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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:50 P. M.,

Tuesday, July 6th, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 1; Bratrud.

It was moved by Mr. Stojack that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

RESOLUTIONS:

Lester R. Earp, et al., for rezoning from "R-2" District to "C-1" Commercial District, Lots 17 to 24 inc. Block 5, Fletcher Heights Addition and Lots 9 to 16 inc. Block 10, Fletcher Heights Addition, known as 4421 -6th Avenue, at 6th Avenue and Maple. Referred to City Planning Commission.

August F. Gratzner, owner of approximately 600 lots lying between South 41st and 48th and between Fife and Hosmer, advising that he has been negotiating with a local firm which wishes to develop this entire area by opening up streets, installing sanitary sewers and water mains, and building upwards of 300 homes; stating he has been informed by the Public Works Department engineers of the policy of the City Council not to permit a housing development in any area without first making provision for storm sewers, which is an expense the builder does not wish to incur at this time; reporting that after a preliminary survey of the sentiment for the proposed Arlington Storm Sewer District, which would include the west side of the proposed building area, it is his opinion that the possibility of it carrying either as an L. I. D. or a bond issue is extremely remote; and asking that an exception be made to the above policy in this case so that this fine project will not be disqualified on some minor technicality. Discussed and referred to the City Manager for study as to the feasibility.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 7, regarding the filing of new matter for Council's consideration, in order to consider a report from the City Planning Commission at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Arthur K. Jordan, Chairman, submitted a communication from City Planning Commission, presenting for Council's review their report on the proposed bond program, which constitutes the findings and studies of the Commission and represents its recommendations pertaining to the proposed bond program for capital improvements during the next two years. Mr. Jordan called upon Mr. Kenneth Wilcox, Chief Planning Engineer, who explained in detail the various items recommended under the bond issue. The report was then referred to the City Manager for study. 269

RESOLUTIONS:

Initial Resolution No. 13956.

L. I. D. 2185.

By Battin:

Stating intention of Council to order grading and placing thereon a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface on the alley between Wilkeson and Alaska Streets from South 35th to South 36th; L I D 2185; fixing July 27th, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack to suspend 291

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Mayor Tollefson read a communication from the Board of Pierce County Commissioners, in reply to Council Resolution No. 13944, requesting allocation of space for General City government in the South wing on three floors in New County City Building. This communication listed 8 reasons why this was not practical, and concluded with the statement that the Board of County Commissioners has unanimously agreed that they should proceed immediately with the basic plan, complete the working drawings and specifications and get the building under construction. This communication was then referred to the Council County-City Building Committee for study and reply.

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Mayor Tollefson read a letter and Resolution from the Tacoma Housing Authority, in memorial to John W. Blair, deceased, who at the time of his death was a Commissioner of the Housing Authority. Placed on file.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:40 P. M.


President of City Council

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things, and the carrying on of certain businesses, callings, professions, trades, occupations and activities in the City of Tacoma; to provide for the suspension and revocation of licenses issued; to establish license fees; to provide a penalty for the violation hereof; and to repeal Ordinances Nos. 7545, etc." (GENERAL LICENSE Ordinance- Sec. 62 f- cruising and soliciting of fares by taxicab drivers). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15052.

Relating to and regulating the exhibition of pictures, motion pictures, shows, theatricals, public entertainments, advertising and billboard displays; prohibiting the acquisition, possession, exhibition or distribution of obscene, immoral or indecent pictures or publications and the sale of or exhibition to minors of publications featuring or depicting crimes or deeds of violence, bloodshed or lust; fixing a penalty for the violation hereof; providing for a Board of Censors; and repealing Ordinances Nos. 6538 and 13493 and all amendments thereto. (to be substituted for Ordinance No. 15039, which comes up under final reading tonight). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15053. L. I. D. 4530.

Providing for grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock base, with a three inch asphaltic concrete pavement, together with cement concrete curbs and gutters, on Birmingham Street from South 56th Street to South 58th Street; creating Local Improvement District No. 4530. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15054. L. I. D. 4528.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between South 48th and South 49th streets from Park Avenue to South G Street, by grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock base, with a 3-inch asphalt concrete pavement, together with an asphalt gutter on the north side; creating Local Improvement District No. 4528. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15055.

Authorizing the purchase of vaults for use in the City Treasurer's office; and appropriating the sum of \$800.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from Cumulative Reserve Fund for Acquiring Materials, Supplies and Equipment for Municipal Purposes, to pay the cost of acquisition of the same. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15047.

Repealing Ordinance No. 15035, passed June 7, 1954. (creating L. I. D. 5159 for cast iron watermain in area between South 28th and South 36th from Mason Avenue to Lawrence Street- Oakland and Hillcrest Districts). Read in full and passed. 247

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Stojack (not voting); Absent 1; Bratrud.

Ordinance No. 15048. L. I. D. 2204.

Providing for the improvement of South Steele Street from South 38th Street to South 40th Street by grading, oil mat surfacing and storm drainage; creating Local Improvement District No. 2204. Read by title. Moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 1. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 239

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Absent 2; Bratrud, Hooker.

Finance No. 15049.

