

Monday, August 6, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson, Mayor Anderson. Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

X Mayor Anderson read a letter from Charles T. Battin, City Councilman, advising he will be away from the City from August 4th to 30th and therefore will miss more than the allowed number of sessions without official excuse; and requesting the Council to take official action to excuse him. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Perdue that Dr. Battin be excused from attending Council sessions from August 4th to 30th. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Council member, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

PETITIONS:

X Mueller-Harkins Motor Co., for replat of property located between North 20th and North 33rd Streets, east of Pearl Street, which is to be hereafter known as "Westgate Estates No. 1". Pursuant to applicable State Laws the City Clerk has set September 10, 1956 as the date for hearing thereon. Moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Mr. Jensen, that September 10, 1956 be fixed as the date for hearing. Carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack. Referred to Planning Commission. 449

COMMUNICATIONS:

X Pomona Grange No. 16, submitting copy of Resolution which they adopted on July 14th, 1956, urging that an all-weather short route tunnel through the Cascade Mountains on the Naches Pass Route be started immediately as an alternate route to Eastern Washington, and that the proper proportion of Highway Funds allotted to the State of Washington by the U. S. Government be assigned for use on construction of this tunnel. Referred to City Manager. 48:72
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X Earl Pullar, appealing from the action of the City Planning Commission on July 17, 1956, to deny his petition (6-26-56) for reclassification from "R-3" District to "C-1" District of the property at the corner of South 38th and L Streets. Referred to City Planning Commission. 431
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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14736.

BY GOERING:

Authorizing private sale of property located at 5311 South Asotin Street to Frieda A. Scheele for \$10.00 and directing execution and delivery to said party of a local improvement assessment deed to clear the cloud on her title.

Adopted on roll call August 6, 1956.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14737.

By BRATRUD:

Authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement between the City and County providing for the addition of two unfinished floors to the County-City Building and providing for the payment of the City's share of the cost thereof and 461
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for advance payment of a portion of the City's payment under existing agreement between the parties. Agreement was read in full for the information of the Council. Mr. Rowlands advised that the County is in accord with the terms of this agreement, which is the outcome of the two meetings held last week. Mr. McCormick reported that Mr. Boyle had drawn the agreement and had taken a rough draft to the County Commissioners and their attorney, which was approved. In reply to a question as to where the County's share would be obtained, Mr. Rowlands said it would be secured from a fund they have on hand of approximately \$400,000.00. Dr. Humiston asked what commitment was made by the County as to what use would be made of the money advanced by the City and to whom it was made. Mr. Rowlands and Mr. McCormick both said they felt the County Commissioners are definitely committed to roughing in the 5th and 6th floors. Mr. McCormick pointed out that when the agreement attached to this resolution is signed by the proper officials of the County and City, it will be a legal and binding agreement. Dr. Humiston called attention to the paragraph of the resolution which sets forth the 3rd "Whereas" which states "there is a need of additional space, which the 5th and 6th floor will provide". He contended that no proof of this need has been furnished the Council nor has the Council been informed as to what this space will be used for. There has been no commitment on this point, although there has been some discussion on using it for the County-City Health Department, or, in the event the Law-Enforcement wing is not put on the ballot this fall or does not carry, it has been suggested that it might be used for the County Sheriff's office, Mr. Rowlands informed Dr. Humiston. Dr. Humiston said he was reluctant to talk about spending \$550,000, the amount it will cost to complete these floors, when he is not convinced it is needed and does not know what it will be used for. Mayor Anderson advised that if these two floors are added after the building is completed, it would necessitate removal of the roof, which would add at least 25% to the cost, and stated that the economical method would be to rough these floor in at the time the building is constructed. Mayor Tollefson expressed the opinion that the City of Tacoma was getting a very good deal under the terms of this agreement. Roll was then called on the resolution, as follows:

Adopted on roll call August 6, 1956.
Ayes 6; Nays 1; Humiston; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14738.

By ANDERSON:

Confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Mrs. Chester Chastek to serve as a member of the Library Board for a five-year term expiring August 3, 1961.

Adopted on roll call August 6, 1956.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14739.

By ANDERSON:

Confirming appointment by the Mayor of Harold R. Johnson as a member of the Public Utility Board for the term expiring June 30, 1961.

Adopted on roll call August 6, 1956.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14740.

By ANDERSON:

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Confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Howard Wernick as a member of the Civil Service Board, to fill the unexpired term of Robert Cooper, ending June 30, 1957. Mrs. Goering asked whether or not there was an emergency on this appointment and was advised by Mayor Anderson that there was not. She said, in that event she would like

a little longer to consider the appointment, and she moved that Resolution No. 14740 be laid over for two weeks to August 20th. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Mr. Tollefson said he felt that Harold R. Johnson would be a valuable member on the Utility Board. He also approved Mayor Anderson's idea of rotating the appointments on the various boards, Mr. Tollefson stated. He would like to propose a resolution commending Alfred J. Johnson, retiring Utility Board member, for the services he has rendered during the three years he was a member of this Board, and it was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Mr. Jensen, that such a resolution be adopted by the Council. Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14741.

