

## COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, June 10, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5: Battin, Bratrud, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson; Mrs. Goering taking her seat at 7:37 P. M., Mr. Jensen and Mr. Stojack taking their seats at 8:00 P. M. and Mayor Anderson at 8:10 P. M. Dr. Battin presided until Mayor Anderson arrived.

Mr. Perdue called attention to the fact that Mr. Stojack's name and his name had been inadvertently left out of the roll call in the minutes of last meeting. He also said he felt the words "as covering the requests of those appearing before the Council at the first reading" should be added to the first sentence of paragraph two of the write-up on Ordinance No. 15891 - Planned Shopping Center Districts - after the words "agreed upon by the Chairman of the Planning Commission, the City Manager, and the Director of Planning" in order to state the reasons for the memo, giving alternate wording. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Council member, be approved with the corrections suggested by Mr. Perdue, and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Goering, Jensen, Stojack and Mayor Anderson.

PETITIONS:

× Fanning-Starkey Co., for rezoning from an R-2 District to a C-1 District, southwest corner of South 54th and Warner Streets. Referred to the City Planning Commission. 327

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 15016:

By Goering:

Approving the acts and actions of the Public Utility Board with respect to official statement prepared and published by the Public Utility Board, dated May 14, 1957, for use in the sale of revenue bonds known as the Light and Power Bonds of 1957.

Mr. Bratrud asked why it was necessary for the Council to adopt this resolution. City Attorney McCormick advised that this resolution was to approve the official statement prepared by the Utility Board, and is required by Charter and State Law. Mr. Barline stated that the Bond attorneys have asked to have the statement approved by the Utility Board and the City Council. Dr. Humiston said he felt the Council should take the advice of the Attorneys who are employed to represent the City; Wood, King and Dawson, who have requested this approval, are a reliable firm of Attorneys and we should comply with their wishes, Dr. Humiston added. Mr. Barline advised that the City Charter provides that all bond issues should be approved by both the Public Utility Board and the City Council.

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Ayes 6; Nays 3; Jensen, Stojack and Anderson.  
Absent 3.

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Resolution No. 15017:

By Humiston:

Confirming and approving action of the Public Utility Board in awarding the five million dollar issue of Light and Power Bonds of 1957 to Blyth and Co., Inc. and Associates, on their bid in the total sum of \$4,900,355.00 with a net interest rate of 4.291; and approving and confirming Resolution No. U-746, of the Public Utility Board.

Dr. Humiston called attention to the fact that the interest rate on these bonds of 4.291% represents a substantial amount of money. When the Ordinance was passed some time ago there was discussion as to whether or not the light rates should be adjusted upward so that many of these improvements will come out of current income, and if this is the kind of interest the City will be forced to pay, he felt the rates would have to be revaluated so a bond issue will not be necessary in the future, Dr. Humiston said. Mr. Tollefson said he has heard the interest on this issue will cost the City one and a half million dollars more than the interest on the last issue. In reply to a question as to how much interest will be paid on this issue, Mr. Barline said over the 25 year period \$3,988,000 would be paid in interest. Mr. Bratrud said he could not understand why the interest had gone up so much in a year's time, and asked if Tacoma was now on a different rating. Finance Director Gaisford replied that Tacoma's rating was changed to a BAA in 1956, while in 1955 it was A. Dr. Humiston said this lower rating was partially due to the \$15,000,000 issue of Cowlitz Bonds, which was not sold in its entirety. Mr. Barline pointed out that Tacoma's electric rates were not increased in 1956; also the bond market is bad right now, but there is nothing to indicate that interest rates will be lower in the near future. The matter of issuing a smaller amount of bonds and increasing rates to provide part of the required funds was discussed at length. Mr. Tollefson asked how much the Utility Department needed immediately and how much could be taken care of by an increase of rates. Mr. Barline replied that two million was needed this year, and a 20% increase in rates would provide the funds required in 1958, but an immediate increase is not possible in many instances as approximately 45% is sold on contract, and therefore cannot be raised until the contract expires. Mr. Barline said it was the consensus of the Utility Board that the five million dollars was needed now. Mr. Tollefson asked how much of the money realized from the sale of the bonds could be reinvested to recoup part of the interest, and Mr. Barline advised that all of the proceeds would be invested in U.S. Government securities until needed at 3.8% interest or more.

