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City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, July 19, 1960

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7; Cvitanich, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 2, Bott and Easterday; Mr. Bott coming in at 7:10 P. M., Mr. Easterday coming in at 7:30 P. M.

It was moved by Mr. Murtland that the minutes of June 28th be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 7, Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Easterday.

Mr. Murtland moved that the minutes of July 5, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Olson. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 7, Nays 0; Absent 2, Bott and Easterday.

Mr. Bott coming in at this time, 7:10 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Don L. Murphy, Murphy Logging & Timber Co., requesting to be heard before the Council.

Mayor Hanson asked the opinion of the Council members on Mr. Murphy's request to appear before them this evening.

Mr. Murtland said, at the time Mr. Murphy asked to be heard before the Council some time ago, he was opposed to a hearing since the case was still under consideration in a local court, and was under advisement by the Judge at that time. However, he added, since that point has now been decided, he felt Mr. Murphy had a right to speak before the Council, and there was nothing improper in permitting him to do so.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, if the legal action had been terminated.

Mr. McCormick said it has not been terminated as yet. It is still in litigation but an appeal can still be made to the Supreme Court.

Mayor Hanson said it was his feeling, since the appeal period has not expired and the matter is still with the judiciary, the Council would be in error to consider the matter before final determination by the Courts.

Marshall McCormick explained this arose out of a suit brought by Mr. Murphy against the City through the Utilities Department, which involved three damage suits and is under the jurisdiction of the Utility Board.

Mr. Bingham and Mr. Henriot, attorneys from the Utilities' legal office, handled the case, which was decided before a jury. After the jury brought in their verdict, the City moved to strike out a certain item of damages which the Court granted. At the time Mr. Murphy asked to be heard before the Council and was denied, this matter was pending before Judge Richmond.

Mr. Murtland asked if Mr. Murphy, as one litigant, could not speak to the Council, representing the City as the other litigant, without argument, to express his particular contentions in this case.

Mr. McCormick said, if the Council wishes to adopt a policy of trying law suits before the Council before their final determination by the Courts, that is up to their discretion.

Mayor Hanson said he felt that such a policy would hamper the City Attorney's office and would also become quite a strain on the City Council.

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Mr. Bott moved that the City Council deny Mr. Murphy's request at this time. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition of the Postmaster General of the United States for the rezoning of property at South 38th and A Streets, from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District.

An appeal has been filed by E. Jennings Beard, Reg. Real Estate Officer, United States Post Office Department.

Mayor Hanson said the Planning Department has suggested August 23, 1960 as the date for hearing on the appeal. Mr. Porter moved that August 23, 1960, be set as the date for hearing. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

Mayor Hanson said he had received a communication from Mr. Jack Tanner requesting an audience before the City Council tonight in regard to what he termed as "irresponsible actions" taken by the Chief of Police in the City of Tacoma, which he felt are direct violations to the duties and responsibilities of his office.

Mr. Bott inquired if Mr. Kerr, Chief of Police, was present.

Mr. Rowlands replied that Mr. Kerr was out of the city for a few days.

Mr. Bott moved that the matter be delayed until the Chief of Police could be present. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Rowlands said he has no information on this matter and would like to have an opportunity to review this with the Chief and the staff.

Mr. Murtland said he thought, before the communication was properly introduced, or before the Council takes any action, more detailed information should be submitted.

Voice vote was then taken on the motion to postpone the matter until Chief Kerr's return, resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

PETITIONS:

6th Avenue Business Builders, protesting consideration of parking meters or other parking devices on Sixth Avenue.

Mayor Hanson said this petition will be filed and referred to prior to any action taken in extending parking meters to that area.

Mayor Hanson indicated that the 26th and Proctor district was one area he would consider for parking meters as he has received requests that the area be considered. He did not indicate the meters would be extended there, however.

A businessman, representing the 26th & Proctor district, said they had not filed a petition, because at the meeting held last week with Mr. Rowland at the Top of the Ocean, the question of installing parking meters in the area was overwhelmingly and unanimously turned down. It was felt that the motivation behind the proposal was not just and should be investigated thoroughly before any further action is taken.

Mayor Hanson said he did not think it would be necessary to consider each individual business district at this time. Should the Council seriously consider extending parking meters to any area, there would be sufficient notice to permit the interested parties to present their views prior to any action.

