this aid for the Cities.

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution also urges the Senators and Representatives of Pierce County to give serious consideration to the cities' financial needs in the present special session now being held.

Roll call was then taken on the Resolution.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

Resolution No. 15689

BY REQUEST OF HANSON:

Commending the Pacific Lutheran College and in particular its basket ball team's coach, Gene Lundgaard, for the great basket ball play and sportsmanship exhibited in its play in the National Ass'n of Intercollegiate Athletics Tournament recently held at Kansas City, Missouri, ^{and} in winning second place out of the best 32 teams of the small colleges in the entire nation.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Price.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

Resolution No. 15690

BY REQUEST OF ANDERSON:

Commending Stadium High School, and in particular its basket ball team and the team's coach, Jack Heinrick, for the winning of the championship in the Washington State High School Class AA Basket Ball Tournament recently held at the Hec Edmundson Pavilion at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

It was moved by Mrs. Price to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Mr. Anderson said he felt that the Stadium basket ball team should be commended for their fine play and sportsmanship in this tournament.

Roll call was then taken on this Resolution.

Adopted on roll call March 16, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 16298: (postponed from March 2, 1959)

Repealing Sections 6.54.010 to 6.54.130 of the Official Code of the City, and adding (6) new sections relating to the licensing of motels, trailer courts and mobile home parks. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands asked that this Ordinance be postponed for one week until March 23 as some changes have to be made in the Ordinance.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Ordinance be postponed to March 23, 1959. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16306:

Vacating the north 20 feet of property on No. 32nd Street between Oakes and Pine Street. (John J. Johnson et al petition.) Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Hanson

Ordinance No. 16307

Vacating that portion of Leif Ericson Drive between Karl Johan Ave. and Fernside Drive. (M. W. Perrow, et al petition.) Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

Ordinance No. 16308

Amending Sec. 11.34.060 of the Official Code relating to traffic - Stop before emerging from alley. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

Ordinance No. 16309

Establishing a Petty Cash Fund of \$25.00 for the office of Urban Renewal and \$50.00 for the Office of the Purchasing Agent. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16310

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make payment to Pierce County for the benefit of taxing districts within which any part of the electrical facilities recently acquired from the Puget Sound Power and Light Co. are located and said payment to be the sum of \$6,094.64 for the year 1959. Read by title.

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A letter from the Chamber of Commerce, signed by Paul Martin, Chairman of the Power Sub-Committee, was distributed to Council urging the City of Tacoma to make payment at once of the amount of \$6,094.64 to be deducted from the 8% gross earnings tax.

Mr. Bratrud said he felt the Chamber of Commerce should have obtained all the facts before writing such a letter and also remarked about an article that appeared in the News Tribune by the Municipal League in reference to this tax. He felt before any recognized body makes a statement of this nature that they should hear the Council's side. He said perhaps there are groups that feel the Council is not right on their decision up to date, but at least before any recognized body makes any criticism they should hear the other side of the matter. He said he himself, resents this attitude taken before both sides of the matter are heard.

Mr. Anderson said he was of the same opinion as Mr. Bratrud. He felt this was an interdepartmental discussion and these groups have no right to participate in this discussion whatsoever.

Mr. Paul Martin, representing the Power Committee of the Industrial Branch of the Chamber of Commerce, said their main concern was that this \$6,000 be paid for the good of Tacoma; and with the facts at hand they had given their opinion as to how this should be done. So far, he said, its been difficult to obtain the Council's side of the story.

Mr. Rowlands said, as an ex-officio member of the Chamber of Commerce Board, he was sure if this matter had been discussed before the Board, the position of the General Government would have been explained. To his knowledge this had not been done and he felt that something of this importance should have been discussed before the Chamber Board.

Mr. Bratrud said the Council was not asked for their opinion and he felt this should be done before such an article or such a letter was written.

Dr. Humiston said it is agreed by all parties that this payment should be made; and it is also true that over a period of years, the gross earnings tax has been defined as the actual gross income of the Light Division, but periodically the Council has reviewed with the Utility Board certain items as to whether they should or should not be deducted from the gross earnings tax for purposes of payment to the City. His own personal feeling was that since there was no disagreement as to whether this should be paid or not, that this Ordinance should be passed forthwith and anytime when either

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the Council or the Utility Board cares to reopen the question as to this or any other item that should be listed as a deduction and the tax not be paid, that the doors have never been closed to that discussion.

He said he felt there were two separate problems before them: whether the taxes should be paid or not and "from what pocket it should come." Dr. Humiston said he would be in favor of passing this Ordinance as written as there is no doubt in any ones mind that this bill should be paid; and he felt the door should be left open to taking this up with the Utility Board to see who should pay it.

Mr. Easterday said in view of the fact that Mr. Porter and Mayor Hanson were in Olympia today he felt that the Ordinance should be postponed until March 23, 1959. Mr. Easterday then moved that the Ordinance be postponed until March 23, 1959. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 2, Goering and Dr. Humiston; Absent 2, Porter and Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16311

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2303 for an oil mat surface on So. 40th Street from So. Cedar to Pine and west side of Pine from So. 40th north 120 feet. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

Ordinance No. 16312

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2304 for oil mat surfacing on Ferdinand Street from No. 41st to No. 42nd Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16313

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4619 for grading and permanent pavement, including curbs and gutters in various streets in the north end. Read by title.