Dr. Humiston asked how soon the Council would receive a rate adjustment report so this type of bond issue will not be necessary in the future. Mr. Barline said this information was being compiled and he hoped to have it ready so hearings can be held within the next two months.

Adopted on roll call June 10, 1957

Ayes 7; Nays 2, Bratrud, Goering; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15018: ✓

L I D 2273:

By Anderson:

Fixing July 2nd, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 2273 - oil mat

surface on East 68th Street from East B Street to East E Street.

Adopted on roll call June 10, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15019:

By Goering:

Authorizing purchase of 5 tables and 30 chairs for use in the City Manager's Office and a Copy and developer photography machine for use in the Dept. of Finance, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000, and that sufficient funds be appropriated from Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation, for payment therefor.

Mr. Rowlands advised that this furniture is to be used in Room 100 at present, but is purchased to fit into the conference room in the new County-City Building in the future. Mr. Jensen said he believed there were adequate chairs in this room now, and that any new equipment for the new building should be purchased after we move. Mr. Rowlands assured the Council that all equipment purchased will conform to the grey color and will be adaptable to the conference room in the new building. Room 100 is used for Staff meetings at present, and the furniture is not conducive to good staff work, as more can be accomplished when sitting around a conference table.

Adopted on roll call June 10, 1957

Ayes 7; Nays 2, Humiston, Jensen; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15020:

By Battin:

Authorizing execution and delivery of a real estate contract to B. M. Gloyne and Dorothy M. Gloyne, for purchase of property on Defiance Street between North 45th and North 46th for the sum of \$2,000.00.

Adopted on roll call June 10, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15021:

By Bratrud:

Awarding contract to W. P. Fuller & Co. for purchase of 1500 gallons of premixed white traffic paint and beads for \$5,820, less 2% cash discount, plus State Sales Tax.

Adopted on roll call June 10, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15022:

By Goering:

Awarding to Electric Construction Co. the contract for the contract por-

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tions of the 1954 Bond Issue Street Lighting Program, designated as the 1957 Bond Street Lighting Installation Underground, on their low bid of \$32,412.94.

Adopted on roll call June 10, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15023:

By Anderson:

Appointing Edward Hudson as a member of the Public Utility Board to fill the unexpired term of Warren S. Lagerquist, ending June 30, 1960.

Adopted on roll call June 10, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Rowlands advised that the City Attorney had presented a Resolution, which should be considered at tonight's meeting, although it does not appear on the agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Dr. Battin, that Rule 7, relative to filing of new matter for Council's consideration, be suspended in order to act on Resolution No. 15024. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Resolution No. 15024:

By Anderson:

Authorizing the City Attorney to settle a lawsuit for the sum of \$4,500.00 for complete settlement and satisfaction of the claim of J. E. Bunker Co., Inc.

Mr. Rowlands called upon City Attorney McCormick for an explanation of the Resolution. Mr. McCormick advised that the damage was the result of the flooding of the premises on two occasions due to a clogged City sewer. J. E. Bunker Co., Inc., brought suit for \$24,500 and after several conferences between the Company's Attorney and City Attorneys, the claimant has agreed to settle the suit for \$4,500. They feel this is a reasonable settlement as the City was negligent in not having the manhole cleaned out after the first flooding, and they recommend settlement, Mr. McCormick added.