Mr. Steele said he felt all this concern was premature and thought it should be made clear that this is not a revenue proposition.

Mr. Bott said he and Mr. Cvitanich were present at the meeting at the Top of the Ocean and the people were assured there was no intention of installing meters in the area at the present time.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16212: (Continued from meeting of July 12, 1960 for amendments.)

Fixing Monday, August 8th, 1960 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3510 for sanitary sewers in the area of East T Street from 56th Street to 72nd Street.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16220:

Awarding contract to J. D. Shotwell Company for L I D 4653 in the amount of \$63, 523. 35 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Rowlands advised there was a correction to be made in the Engineer's estimate; that it should read \$70, 338. 95 instead of \$63, 523. 35. It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be amended to change the figure on the Engineer's estimate from \$63, 523. 35 to \$70, 338. 95. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

Voice vote on the Resolution as amended, resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16221:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to Trivia Pasich, commonly known as Tom Page, a quitclaim deed, which was lost, for property on South 66th Street.

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

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16222:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a real estate contract to W. S. & Joy T. Erspamer, and R. L. and Laura McGinn, for the sum of \$10,000 for property located on both sides of North 39th between North Baltimore and Shirley Streets.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16223:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an acceptance of an easement with the N. P. Railway Co. in the amount of \$25.00 for the purpose of constructing a public stairway from the proposed Yakima Avenue Bridge to the street surface of Center Street.

It was moved by Mrs. Olson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Steele:

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution has been carefully reviewed by the Public Works Department and the Consulting Engineer, Horace Whitaker. This agreement will help finalize the exact location of the stairway, he added.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Easterday.
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16224:

Accepting the plat of Miller's Durango Addition on South 19th and Durango Streets.

Mr. Easterday coming in at this time, 7:30 P. M.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16225:

Establishing a ten-minute parking zone in front of the Defiance Hardware Store at 5042 No. Pearl Street.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this area was checked by the Traffic Engineer, as are all similar requests.

Mrs. Olson asked who enforces these restricted areas.

Mr. Rowlands said this is practically self-enforcing. If the restrictions are ignored at a long period of time, action can be taken.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16226:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute contracts with W. K. Fanning, Harold C. Starkey and Herbert F. Syford for appraisal reports in connection with the Fawcett Area Urban Renewal Area, WASH R-3.

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It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Olson:

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Urban Renewal Department reviewed proposals submitted by ten qualified appraisers. The determination to whom the contract was awarded is based on the rate per appraisal per day, the number of appraisal days per type of property, and the number of days the appraiser would be available. Mr. Fanning, Mr. Starkey, and Mr. Syford, were the three who were available and who presented the lowest possible cost to the City.

Mr. Rowlands called the Council's attention to the chart attached to the Resolution, pointing out that Mr. Syford's bid was \$75 per day and the other two appraisers were \$100 a day.

Several Council members questioned the proposal fees as shown on the chart, and asked for clarification.

Mr. Vincent Frederick, member of the Urban Renewal staff, said the appraisers were asked how much they would charge per day for their time. The rates ranged from \$75 to \$100 per day, but unless it is known what an appraiser can do in a day, the price does not have much consequence. Normally, the \$100 rate per day is the going price for an appraiser, he added.

Mr. Easterday asked what was the estimated cost of the appraisal.

Mr. Frederick said the total figure of \$6900, which is an advance from the Federal Government.

Mr. Bott said the City is issuing the same contract to three different appraisers; two at \$100 per day, another at \$75 per day. He said it doesn't seem right that the City should pay \$100 to one person to do the same work as the other who is being paid \$75.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Syford is apparently confident he can reach his conclusions in three-fourths of a day, whereas, another will take one day.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how many qualified real estate appraisers there were in Tacoma.

Mr. Frederick said there were about eleven in the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Murtland asked what qualifications were needed.

Mr. Frederick replied that the requirements are that they should be an independent appraiser, one who has been active in the last five years; who has qualified in the Superior Court, and who through past experiences is recognized in the community as an independent qualified appraiser.

Mr. Frederick said they would like very much to assign more of the work to Mr. Syford at \$75 per day, but he is only available for a limited number of days.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this work must be done within sixty days. One appraiser could not do it in that length of time; therefore, it must be divided in order to meet the sixty-day deadline.

