

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, August 31, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5: Andersnn, Bratrud, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 4, Easterday, Goering, Humiston and Perdue. Mrs. Goering coming in at 4:05 P.M. Mr. Easterday and Mr. Perdue coming in at 4:10 P.

Mr. Anderson moved that the minutes of the meeting of August 24, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Easterday, Goering, Humiston and Perdue.

Mayor Hanson explained that before proceeding with the regular order of business he would like to acknowledge the presence of Mr. Arthur M. Angove, President of the Retired Employees of Tacoma who submitted a letter requesting consideration of an increase in pensions for those employees who were retired prior to the adoption of the Social Security System. Mayor Hanson explained this communication was received too late to be placed on the agenda. He advised Mr. Angove that it will be placed on the agenda for next week's Council meeting, whereby giving the Council an opportunity to study the matter.

Mr. Angove said this was agreeable with him and that he would be present to answer any questions at the meeting of the Council on September 8th.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15863:

Mrs. Goering coming in at this time.

BY EASTERDAY:

277 Fixing September 21, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property located on East I Street from East 27th to the alley between East 25th and East 26th Streets. (Petition of Oscar Kretshmar)

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call August 31, 1959
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Easterday, Humiston and Perdue.

Resolution No. 15864:

BY PRICE:

277 Fixing September 21, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the north 15 feet of So. 10th Street between Winnifred and the alley between Winnifred and Bantz Blvd. (Petition of William Schultz)

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call August 31, 1959
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Easterday, Humiston and Perdue.

Mr. Easterday and Mr. Perdue coming in at this time.

Resolution No. 15865:

BY PORTER:

Pursuant to Chapter 9.18.080 of the City Code, Mr. Barney Gallagher and wife, residing at 2016 So. K St. are entitled to be heard and show cause why such debris should not be removed or destroyed from the location of 1803 So. K Street.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Dague, Assistant Fire Chief, explained to the Council that this situation has been investigated quite thoroughly. The property owners have been asked to clean up the lot but have failed to do so as yet. The tall grass on the property constitutes a fire hazard in this dry weather and could result in the destruction of neighboring buildings. Last year the Fire Department answered an alarm at this address which was caused from a grass fire and in turn had started roof fires on two or three of the adjoining homes. The Fire Department has requested that the Public Works Department be allowed to remove this grass and debris which presents a threat to the neighborhood and that Mr. Gallagher be charged for the removal of the debris.

Mr. Rowlands said this is a problem that the City is faced with every summer. It is hoped that soon the public, by the power of suggestion, will clean up all property for health and safety reasons, making this method unnecessary.

Adopted on roll call August 31, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15867:

BY PERDUE:

Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$25,000 from the General Fund of the Athletic and Recreational Field Construction Fund prior to the receipt of the money from the sale of General Obligation Bonds.

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It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution provides for a working capital prior to the receipt of money from the Bond sale for the baseball field. It will be repaid from the General Fund, interest free, he added.

Adopted on roll call August 31, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15868:

BY PORTER:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to employ Preston, Thorgrimson Horowitz as bond attorneys for the issuance and sale of limited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal sum of \$590,000 to pay the cost of acquiring, constructing and making certain park and recreational improvements.

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It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mayor Hanson said this would facilitate the sale of bonds at a more desirable rate of interest.

Adopted on roll call August 31, 1959
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Goering; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15869:

BY HUMISTON:

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Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a written lease to Bessie M. McRae, doing business as the Coast Iron and Machine Works to sublease property located at 1121-1123 Dock Street to Dravis Engineering & Machine Works and Johnny's Seafood Market.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Bratrud asked when this agreement became effective.

Mr. Lowry, Assistant City Attorney, said, direction from the Council should be made in that respect as there were no requirements at the time of the agreement was entered into.

Mr. John Rhea, attorney for Johnny's Seafood and Dravis Engineering, said the agreement was negotiated in May but there has been a delay in the execution of a lease due to the desire to include his clients. The property has not yet been used because of the lack of a signed lease, Mr. Rhea added.

Mr. Anderson said he did not feel that it would be fair to make the agreement retroactive to May, inasmuch as the company has been unable to use the property.

Mr. Bratrud said he did not feel the City should suffer the loss of the rent for this property. Since the agreement was entered into during May, the rent should be paid from that time.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said as he recollects proposals were called for on this property, then the Council accepted this proposal subject to the approval of an agreement with the two other companies involved. He said it appeared to him the proper thing to do would be to recheck the records to ascertain what transpired at that time. If the proposal was accepted outright, the rent should be paid from that date. However, if at that time this was not determined, making it impossible for the tenants to take possession of the property and utilize it, he felt some consideration should be given to them.