Adopted on roll call June 10, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15901:

Vacating that portion of Marshall Avenue, not presently vacated, from Lincoln Avenue to Milwaukee Way. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15902:

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Amending Ordinance No. 14892 - GENERAL LICENSE ORDINANCE - by amending Sections 32, 32A, 32B, 32C, 32D, 32E and 32O; and repealing Sections 19, 19A and 19B (Fumigators, Sprayers and Exterminators) Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this amendment will raise the license fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00 for sprayers and the provisions have been broadened to include "Agricultural and structural pests" as well as rodents under the exterminator's license, which remains at \$75.00. Mr. Rowlands recommended that the insurance coverage be raised to \$300,000, \$100,000 to conform to other ordinances, containing similar provisions. It was decided to make this amendment next week when the ordinance comes up for final reading. This ordinance is recommended by Dr. Fargher Director of Health and Fire Chief Fisk, Mr. Rowlands added. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

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Ordinance No. 15894:L I D 5291:

Providing for construction of cast iron watermains in View Ridge Drive from Frace Avenue to Whitman, in North 42nd from Frace to Whitman, in Frace from North 38th to View Ridge Drive, in View Ridge Drive from Frace to a point 180 feet westerly of the west line of Frace Avenue; in Whitman from View Ridge Drive to North 42nd Street; creating L I D 5291. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15895:L I D 5285:

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Providing for construction of 6-inch cast iron water mains in East Wright Avenue from East D Street to McKinley Avenue, creating L I D 5285 - Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15896:L I D 2246:

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Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 2246 - grading, ballasting, surfacing and storm sewers on all the streets in Narrowmoor 4th Addition. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No 15897:L I D 2225:

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Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 2225 - grading, ballasting and surfacing on North Frace Street from North 38th Street to North 46th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Ordinance No. 15898:L I D 2252:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2252 - cement concrete sidewalks on South 19th Street from Ainsworth Avenue to Lawrence Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15899:L I D 4583:

Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 4583 - grading asphalt paving, etc., on East B Street from East 56th Street to East 60th Street, on East 60th Street from East B to A Streets, A Street from South 60th Street to South 62nd Street, also storm sewer on East 58th Street from East D Street to East B Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15900:L I D 4604:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4604 - grading and paving with cement concrete pavement the alley between Pacific Avenue and Bell Street from South 40th Street to South 43rd Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15881:

Requiring a permit and the collection of fees therefor for the installation or alteration, extending or repairing of the steam, hot water or cooling system establishing minimum regulations for installation, extending, altering or repairing thereof. Read by title.

Ordinance No. 15882:

Amending Ordinance No. 14892 - LICENSE ORDINANCE - by adding thereto 9 new sections to be known as Sections 77, 77A to 77H incl. (licensing heating installations). Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands advised that they have held several meetings with representatives of Industrial Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, Apartment House owners, etc., and many additional suggestions were presented, which they would like to evaluate before the ordinance is passed. He recommended both these ordinances be laid over to July 8th to allow the staff time to study these suggestions. It was moved by Dr. Eatin, seconded by Dr. Humiston, that Ordinance No. 15881 and 15882 be laid over to July 8th, 1957. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Farlin Nye, Manager, Mr. Roger Peck, President and Mr. Hilton Gardner, Attorney for Consumers Central Heating Co. were present, and Mayor Anderson called upon Mr. Nye to present their views on the ordinance. Mr. Nye said they felt they should be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance, as they were a public Utility operating under a franchise from the City. They should not be obligated to take out

a permit to repair breaks in their lines in order to keep up the service to their customers, he stated.

Mr. Rowlands explained that such cases as Mr. Nye presents are the reasons that they would like to have more time to work out these problems. Mayor Anderson asked the City Manager to notify Mr. Nye when any meetings for the discussion of these ordinances are to be held.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment rolls for the cost of the improvement in the following Local Improvement Districts:

L I D 2247 - grading, ballasting and surfacing on Mason Avenue from South 8th Street to South 9th Street. 47:407  
48:327

L I D 2250:- grading, ballasting and surfacing North Highland and Winifred Streets from the north line of Nelson's 2nd Addition to North 30th Street; also North 30th Street from Highland to Shirley Streets. 47:410  
48:328

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Tollefson that July 16, 1957 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

X The request of the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society for financial assistance was brought up for discussion. Mr. Rowlands advised that copies of the letter from the Humane Society had been furnished each Council member, so they were familiar with the problems involved.

