

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:41 P.M.

Monday, October 3, 1955.

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

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston, 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 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14404.

By Jensen:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for grading, surfacing and concrete sidewalks on South 53rd Street from Wilkeson Street to Alaska Street, L. I. D. No. 2229, to Kendall Construction Co. on their low bid of \$4,232.35.

Adopted on roll call October 3, 1955.
Ayes 7; Nays 1; Battin, Absent 1; Bratrud.

Initial Resolution No. 14405. L. I. D. 2236.

By PERDUE:

Stating intention of Council to order grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat surface, together with storm sewer, on East C Street from East 46th Street to East 48th Street; creating L I D 2236 and fixing November 1, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call October 3, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Resolution No. 14406.

By GOERING:

Authorizing private sale for sum of \$10.00 cash of all right, title and interest of the City of Tacoma and directing execution and delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to Don Medley and Merle Medley, covering certain described property consisting of vacant land between Barron Street and South 19th and between Whitman and Vassault Streets. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call October 3, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Initial Resolution No. 14407. L I D 5259.

By HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order installation of a 6-inch cast iron water main in Ferry Street from South 19th Street to a point approximately 362 feet south of the South line of South 25th Street and in South 25th Street from State to

Sprague; creating L I D 5259 and fixing November 1st, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call October 3, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Resolution No. 14408.

By HUMLSTON:

Dedicating certain property more fully described herein for street purposes, required in L I D 2210, which is owned by the Light Division and is a portion of the Cushman Transmission right of way in the vicinity of the Pearl Street Switching Station, and setting forth terms and conditions under which said property will be dedicated for said purpose. (near North 26th and Pearl). It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call October 3, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Initial Resolution No. 14409. L I D 1944.

BY PERDUE:

Stating intention of Council to order laying of sanitary or local sewers on East N Street from Fairbanks Street south for approximately 500 feet, also on Lennox Place from East N Street west approximately 275 feet; creating L I D 1944 and fixing November 1, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call October 3, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15439.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for King County, under the right of eminent domain, for the purpose of providing protection for the water supply of the City of Tacoma. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15440.

L. I. D. 5253

Providing for the construction of a twelve (12) inch cast iron water main in Ferry Street from South 42nd Street to South 43rd Street, in South 43rd Street from Ferry Street to Hosmer Street, in Hosmer Street from South 43rd Street to South 47th Street, in South 47th Street from Hosmer Street to Wilkeson Street and in Wilkeson Street from South 47th Street to South 49th Street; and eight (8) inch cast iron water main in South 48th Street from Wilkeson Street to Alaska Street; and a six inch (6) cast iron water main in South 43rd, South 44th, South 45th and South 46th streets from Alaska Street to Hosmer Street, in South 47th Street from Alaska Street to Wilkeson Street, in South 48th Street from Hosmer Street to Wilkeson Street and in South 49th Street from Hosmer Street to Asotin Street; creating L I D No. 5253. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15441.

Amending Section 6 of Ordinance No. 15004 entitled: "An ordinance providing for the making of certain additions, replacements and betterments to the existing municipal water works system of the City of Tacoma; specifying and adopting the plan and system proposed therefor; declaring the estimated cost thereof as near as may be determined; providing for the issuance and sale of Series "A", Series "B", Series "C", Series "D" and Series "E" Special Obligation Bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$1,000,000 each, to be known as Water Bonds Series "A" 1954, Water Bonds Series "B" 1954, Water Bonds Series "C" 1954, Water Bonds Series "D" 1954, and Water Bonds Series "E" 1954; and creating and establishing a special fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds." Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15442.

Amending Section 62w of Ordinance No. 14892- -- GENERAL LICENSE ORDINANCE- entitled: "An ordinance to provide for licensing and regulating the operation of certain devices, vehicles and things, and the carrying on of certain businesses, callings, professions, trade, 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, etc." and providing for the termination of previous revocations. (Sec. 62w- Suspension and revocation of taxi driver's license- fixing the period for revocation to be 6 months). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15443.

Authorizing the securing of the services of Gerald Patten as Workmen's Compensation Claim Agent in the Public Works Department; providing terms for said services and fixing the amount of compensation to be paid therefor; apportioning said amount to various departments; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the securing of said services.. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15433. L I D 5257.

Providing for the construction of a 12-inch cast iron water main in South 19th Street from Tyler Street to Mason Avenue; an 8-inch cast iron water main in Mason Avenue from South 19th Street to South 23rd Street; and a 6-inch cast iron water main in Tyler Street from South 12th Street to South 19th Street and in South 17th Street from Tyler Street to Mason Avenue; creating L I D No. 5257. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15434. L I D 5256.

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main and fire hydrants in East 50th Street from East B Street to a point approximately 720 feet east and in East "B" Street from East 50th Street to East 52nd Street, creating L I D No. 5256. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full..

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

Ordinance No. 15435. L I D 6746.

Providing for the installation of ornamental street lights, with underground wiring, on Rochester Street from Sixth Avenue to North 9th Street; creating L I D 6746. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 1 + 1
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Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Ordinance No. 15436. L I D 4576.