Mr. Steele said the contract with Mr. Starkey is \$3400, with Mr. Fanning \$2000, and with Mr. Syford \$1500, making a total of \$6900. He asked if the bid was made on the basis of the number of appraisals they will make.

Mr. Rowlands said that was correct. He said these are all separate appraisals. He said the City would like to give all the work to Mr. Syford, inasmuch as he is the lowest bidder.

Mr. Murtland asked if the \$3400 figure submitted by Mr. Starkey indicated he would appraise approximately one-half of the property, and if it was anticipated it would take him 60 days to do so.

Mr. Frederick replied that, roughly, it was figured Mr. Starkey would appraise half of the property in 60 days.

Mr. Murtland asked if anyone in the Urban Renewal Department had determined how long it would normally take to do the appraisal, and whether the \$3400 would be the proper fee.

Mr. Frederick said that an advertisement was inserted in the Daily Index asking that qualifications be submitted. The two questions asked in the proposal were: What would be the charge per day; and the number of appraisals that could be made in one day. After checking the applications, it was found that no one appraiser could do the work in the allotted time (or in 60 days); therefore, three appraisers were selected.

Mr. Bott said he felt it would be well to postpone this matter for another week for further clarification.

It was then moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be postponed for one week. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was then taken on the motion that the Resolution be postponed for one week, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

* Resolution No. 16227:

BY REQUEST OF PAT STEELE:

Authorizing an advance from the United States to aid in defraying the cost of preliminary engineering and architectural work in connection with the proposed Municipal Airport.

* Mr. Steele moved that the rules be suspended to consider a Resolution not on the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote taken on the motion, resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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

Mr. Bott asked if the immediate passage of the Resolution was necessary.

Mr. Steele said the matter is of some urgency. The sooner the application is submitted, the sooner the City can get the program underway.

Mayor Hanson explained this is an application for funds to proceed with the detailed engineering studies and appraisal of the airport site, and was a loan, interest free, to the City from the Federal Government to encourage the process and planning of this particular project.

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Roll call was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 3, Cvitanich, Easterday, Porter; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mr. Cvitanich said he was wholeheartedly in favor of anything the City is able to finance. However, he said, the City has a tremendous deficit in excess of half a million dollars. At this time during the budget preparation, there is the question of City employes' salary increases and also the possibility of cutting services to the citizens of Tacoma, and for this reason he voted "No" on the Resolution. He further added that he felt the City is not in a position financially to go forward on the Airport at the present time. 155

Mr. Easterday said he agreed with Mr. Cvitanich. The people of Tacoma would be most unhappy if services were cut. He said he realizes it may be necessary to ask for additional millage to carry on these services, and also at the same time have an inside levy for the Airport. That is his reason for voting "No" on the Resolution.

Mr. Porter said he was very much in favor of the City having an Airport where local services can be had by the West Coast Airlines. He could not see voting for this loan which would imply that the City could go forward and finance the Airport when the Port Commission is only obligating themselves for revenue bonds. He felt, under those circumstances, the Airport could not be financed. He further added he would like to have other sites explored on the Western side of the City, between McChord Field and the Sound, and put through the simulation tests.

Mayor Hanson said it has been some time since the simulation studies were conducted, and a great deal of this information was available prior to this meeting.

Mr. Porter remarked that whenever a committee or a member of the City Council investigates a matter of official business, he felt it their duty to make a written report in detail to the remainder of the Council, thus providing them with information on which to base their decisions.

Mr. Steele said this proposition is largely academic as far as the site for the Airport is concerned, as the site has been decided upon by the Federal Aviation Agency after some two years of study. The City has had a tentative allocation of \$368,698.00 from the Federal Aviation Agency, once the site approval is filed. Then the City can proceed with the preparation of the master plan and the development of the site. The opportunity to obtain \$104,000.00 with this H. H. F. A. loan, which is interest free and not repayable until the termination of the contract, will be very advantageous to the City of Tacoma as it will not increase the City's budget one cent, he added. The total cost of the Airport as now projected is \$1,889,514.00. Therefore, including the \$368,698.00 tentative allocation from F. A. A., plus \$550,000.00 from the City of Tacoma by an inside levy; \$350,000.00 from the Port of Tacoma; \$100,000.00 from Weyerhaeuser Company; and \$5,000.00 from Ben Cheney, makes a total of \$1,373,698.00, leaving a sum of \$519,703.00 for further matching funds, which was requested in 1959 and was re-initiated for reconsideration by the F. A. A. as of June 27, 1960.