Mr. Anderson then moved that the Resolution be passed subject to the Legal Department checking the records to determine what would be the effective date of the lease. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Roll was then taken on the Resolution as amended. (Effective date 9/1)

Adopted on roll call August 31, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15870:

BY GOERING:

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Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a written lease

between the City of Tacoma and Bessie M. McRae, doing business as the Coast Iron Machine Works, for property located at 1131 Dock Street. 260

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Rowlands explained that according to the terms of the agreement this would become effective on or about October 1, 1959.

Adopted on roll call August 31, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15871:

RESOLVE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the State Department of Highways to connect to the City's sewer line from the Freeway to the City's Trunkline at Center and Hosmer Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Highway Department would be connecting to the City's storm drain now. Eventually there will be a line running into the Tideflat area. This work is being done jointly in connection with the Freeway and will mean considerable saving to the City and Highway Department, he added.

Adopted on roll call August 31, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16414:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to purchase and/or institute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the condemnation of property on No. Frace between No. 46th and Darien Drive for public use and necessity. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this matter has been settled. Therefore the condemnation action will not be necessary and asked that this Ordinance be voted down.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Ordinance be tabled. Seconded by Mrs. Price.
Action carried: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Ordinance No. 16415:

Creating a new fund in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma to be known as "Athletic and Recreational Field Construction Fund." Read by title and placed in order of Final reading. 267

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16413:

Vacating that portion of the alley located between So. 34th and So. 35th 256

Streets from the City of Tacoma Flume Line right-of-way to Pine Street. (Petition of Saul Levy) Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on the proposed agreement between Pierce County and the City of Tacoma on the Baseball Park.

Mayor Hanson said the Council has before them the agreement with Pierce Co. for the construction of the Baseball Park, which was passed out by the City Manager.

Mr. Anderson asked that the Discussion be held over until next week, in order that the Council members may be given an opportunity to read the agreement.

Mr. Bratrud then moved that the discussion on the proposed agreement be postponed until September 8, 1959. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Motion carried: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System on investments during August, 1959.

Report from the Tacoma Transit System.

Report from the Utilities Department for the month of July, 1959 for the Beltline, Light Division and the Water Division.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands distributed the 1960 Preliminary Budget for Council's consideration. He added that the staff should be commended for their many hours of work in preparing the preliminary budget.

Mr. Rowlands said the American Municipal Association Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado this year from November 29th through December 2, 1959. Reservations should be made early by those desiring to attend.

Mr. Anderson said it has been brought to his attention by a letter from the Better Business Bureau that there is no Ordinance regulating the amount of interest charged by a pawn broker. The letter cited a case in which a visitor to Tacoma, in need of money, pawned a diamond ring for \$150.00. He repayed \$180.00 but was informed he still owed the original loan of \$150.00. Intervention of the Better Business Bureau resolved this situation, but Mr. Anderson said he felt that Mr. Rowlands should investigate the situation in other cities and perhaps have an Ordinance drawn regulating interest rates charged by pawn brokers. The Council agreed that this should be investigated.

Mr. Anderson announced that a Sister City Meeting would be held in Tacoma and asked if Mr. Rowlands would choose a convenient date for a meeting. Several members on the Committee have asked that Mayor Hanson give a report on his trip furnishing the Committee with information enabling them to plan a civic celebration in the future and to have some one here from Kokura, Japan for the affair.

Mr. Rowlands said the Committee and the Council is confronted with the decision on the big exhibition Kokura is planning in 1960. They want to know if Tacoma is going to rent space there and display one of the northwest's typical homes/

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Mayor Hanson said the groundwork will be ready by next week if the committee desires to meet the latter part of the week.

Mr. Perdue said the Threshing Bee, Sunday, was a tremendous success. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mayor Hanson said the South Tacoma Kiwanis Club and others who participated would be commended on the affair.

Mayor Hanson informed the Council he was planning a meeting to formulate the program for the City of Tacoma's participation in the Century 21 event. He said it was certainly incumbent upon the City to do everything possible to make a success of the program as it should be beneficial to the entire northwest.

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Mayor Hanson read a letter from Worthen, Wing, Seifert & Forbes, architectural firm, thanking the Council for considering them for the baseball project, and adding that the Council's decision to hire another firm in no way altered their interest in the baseball project. Therefore they were forwarding data compiled by their staff in connection with the baseball field, with the hope it would prove helpful.

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Mr. Perdue said he felt it would be proper for the Mayor to write a letter to Worthen, Wing, Seifert & Forbes thanking them on behalf of the Council for their helpful attitude.

Mayor Hanson said he would see that an appropriate letter was sent.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Ben Hanson
President of the City Council

Attest: Joseph Melton
City Clerk