Providing for the improvement of North 12th Street from Mason Street to Proctor Street by grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon an asphaltic concrete pavement, with cement concrete curbs and gutters, together with the necessary storm drainage; creating L I D 4576. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. Mayor Tollefson inquired of Mrs. Goering, Chairman of the L I D Committee, if she had heard from either of the parties who had been asked to contact her relative to a protest at the last Council meeting. She replied that one person, who lived on Proctor Street, had called but that his objection was something about which they could do nothing as he was assessed because of the State Law, which provides that property be assessed 1/2 block back. The Committee recommends that the remonstrance be overruled and the district created, she added. Mr. Ben F. Nelson of 1202 North Proctor complained that the property owners on Proctor Street had not been notified of any neighborhood meetings to formulate the project, and that they knew nothing about it until they received the notice from the City. The procedure followed in L I Ds was explained to Mr. Nelson by the Mayor, who also advised him that the City had nothing to do with calling neighborhood meetings. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 150
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Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Battin (not voting) Absent 1; Bratrud.

Ordinance No. 15437. L I D 2179.

Providing for grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon a gravel and oil mat surface on Shirley Street from North 31st Street to the south line of Westmoreland Terrace; creating L I D 2179. Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 150
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Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Ordinance No. 15438.

Amending Section 48 of Ordinance No. 15106, entitled: "An ordinance adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonelective officers and employees of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City Government, etc." (Pay or compensation plan--Section 48- Vacation Allowance). Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15444.

Amending Section 13 of Ordinance No. 14039, entitled: "An ordinance providing for a retirement and pension system for superannuated and disabled officers and employees of the City of Tacoma; prescribing the conditions under which retirement

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allowances and other benefits shall be paid; fixing rates of contribution and assessments and providing for the adjustment thereof; providing for the financing and administration of said system, etc." declaring the effective date hereof; and declaring an emergency to exist making necessary the immediate passage and taking effect of this ordinance and that the same shall take effect immediately after publication. (Providing for social security for City employees). Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works submitted assessment and assessment rolls for the cost of the improvements in the following districts: L I D 1929- sanitary sewer in alley between East 61st Street and East 62nd Street from East B Street to East D Street; and L I D 2211- oil mat on Durango Street from South 15th Street to South 17th Street. It was moved by Dr. Humiston that November 1, 1955 be fixed as the date of hearing on the above rolls. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud. 46-344
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This being the date to which Council continued the hearing on petition of Fred G. Berto, et al (10-29-54) for vacation of the westerly 10 feet of Shirley Street extending from Sixth Avenue to South 12th Street, the matter was brought up at this time. As this hearing had been continued so that petitioners might explain to Council the reasons for vacating this strip, Mayor Tollefson asked if anyone was present to make this explanation. Mr. Fred G. Berto advised the Council that they are asking for this vacation, as the street is very wide and at present they have a wide front lawn and they would like to build closer to the property line. One property owner asked to be allowed to build his house 10' from the property line and was granted this variance by the City Planning Commission with the understanding that a petition would be filed asking for vacation of a 10 foot strip, in order that no more variance permits would be needed, Mr. Faville of the City Planning Commission Staff advised the Council. ~~Mr. Stojack advised that the Planning Commission recommended the vacation of 10' in order to give property owners the required number of square feet for a building site;~~ Mr. Backstrom called attention to the fact that the City Planning Commission recommended that the vacation be granted between 6th Avenue and 11th Street rather than 12th Street as petitioned for and Mr. Berto said this was agreeable to the petitioners. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen that the vacation of a 10' strip on the westerly side of Shirley Street from 6th Avenue to South 11th be granted and the City Attorney be directed to bring in an ordinance covering this vacation. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Mayor Tollefson called on the Civics Group from the two high schools to make a report of the result of the survey conducted by their classes on the Charter proposition. Miss Edna Sun, spokesman for the group, read the questionnaire which they had used, for Council's information and gave the tabulation of the answers received. On the question of the time for the election for the adoption of the new charter, the results were as follows: For an election in December- 134; for next spring at the time of the regular City election in March- 250; no choice in the matter- 90. At the conclusion of the report the Mayor thanked the students and their teachers for the fine Civic work they had performed. Mr. A. L. Daniel, Stadium Civics instructor, thanked Council for the courtesy extended the students in listening to their report, and warned the Council not to take the poll too seriously as prejudices might have crept into it.

This being the date fixed by State Law for hearing on the Preliminary Budget, adopted by the Council on September 19th, 1955, the Clerk reported the publication of the notice required by law on September 21 and 28, 1955. Dr. Humiston, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted a preliminary report of the Committee, which contained five recommendations for the 1956 Budget, a copy of which was furnished each Council member. Another recommendation VI should be added to the re-

port, which is that Hydrant Rental be changed from \$50,000 in 1955 to \$80,000 for 1956, and that this item be reviewed annually, Dr. Humiston said.

The matter of salaries and wages is the most important item, Dr. Humiston said, and in all fairness to employees and their representatives the Council should specify one night when this will be considered. It was decided that Thursday night would be fixed as the time employees and their representatives would be heard.