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Mr. Cvitanich said both Mr. Puckey and Mr. Buckley made the comment at the earlier meeting that the F. A. A. in Washington, D. C. was split as to the Peninsula site for the Airport.

Mr. Porter said he felt there were at least three other sites that could be considered, (he was not referring to either Thun Field or Oswald Field) and felt if as much consideration were given to these sites as to the Peninsula site, they would have passed the simulation study. He said, if the Council would accept a proposition to reconsider its vote, and table action on this Resolution, and in the meantime ask for approval of those sites through the simulation study, he would submit the names of these sites at the next Council meeting. Otherwise, he said, there would be no need of mentioning them.

Mayor Hanson said that City officials have continually searched for better sites, but after much consideration and study the Peninsula site was chosen.

Mayor Hanson then asked for the next order of business.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16617:

Amending Sec. 2.15.330 of the Official Code of the City relating to weights and measures. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. E. M. Murray, attorney representing the Fuel Oil Service Co., was present to speak on this Ordinance.

Mr. Murray said his company has requested this amendment. The present Ordinance in effect at this time, passed about a year ago, provides that each delivery of fuel shall be accompanied by duplicate delivery slips to the customer. Due to the recent developments in the field of bookkeeping systems, etc., new methods have been developed for shortcuts, making less costly the operations, yet protecting the customer against being cheated. The proposed amendment would permit that a copy of the invoice either be left with the customer at the time of delivery or mailed to him on the next business day. The new method would be that a post card would be mailed to the customer within 24 hours, therefore, making it more effective, and in no way constitute a threat to the public in not receiving the proper amount of oil.

Mr. Bott said he could see where this system would be advantageous to any company desiring to use this method.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16618:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning to include property located on all four corners of South 64th and Puget Sound Avenue in an "R-3-T" Residential Commercial Transitional District. (Petition of Jeanette Field). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16619:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as Sec. 13.06.115(1) to include property located on the north side of South 74th Street between Stevens and Mullen Streets extended, in a "C-P-N" Planned Neighborhood Shopping Center District. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this type of zoning requires an area of less than ten acres. This is one of the few areas in the City that has been rezoned since the new Zoning Ordinance has been in effect.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if this was in relation to the freeway.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, replied that this area was near the Flett Dairy in the South Manitou area.

Mr. Murtland said there was a letter from the Public Works Department dated June 17, 1960, in which there were some objections as to access to the surrounding property. He asked Mr. Buehler if this had been worked out.

Mr. Buehler said that question was discussed and will be under the final development plan as they proceed, before the building permits are issued.

Mr. Buehler said there were no objections to the rezoning as the petitioners own the majority of the property in this area, and are also developing a residential area in conjunction with the entire development.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16620:

Amending Sec. 12.06.220 of the Official Code of the City regarding Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates. Read by title.

Mr. Dave Ferguson, Light Superintendent, said this rate is available to governmental and educational institutions, consisting of primary distribution control. When the rate first went into effect, it was considered that the requirement of 500 kilowatts could be met by those qualified. However, now it is found that there are some qualified organizations where the connected load is 200 kilowatts; therefore, it was requested that an amendment be made to the Ordinance to take care of these organizations.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how these rates compared with private light companies.

Mr. Ferguson said they were slightly lower than private companies.

Mr. Bott asked if this had anything to do with the proposed extension to Clover Park School.

Mr. Ferguson said it applies to any qualified institution, either inside or outside the City. Clover Park School could qualify under the present provision.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16621:

Authorizing the City Attorney to acquire by condemnation utility easements in the vicinity of South 96th and Sheridan Streets. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16613:

An emergency ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,500, or so much as may be necessary from the General Fund for the purpose of paying miscellaneous costs and expenses in connection with a survey and study by the City Council of the transportation and transit problems. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this emergency Ordinance was suggested at a meeting held by the Transit Committee of the Council and the Citizens Transit Subcommittee.