Mr. Anderson said at the hearing on this L I D, 59.8% remonstrance had been filed against a portion of No. Adams from 21st to 22nd and No. 22nd from Adams to Washington. Also Mr. Leo Green, representing the Beebe Realty Company, asked that Meyers Street from 6th Avenue be deleted from the area and that it be improved at a later date. He said it was the recommendation of the L I D Committee that these two areas be deleted from the L I D.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, said these areas had been deleted. In addition, he said a petition was received today protesting the area on Adams Street from 6th to No. 9th Street, raising the remonstrance on this particular area from 41% to a 50.3%. The total remonstrance on the entire L I D is 13.7%. Mr. Schuster said originally the improvement was for Adams from No. 7th to No. 9th; then the Department included Adams from 6th to No. 7th for two reasons - one is the drainage from this area comes down to 6th Avenue which necessitated the installation of storm drains; secondly if this block were not paved there would be one block unpaved to Sixth Avenue.

The Ordinance was then voted upon.

Roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 1, Mrs. Price; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16314

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Providing for the improvement of L I D 5304 for cast iron water mains in Scenic Drive from Beverly Drive to Bayview Drive; in Scenic Drive from Bayview Drive to the end of Cul-de-sac; and also in Panorama Drive. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

Ordinance No. 16315

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Providing for the improvement of L I D 4500 for grading and permanent pavement, including curbs and gutters on Division Lane from Tacoma Avenue to Fawcett Ave; Thompson Ave. from So. 50th Street to So. 56th; So. 46th from Thompson Ave. to Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment and Assessment roll for the cost of the improvement of L I D 6757 for Street lights on wooden poles on So. Junett Street from South 60th to So. 62nd Street. 49: 282

It was moved by Mr. Perdue that April 14, 1959 be set as the date for hearing on the Assessment roll for L I D 6757. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Mayor Hanson.

NEW BUSINESS:

A communication from Joe M. and Kathryn K. Walston protesting the rezoning of property along 6th Avenue for the construction of a sanitorium for the Treatment of Alcoholic Addiction.

Mr. Rowlands said that this matter will be heard by the members of the Planning Commission, Tuesday, March 17, 1959; and the rules governing the decision on a special permit such as this state that this decision is final - no appeal can be made other than through the Courts.

Dr. Humiston asked if this has been settled by the Planning Commission yet.

Mr. Russ Buehler, Planning Department Director, said there was one hearing on this matter and at that time the recommendation was to deny the permit. Then at the next meeting of the Board, one of the members voted to reconsider the vote. March 17 was set as the date for reconsideration.

Dr. Humiston explained to Mr. Walston that as matters stood the City Council has no jurisdiction over a special permit.

Mr. Joe Walston said he felt that the rules governing this subject needed investigation. According to these rules, a person applying to the Planning Commission

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for a special permit may ask the Commission to reconsider their action but the people involved in the neighborhood cannot. He said it seemed to him that this one point in the Charter was lacking and that the rules should be amended to correct the situation.

Dr. Humiston said he felt that this should be looked into and asked Mr. Rowlands to prepare a brief on this problem for the Council's information.

MC-254 - Tacoma's Legislative Program - 1959 Regular Legislative Session.

Mr. Rowlands said this was a resume of the Legislative Program.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Employees' Retirement System for the month of February.

Report from the Light Division for the month of January 31, 1959.

Report from the Tacoma Police Dept., for the month of February 1959.

Report from the Fire Department for the month of February 1959.

Report from the Finance Dept. for the month of February 1959.

Mr. Rowlands informed the Council of the Tacoma Athletic Commission Banquet Thursday, March 19, 1959 in honor of the Stadium High School and P. L. C. basketball teams at the T. A. C.

Mr. Rowlands distributed memos concerning parking at the County-City Building. He said identification stickers would be provided for the cars to be parked in the lot.

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Mr. Rowlands said there had been a number of inquiries about the disposition of the City Hall. He passed out a communication from Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, which summarized the situation. It stated that the present building code would permit a type of construction with a maximum height of two stories only. Inasmuch as the building suffered extensive damage during the 1949 earthquake, it was doubtful if the tower structure would withstand another shock. The rodent and termite infestation has continued despite the employment of an exterminator. The remodeling of the building would cost somewhere around \$500,000 and would still not overcome the obsolescent factors. The communication stated that estimates were obtained from demolition contractors concerning the demolition of the City Hall, the north garage, the Old Public Safety Building and garages, and it was the opinion that a call for bids would produce a cost of \$40,000 to \$50,000 for this project.

Mrs. Goering asked what would become of the chimes and the clock.


Mr. Rowlands said school officials were considering the possibility of installing the chimes in the bell tower planned for the new South Tacoma High School. Also the Historical Society is interested in part of the old clock mechanism for historical reasons.


Mr. Rowlands said if the Council will recall, about a year or year and a

half ago a survey was made by Mr. Blangy, an appraiser, to determine the going rate for City rental property, particularly in the Dock Street area. He wanted to alert the Council to the fact that they have had some discussion with the Tacoma Boiler Works who are renting property from the City. According to the appraisers the going monthly rate should be around \$88.00 a month. Mr. Davis of the Tacoma Boiler Works feels that the present rate of \$45.00 a month is sufficient. The City intends to serve notice on Mr. Davis in accordance with the going monthly rate of \$88 a month.

Mrs. Price invited the Council members to attend the Tacoma Youth Council Banquet, Tuesday evening, March 17, at Wells Hall. She said the banquets were very worthwhile.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.


Henry Hammon
Vice President of the City Council

Attest: 
City Clerk