Authorizing the employment of the Public Administration Service of Chicago, Illinois, to conduct an organizational and administrative survey of the Department of Public Works and to present reports to the City upon the present operation and recommendations for an effective organizational arrangement; appropriating the sum of \$10.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund for the payment of the cost thereof; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance, the appropriation herein authorized, and the taking effect thereof immediate after publication. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. Mr. Jensen stated he was opposed to the ordinance because he felt the new Director would be in a better position to make this report than an out of state organization, and he then moved Ordinance No. 15049 be tabled for 60 days. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack, and lost on roll call: Ayes 2; Jensen, Stojack; Nays 6; Battin, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 1; Bratrud. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 6; Battin, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson; Nays 2; Jensen, Stojack. After the vote on the ordinance had been tallied and the same had been declared lost (unanimous vote required) the matter was discussed at length, in the hopes that upon explanation of the necessity for an immediate survey in order to be of assistance in compiling the 1955 Budget, the opponents of the ordinance would call for a reconsideration. Neither of the opponents indicated such a desire.

Finance No. 15039. (laid over to this date on June 21st).

Relating to and regulating the exhibition of pictures, motion pictures, shows, theatricals, public entertainments, advertising and billboard displays; fixing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for a Board of Censors; and repealing Ordinance No. 15038 and all amendments thereto. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on roll call. (See Ordinance No. 15052 under next reading of ordinances). Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance without it having been read in full.

ROLL CALL: Ayes 0; Nays 8, Battin, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 1; Bratrud. - Ordinance lost on roll call.

Finance No. 15043. (laid over to this date on June 28th for report of Fire Department).

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; and repealing Ordinances Nos. 12703, 9389 and 9598, and all amendments thereto." by amending Section 22 thereof. (ZONING ORDINANCE- Add #42 - Fuel Oil Agencies in C-2 Commercial District). Read by title. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. A report was read from R. K. Heymel of the Fire Prevention Bureau, which stated that the location of flammable liquid storage facilities, whatever the installation, is supervised and inspected by the Fire Prevention Bureau under a permit system, and that the intent of this amendment was to include existing retail sale locations of fuel oil into a classification of occupancies permitted in a given commercial district and not to create a hodge-podge of fuel oil dealers. Any one of the several listed occupancies permitted within the C-2 districts. The ordinance, after a short discussion, was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

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It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 7, regarding the filing of new material, in order to give consideration to the following resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13960.

By HUMISTON:

Expressing desire of the City to reopen negotiations with the County Commissioners regarding the feasibility of the City purchasing one block of the proposed site for the County-City Building with monies now in the Cumulative Reserve Fund-New City Hall (\$329,234.00) and paying for a City Hall wing on a lease purchase agreement, the said payments to be paid into the Bond Redemption Fund to the end that the total bond issue to be financed may be reduced by these amounts.

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Adopted on roll call July 6, 1954.

Ayes 7; Nays 1; Stojack, Absent 1; Bratrud.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom, City Manager, reported that he had received a request from Mr. Bashey, Acting Director of Public Works, to schedule an extra L. I. D. Committee meeting on August 3rd for the purpose of holding several hearings on Public Works Department improvements. Mr. Backstrom asked the permission of L. I. D. Committee members to hold this meeting, and Mr. Jensen, Dr. Humiston and Mayor Tollefson all assented to this and instructed the Director of Public Works to proceed with the hearings on August 3rd.

Mr. Backstrom advised the Council that the Tacoma Humane Society anticipates spending approximately \$10,000 for improvements in the form of new kennels, etc. due to increased business, but they do not feel it advisable to carry out this program unless some arrangements could be made whereby they would have a lease of from 15 to 25 years rather than the yearly lease arrangement as at present. Mr. Backstrom said he felt this was fair, but he still favored the proviso of cancellation of the lease by either party upon 30 days written notice, with some consideration given to arrangements for reimbursement to the Humane Society for this expenditure in the event the City cancels the lease. Before negotiating a renewal of the lease, Mr. Backstrom asked an expression from the Council on this matter. Therefore it was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston that the City Manager be instructed to proceed along the lines he had outlined and to provide the Council with the right to review of the lease. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Mr. Backstrom called on Dr. Fargher, Director of Health, who gave a brief resume of the service he has been performing for the past 3½ years as medical consultant to Rehabilitation Workers of the Pierce County Office of the State Rehabilitation Program. As a result of this experience, it is his observation that a large number of applicants have personality and emotional problems and in many cases these are the chief factors to be considered in the rehabilitation process, he said. He outlined a plan which has been developed and proposed, which would cost an estimated \$15.00 per client with a possible total of \$2,000 per year, which costs the State will reimburse the City, and asked Council's approval of this program. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin that the Program on Mental Health as outlined by the Director of Health be approved and supported by the City Council. A substitute motion was then offered by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Stojack "to table the approval of the Mental Health Program until July 12th and that more definite information be furnished the Council Members." Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Battin; Absent 1; Bratrud.

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Mayor Tollefson read a letter from Harald Bergerson, Executive Director of Tacoma Housing Authority, advising that John W. Blair's death leaves a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners and an appointment to fill this unexpired portion of the term which runs to August 16, 1957 is in order; and advising at the Board meeting the names of Dr. Henry Ernst, Minister Mason Methodist Church, Mr. John D. Powell, Vice President, R. E. Anderson Co., and Mr. James Mocer, Attorney, were mentioned. The Mayor asked other Council Members to be considering possible appointments to this important office.

Mayor Tollefson read a letter from F. L. Van Slyke of Puyallup, Washington, congratulating the Tacoma City Council on the stand taken in the arrangement of the proposed new County-City Building, and stating he hopes the Council will stand firm for separate wings for County and City Offices. Placed on file.

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


President of City Council.

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