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Mayor Hanson said the Transit Subcommittee had intended to make its first report at the last Council meeting, but found that there was more time available to make the decision, so the preliminary report will be delayed. This survey and appraisal of the assets of the Utility, as covered in the Ordinance, will have to be taken before the purchase is considered, he added.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if this would be completed in time to be placed on the ballot, if they so desired.

Mayor Hanson remarked that is the reason this Ordinance has been brought in as an emergency.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Shaub, Chairman of the Subcommittee, in the interest of trying to present something to the Council for consideration, made some contacts with appraisers and found the work could be done in an amount not to exceed \$750. Mr. Shaub also contacted several individuals, who have had experience with bus operations and have expressed willingness to make an appraisal, for a very small fee, of what the actual value of the rolling stock would be. He added, that a check would also have to be made by the City's own staff to determine how much inventory is available.

Mr. Bott said he understands that an inventory is needed, but in all respect to Mr. Shaub, he thought the Transit Committee of the Council was to handle this matter and then consult with the Citizens Transit Subcommittee. He thought the matter of contacting the appraisers should have come through the Council Committee.

Mayor Hanson said this was the recommendation of the Council Committee who have availed themselves of the services of various citizens.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Bott if he wished to postpone the Ordinance for one week for further study.

Mr. Bott said he was not necessarily in favor of a postponement, but he did think they were circumventing the Council Committee by proceeding in this manner. He said he realized that time is of the essence if it is to be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if additional studies would be made in reference to absorbing the Transit Company employees under the City's Civil Service.

Mayor Hanson said a great deal of time has been spent in this respect, and some legal problems have arisen and are being worked out. ~~This would be a situation whereby a person would have to have an estimate of the market value for used buses, etc. He said he would prefer, if there was any question of procedure, to have this postponed a week.~~

Mr. Murtland asked if the Mayor and Mrs. Price, or any other member of the Transit Committee, were present at the meeting Mr. Bott has reference to.

Mrs. Price said she was aware of the meeting but was unable to attend.

Mr. Rowlands said the meeting was attended by Mayor Hanson and himself and six other members of the Subcommittee. He said he wished to make it clear that the \$750 is strictly for the cost of the appraisals of the building and of the property. The people doing the appraisal on the buses will probably do this as a civic contribution, he added. The only reason for appropriating an additional amount, is in the event more money is necessary than what is authorized. Nothing else is anticipated, however.

Mayor Hanson said he did not wish to rush matters, but as it happens, he was the only member of the Committee present, although the other members knew of the meeting. The action taken was a step that had to be taken.

Mr. Bott said he realized that, but he felt it was handled so that the Committee was circumvented.

Mrs. Price said she felt, as long as she and Mr. Bott did not attend the meeting, they should have no criticism of the manner in which it was handled.

Mayor Hanson said it was not the intention of having the Citizens Committee usurp the function of the Council Committee.

Mr. Porter said the appraisal will certainly be needed, and as this matter will have to go on the ballot, it is important this be passed tonight and the appraisal obtained as quickly as possible.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

The Chairman then declared the Ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 16614:

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 4636 for the grading and permanent type pavement on both sides of the existing pavement to a total width of 44 feet on Stevens Street from 6th Avenue to North 11th Street. Read by title and passed. 50.22
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Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

The Chairman then declared the Ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 16615:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4658 for grading and permanent type pavement on North 17th from Jackson to Juniper; and on Cascade, Fir and Juniper north from 17th Street. Read by title and passed. 50.2
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Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

The Chairman then declared the Ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 16616:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6780 for modern street lights on wood poles in the vicinity of North 17th and Skyline Drive. Read by title and passed. 21

