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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 8:12 P. M.

Wednesday, July 21, 1954.

Council reconvened. Present 5; Battin, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 3; Bratrud, Goering, Perdue.

Mayor Tollefson explained that the purpose of the recessed meeting this evening was to discuss the proposed Bond Program for the coming November Ballot and Report on the Review of the Classification Plan and Recommended Compensation Plan for the City of Tacoma, Washington, as submitted by G. M. Morris, Acting Field Supervisor of the Public Administration Service.

Mayor Tollefson asked that Mr. Backstrom present the Administration's proposed Bond Program, which is outlined in CM-#46, dated July 19, 1954. Mr. Backstrom stated that the Bond proposition must be filed with the County Auditor on or before September 16th in order for it to appear on the November ballot, and that an ordinance must be passed by the Council on or before August 30th, in order for the necessary work to be completed by the September 16th deadline. He explained that in the Street lighting program the figure of \$1,485,875.00 presented by the City Planning Commission had been rounded out to \$1,500,000 and that he was submitting an additional list of six streets to be improved if money is available from savings on other street lighting projects. Under Section II of the report, it is recommended by the Administration to include the South 38th Street Trunk, Arlington Trunk, T. & S. Gulch Reconstruction and the Titlow Beach Treatment Plant and necessary Interceptors, totaling \$2,100,000; Section III includes the following Street Projects: South 19th Street to be improved only from I or J to Union Avenue; South 56th Street between 1st and Ferry; on South 12th Street to South 11th Street near Sprague; South 38th Street from G Street to A Street; and replacing the existing bridge on East 34th Street between R and T Street; total cost of the Street Projects to be \$960,000.00, he stated. Mr. Backstrom said that Sec. IV, the Public Works Garage should be re-sited in the proposed bond program, as the present space is limited for department requirements, the design of the building will not serve the purposes and construction is such that a serious fire hazard is created. The location of the present building is poor because of downtown traffic congestion and this site ties up a portion of fine potential commercial property which could pay substantial taxes as a new City building could be constructed on City-owned property in the Nalley valley area. Mr. W. A. Jordan, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, presented their views and recommendations for the Bond Program, which substantially corresponded to Mr. Backstrom's report. After a brief question and discussion period on the different proposals, it was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Col. Hooker that the Bond Program as submitted by the Planning Commission and as modified and added to by the Administration be reduced to Ordinance form, and that the City Manager be directed to prepare such ordinance as in his opinion would be both expedient and legal. Passed on voice vote; Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bratrud, Goering, Perdue.

Mr. George M. Tomsho of the Staff of the Public Administration Service was present to explain in detail the Report on the Review of the Classification Plan and Recommended Compensation Plan for the City of Tacoma, as prepared by the Public Administration Service. He stated that during the survey questionnaires had been sent to 114 different industrial and business establishments in the City of Tacoma, but only 72 or 73 of the returned inquiries could be used in the survey in the tabulation and analysis of the different classifications. Before the completion of the survey 342 City positions were selected for study and the findings have been filed with the Director of Personnel. After Mr. Tomsho completed his explanation, questions were asked by several of the Council members to clarify different points in the report. Mr. Backstrom stated that more time would be required for study of the report

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ere its final adoption and requested the Council to again consider the matter at the Council meeting on Monday, July 26th. The Classification and Compensation Plan was laid over to Monday, July 26th.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council.

Josephine Melton  
City Clerk.