By Tollefson:

Commending Alfred J. Johnson for the services he has rendered the City of Tacoma during the past three years when he served as a member of the Public Utility Board.

Adopted on roll call August 6, 1956.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15667.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793--ZONING ORDINANCE-- by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 9J. (From -R-2 one Family Dwelling District to "C-2" Commercial District; N. W. Corner of South 74th Street and Puget Sound Avenue. Petition P. H. Croft, et al (6-25-56). Read by title and passed: 431

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Ordinance No. 15668.

Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$5,000.00, from the General Fund to the Public Works Revolving Fund; providing for the repayment thereof; appropriating said sum of \$5,000.00 from the said Public Works Revolving Fund for the purpose of paying the expenses in initiating the operation of a gravel pit. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Rowlands stated that he noticed a number of persons in the audience who were interested in the Fircrest Sewer, and he would like to give the Council a brief progress report at this time. He reported that a meeting on this subject was held last Friday at which representatives from the State Department of Fisheries, State Game Department, State Division of Water Resources, State Pollution Control Commission, W. A. Stancer, County Engineer, officials from the Town of Fircrest, representatives from City Planning, Public Works, City Attorney's office were present. Mr. John Norgaard of Brown and Caldwell, who happened to be in the City, also attended this meeting. The discussion at the meeting brought out the point that the only State Department which showed any noticeable concern was the State Fisheries Department, whose chief interest was in "what might happen to their steel head hatchery on Chambers Creek where a considerable investment has been made. Mr. Norgaard of Brown and Caldwell stated he could give an approximate estimate of the development of this whole area, based on past census tables for the next 5 or 10 year period 461 470

and promised to have this report ready in about 15 days. The meeting adjourned until a time when the questions on the amount of water to be diverted into Leach Creek and the development of the area under consideration over the next 5 or 10 year period were answered, Mr. Rowlands stated. Mr. Bratrud said in his opinion Brown and Caldwell have been very dilatory in the performance of their work, as the West End area was one of the first jobs they were to make a report concerning, and nine months have elapsed and this report has not been submitted as yet. He felt the firm should be "called on the carpet" and that a written report should be demanded for next Monday's Meeting, Mr. Bratrud said. Dr. Humiston took exception to Mr. Bratrud's statements regarding Brown and Caldwell, saying he has always found them to be very cooperative in giving information. Mr. Jensen agreed with Mr. Bratrud that top priority was given to the West End Area. Mr. Bratrud also asked if any studies were being conducted on alternate means of taking care of this water, saying he was not in favor of dumping this drainage into Leach Creek if there were any other alternatives. Mr. Staman replied that all investigations point to the fact that the most economical way of getting rid of this water is to carry it down stream. Mr. Rowlands said a report of the meeting on Friday would be prepared for submission to Council members for their information by next Monday's meeting. Ray Frederick asked if the report from Brown and Caldwell would include a survey down Leach Creek, and Mr. Staman and Mr. Rowlands said they were sure it would. Mr. Frederick expressed appreciation to the Council for the consideration which was being given their problem. Mr. Ned Krilich of the Washington State Sports Council, stated that a complaint has been filed with his organization relative to the City dumping drainage water into Leach Creek, which they are investigating. He said he would like to have a copy of the report on Friday's meeting, and he was told this would be made available to him. Mr. Frederick said he too would be interested in receiving a copy of this report.

X Dr. Humiston submitted the second and final report of McKinsey and Co. on the general survey of the Department of Public Utilities and copies were distributed to each Council member.

X Mr. Jensen inquired as to the status of the purchase of new graders for the Public Works Department, which were included in the 1956 budget. Mr. Staman replied that new specifications were in the process of being prepared, as the original bids had been rejected because they felt the specifications were too restrictive, since they eliminated a certain type of equipment. In reply to a question as to who rejected the bids, Mr. Staman said that the Board of Contracts and Awards had taken this action. This brought on a long discussion as to who had the authority to reject bids, the Board or the City Council. Dr. Humiston read from Sec. 41, Paragraph c of the Administrative Code relative to "Rejection of Bids". This provides that the Board of Contracts and Awards may reject all bids when the public interest will be served thereby and upon the rejection of bids, the City Manager shall report such action at the next meeting of the City Council.* (As this was not reported to the Council, Mayor Anderson requested the City Manager in all future instances to make the required report to the Council. Mr. Rowlands promised this procedure would be followed hereafter.) Amended by Council, August 13th, see below.

Mrs. Goering commended the Public Works Department on the new cut-off which has recently been opened between 11th and 12th Streets at South Sprague Avenue, saying that this has facilitated traffic greatly at this point.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 8:53 P. M.

John H. Anderson
 President of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Melton*
 City Clerk.

* This instance, which occurred before Mr. Rowlands became City Manager, had not been reported to the City Council. Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Rowlands if he would make the required report to the City Council in all future instances when bids are rejected, and Mr. Rowlands promised to follow this procedure.