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

The Chairman then declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Tacoma Municipal Court for month of June, 1960.
- b. Fire Department for the month of June, 1960.
- c. Director of Finance for the month of June, 1960.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands distributed a Progress Report to the Council on the Special Census. He said, as an added bit of information, he had some good news to submit. Each year the Association of Washington Cities sends out a bulletin to determine approximately the amount of money that will be given to the cities on a per capita basis from State-collected locally shared taxes. The Association has completed its study, taking into consideration the new census figures that have been developed in the State. For example, for this year, and assuming Tacoma has a population of 158,500, and also predicated on a figure of \$12.26 per capita, the amount to be received by the City of Tacoma should be approximately \$1,943,000. In 1961, based on the figures received, instead of \$12.26 it looks as though the Cities might be receiving \$13.18, which means instead of receiving \$140,000 less than was anticipated, the City will receive \$1,941,000, which is only \$2,000 less than the anticipated figure of \$1,943,000.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out on the Progress Report, under the Population Count, for the three tracts 17, 18, and 26, a difference of 266 individuals has been found. Point 3 shows Summary of Costs to date for four tracts was \$3,716.75.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Buehler if he had received any late information on Tract 21, which has not been included under Population Count in the Report.

Mr. Buehler said the Federal Census for Tract 21 was 3,168, and it is expected not to exceed a 1% population gain, or approximately 34 persons.

Mr. Rowlands said in that event it would change the 266 gain to approximately 300. At \$13.18, that would mean a gain of a little over \$3900 a year. So the City will be ahead financially by making this count.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Buehler what the outlook was for Tracts 35, 13, and 24.

Mr. Buehler said they desire and propose to continue with the analysis of these three additional tracts, with the expected cost to be approximately \$3,000. This would be within the \$6700 appropriated. He said they feel this will give them a very good basis to make an analysis for the next ten years. He said their proposal is that they be authorized to continue and make the complete count of Tracts 35, 13, and 24.

Mr. Rowlands said, in a ten-year period, the City will have picked up \$39,000. He said the recommendation to the City Council is that the studies to date have been justified. An error of 2.4% has been disclosed, and it is expected to pick up a few more, or at least break even, in the last three tracts.

Mr. Cvitanich said he was in favor of the census count, as long as a positive gain is shown, but as soon as it is determined a gain is not shown, he would recommend the count be discontinued.

Mr. Rowlands said he attended the American Municipal Association Executive Board meeting at Lake Tahoe Monday morning at their expense. The A. M. A. Board unanimously approves that the municipalities throughout the country develop a comprehensive grading systems of their own, by retaining a competent firm of fire protection engineers who can present to the Board any discrepancies which many Cities feel exist in the present grading system. At the present time the Cities are at a disadvantage, due to the fact the National Board has trained engineers, and the Cities have no one to present their case.

This Report will be submitted to the Executive Board next November, and it is hoped that authorization will then be made to proceed with this type of

study, with the result that the Cities should benefit by having some of these discrepancies pointed out, which cannot be done at the present time due to the fact that the Cities have no supporting data, professionally prepared by fire engineers.

Mr. Easterday said the members of the Council have received a letter from Attorney Mladinov in which he gives excerpts of the Council minutes pertaining to the Leach Creek Impounding Basin, and also requests that the Council ask for a progress report on the Basin project, the construction of which was to have begun immediately. 239
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Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, said the Department has completed the survey and the plans are being drawn on the project at the present time. He added that a clause in the purchase of the property provided that one of the property owners was to receive 120 days notice before actual construction has begun. This notice has been given, and the Department is proceeding with the design of the project, and will proceed with the necessary advertising, so that when the 120-day period has expired, the work can be started.

Mr. Murtland said he would like to have permission for a leave of absence from the next two Council meetings, as he is leaving on a vacation.

Mr. Easterday moved that Mr. Murtland be excused from the Council meetings on July 26 and August 2, 1960. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Frank Pihl, a resident of the Peninsula area, presented a petition bearing 834 signatures, protesting the Peninsula Airport site. 293

"Doc Weathers", also a Peninsula resident, spoke in opposition to the Peninsula Airport site. 333

Mr. Easterday said, at last week's Council meeting there was a large delegation from Swan Creek area, protesting the proposed sanitary fill in the area. He understands that now the County Commissioners are also opposing the fill. He thought it would be well to make a further study in an effort to find a more suitable location. 283
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Mr. Easterday said Mr. Sprinker had suggested to Mr. Cvitanich, Mr. Murtland, and himself, after they attended the Board of Equalization meeting, that Fort Lewis be contacted for an area out there to be used as a disposal area.

Mayor Hanson announced there would be a meeting with the parking meter representatives after the regular Council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk

Chris Hanson
President of the City Council
Mayor