Dr. Humiston asked if this financial assistance referred to next year's budget or was it intended to be immediately.

Mr. Rowlands replied, it was to be as soon as possible. He has discussed the problem with Stanton Griggs and Archie Fiedler from the Humane Society and, as a result, he would make the following recommendations for financial aid.

(1) That the Humane Society be permitted to purchase gasoline from the City Pump, which would save \$350. in taxes.

(2) That the Humane Society revenue from Dog Licenses be increased from 85% to 95% - which will give them an additional \$3,600 a year.

(3) That the City pay for all license forms and tags, which would save \$800 to \$900 a year.

The savings from these recommendations total around \$4,500 a year.

The ordinance covering the contract with Tacoma Humane Society would have to be amended in order to put these recommendations into operation, but it cannot be made retroactive, Mr. Rowlands stated.

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Griggs how much additional money was needed. Mr. Griggs said they would like to have an additional \$9,800 for an increase in wages for employees and to put into operation a mobile unit.

However, they were grateful for the \$5,000 which Mr. Rowlands has recommended and he felt a good deal could be accomplished with this amount, he added.

Mayor Anderson asked if they had considered licensing cats, explaining that his office has had numerous calls suggesting this, and he asked Mr. Griggs to investigate this possibility and report back to Council in the next few weeks. After further discussion, Mr. Bratrud asked the City Manager to bring in amendments to the Contract to take care of the three suggestions he made.

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

✓ Tacoma Police Department - monthly report for May, 1957.

Mayor Anderson commended the Police Department for the fine job performed when the Shrine Convention was in town last week.

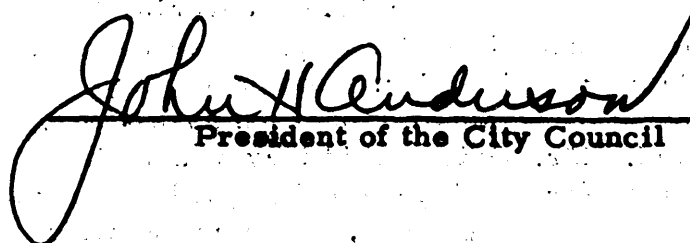
Mr. Bratrud said he felt there was another commendation which should be made. He told of the group of children from the Indian Hospital who were viewing the parade under the supervision of three women. As the Shriners passed this group they threw gum and candy to the children. As the gum and candy were eaten wrappers were thrown on the street. One of the women had a "litter bag" and she picked up every scrap of paper thrown by her charges. He felt a letter should be written thanking this lady for her civic thoughtfulness, Mr. Bratrud said.

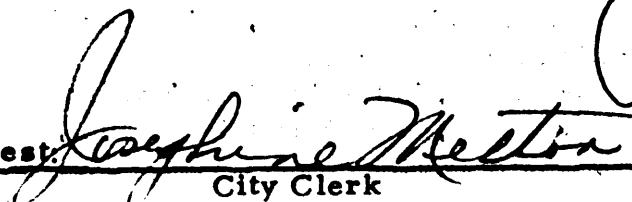
Dr. Battin reported that at the Association of Washington Cities Convention in Bellingham last week, Councilman Tollefson had delivered a realistic, factual and dynamic speech. He suggested that this speech be duplicated for each member of the Council and the State Legislators from Pierce County. Mayor Anderson advised the Mayor of Poulsbo had spoken very highly of Mr. Tollefson's speech. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mrs. Goering, that Mr. Tollefson's speech be duplicated and sent to the Council members and Pierce County Legislators. Motion carried unanimously.

As requested by the County Assessor, Mayor Anderson appointed Dr. Humiston, Mr. Jensen and Mr. Tollefson to serve on the 1957 Pierce County Board of Equalization, which will convene at 1:30 P. M. July 1st in the Assessor's Office.

Mayor Anderson asked Council members to report the dates, when they plan to be out of the City on vacation to the Mayor's Secretary, so as to avoid having too many absent at one time.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 9:16 P.

  
President of the City Council

Attest:   
City Clerk