Mr. Backstrom reported that the Library Board and the Director of Libraries would appear before Council on Tuesday night. Dr. Humiston advised that the Library Board had been notified of the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Stewart, Chairman of the Park Board, who was present was called upon, but said they would like to have their hearing delayed until more members of the Board could be present. Dr. Humiston reported that Mr. Williams of the Park Board had been advised of the Finance Committee's recommendation (allocation of \$250,000 by the City to the Metropolitan Park District). He said the City Council is in no way responsible for the pay rates set by the Park Board and any pay increases would have to be made by that body. Mr. Darrell Newhouse, Union representative of the Park Employees, spoke in favor of a raise for these employees, stating they would like to have their wages brought up to the first pay bracket of City employees, but the Park Board has no money available for this purpose unless it is granted to them by the City Council. It was pointed out by the Mayor that the City is using 77.7% of its Budget for wages, while the Park District is using only 69% of its money for this purpose. Dr. Humiston said the City has curtailed all legitimate requests in favor of wage increases for employees while the Park Board has followed the policy of expansion rather than salaries. It is up to them what they do with the money they have, he added. Mrs. Stewart was advised at the conclusion of the discussion that the Park Board members would be given an opportunity to be heard further on Tuesday night. 181

Dr. Humiston reported that the Transit Company has requested their franchise tax be reduced to 1%, but that the Finance Committee had made a recommendation of a reduction to 2%. The company officials have not been advised of this action, and he suggested they be invited to come in tomorrow night. Mr. Backstrom said he would advise them to this effect.

Dr. Battin said he felt the Public Utilities representatives should be present when wages are discussed Thursday and should be notified to be here that night.

Mr. Jensen said he thought that Department heads should also be present at some time or other to answer questions.

Mr. Backstrom said he would notify the Chairman of the Utility Board and the Director to be present tomorrow night.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Tollefson read a communication from the Public Utility Board, quoting Section 4.15 of the City Charter--"At intervals not exceeding ten years the Council shall, at the expense of the utilities involved, cause a general management survey to be made of all utilities under the jurisdiction of the Board by a competent management consulting or industrial engineering firm, the report and recommendations of which shall be made public; provided, that the first such survey shall be made within three years of the effective date of this charter" and asking Council to take steps to carry out the Charter provisions. Mayor Tollefson pointed out that this survey would be necessary by June of 1956, and that it was the duty of the Council to select some-one to conduct the management survey, and referred the matter to the Utilities Committee, consisting of Humiston, Jensen and Bratrud, for prompt action. As Mr. Bratrud is in the Hospital and will not be available for at least a week, Mr. Perdue was appointed to act in his place.

Mayor Tollefson read an announcement of the Regional meeting of the Association of Washington Cities, which is a dinner meeting at Puyallup on Friday, November 4th and asked how many Council members planned to attend. The following made reservations, Battin, Goering, Perdue, Jensen, and Mayor Tollefson. Mr. Stojack was uncertain.

Mayor Tollefson read a communication from E. S. Christofferson, Mayor of Turlock, California, recommending that the City of Tacoma open all Council meetings with prayer; submitting a list of 130 cities in California which have adopted this practice; and suggesting that the simplest method of carrying out this policy is to arrange with the Ministerial Union to have a clergy at each meeting. Mayor Tollefson said this suggestion would be given further consideration by Council.

The Mayor submitted the following names for Council's consideration as appointments to the Board of Adjustment:


- (1) Richard Beckman, Beckman Electric- 2 year term
- (2) Dutton Hayward, Puget Sound National Bank- 3 year term
- (3) James Rondeau, Foss Launch Co.- 4 year term
- (4) Norbert Knecht, Attorney- 5 year term.

He also submitted the name of Maurice M. Dodge of Binyon Optical Co. to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

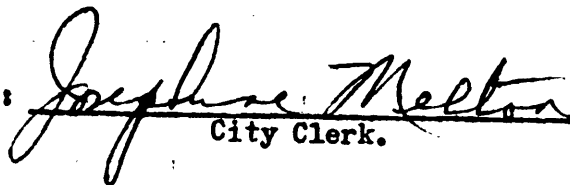
Mrs. Goering inquired whether the Freeholders had received an acknowledgment of their letter of September 19th, requesting that an early December election be held on the proposed new City Charter and that they be advised within 10 days of Council's action, and stated she felt a reply should be given them out of courtesy. The Mayor said no letter had been written to his knowledge. Mr. Backstrom advised that in order to hold the election on December 6th, as requested, the ordinance providing for the special election must be given first reading on next Monday, October 10th. Dr. Numiston said he would at this time make a request for the preparation of such an ordinance. Mr. Backstrom advised that the ordinance would be prepared, but would not be put on the agenda or presented to Council unless the Charter is received from the Freeholders. The Mayor advised that a reply would be forwarded to the Freeholders in the near future.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the budget hearing be continued to Tuesday, October 4th at 7:30 P. M.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council at 10:20 P. M. recessed to Tuesday, October 4th, 1955 at 7:30 P. M.


President of City Council

Attest:


City Clerk.