

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, July 5, 1960

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson.

Mr. Bott asked if the second to the last paragraph of page 10 of the minutes of the meeting held June 28th was correct.

Mr. Easterday said he did not recall making this statement. He then moved to delete the second to the last paragraph on page 10 of the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Easterday then moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 21st as amended. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote on the Motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.

At this time, Mayor Hanson advised that Mrs. Dawn Olson would be given the oath of office to fill the unexpired term of Council Position #2.

Mrs. Olson was then given the oath of office by the Deputy Clerk, after which she assumed the position of Council member.

Mayor Hanson, members of the City Council and Mrs. Rowlands congratulated Mrs. Olson on taking her office as City Councilwoman.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication from Robert I. DeGreef, Mrs. E. R. Brooks and J. L. Rondeau, protesting the creation of L I D 4667. (Continued from meeting of June 28th, 1960)

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Mayor Hanson stated these communications were held in abeyance until the Council had an opportunity to check the area for their own information.

Mr. Bott, in referring to the L I D minutes of May 10, 1960 said he had no recollection of making the statement "It appeared the person who had verbally asked for a vacation of this area had never submitted a written request nor had they made the required \$100 deposit to process the vacation." He said he was not aware of that fact at the time.

Mayor Hanson said he did not recall Mr. Bott making this statement, but thought a member of the staff had made the remark.

Mr. Paul Benson, Acting Planning Director, advised that a petition was filed only this morning for the vacation of So. 73rd between Park and Yakima Ave.

Mr. Easterday stated he believed the Council should proceed with this L I D so that the residents in the area can proceed with construction of their homes. He asked if there was any way the Council could act now and delete this portion desired to be vacated.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, stated there were two methods by which an L I D can be created. One is by the petition method, which the City does not use; the other is a Resolution method which is based on an informal petition submitted to the Public Works Department by the property owners. The Public Works Department sometimes adds a street to a district, which they believe is for the betterment of the area.

Mr. McCormick added that in this case, the Resolution setting the date for the hearing contained both streets. Therefore, the Council cannot delete a

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it is
portion of the improvement if the area is contiguous, but, he said, if/not contiguous,
a portion can be removed.

The Council has two alternatives, Mr. McCormick said - one to repeal the
original Ordinance which formulated this District and then initiate a new district
limited to the one block; or Council could let the District go through as now planned. 242

Mr. Bott stated he thought that as long as people in the district had
committed themselves to contractors for home construction, the Council should go
through with the L I D as originally planned.

Mayor Hanson said he believed the Council should consider this L I D
without the possibility of a street vacation. He further stated that after looking
at the area he realized the vacation would leave the street pattern disrupted.

Mr. Bott said he understood that both Park and Yakima Avenues were planned
for one way streets either north or south, and consequently he felt that So. 73rd
should be cut through as a part of this project.

Mr. Porter said no matter which course is taken, there is bound to be
someone hurt. However, he felt the least number of people would be hurt if the
L I D is approved as it now stands.

Mrs. Price stated she understood the residents left the L I D hearing
with the impression that this portion would be deleted from the district. She felt
the people in the district should have been notified of the change and of the second
hearing.

Mayor Hanson said they were in error by not making it clear that the
hearing determines nothing but is only an opportunity for a committee of the Council
to take testimony for a particular L I D.

Mr. Steele said the petition as initiated covered So. 73rd Street from
Yakima Avenue to I Street. The area of Yakima to Park, being contiguous, was added
by the Public Works Department.

He felt that to prevent/repetition of this problem, the City should
establish a policy for Council examination of the original L I D when the Public
Works Department plans an extension of a district.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. McCormick what legal problems would be involved
in that approach.

Mr. McCormick advised that a petition submitted by the property owners
is merely an expression of their wishes as to the area to be included in the district.
This information is given to the Legal Department to draw up a Resolution. The
Resolution is then presented to the City Council for passage. If the Council wants
to compare the Resolution with the original petition, it can be done at that time;
but once the Resolution is passed including other property, it is impossible to
delete any contiguous portion according to State Law, either by Council action or
by vacation.

Mayor Hanson said he believed the best policy would be for the departments
to continue their normal procedure. However, if there is a change made by the City
to the initial petition, the Council should be informed as to how much is being
added to the L I D.

Mr. Porter said he understood they could not delete, and asked if they
could add to an L I D.

Mr. McCormick stated they could add to a district only by presenting a
new Resolution and starting an entirely new district.

Mayor Hanson stated that if the Council proceeds with L I D 4667 the
\$100 fee which was deposited for the vacation of the street should be refunded.

Mr. Bott moved that the \$100.00 deposit be refunded to Mr. Rondeau if
the L I D is approved. Seconded by Mr. Murtland and carried on voice vote.

Mr. Steele stated he noted there was a utility pole in the middle of

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what would be So. 73rd Street and asked who would be responsible for the payment of the relocation of the pole.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, stated that if the pole is located correctly the L I D absorbs the cost, but if the pole is not correctly placed and is in the middle of what would be So. 73rd Street, as Mr. Steele stated, the Utility Department would be required to move the pole.

Mr. Porter asked if this property were zoned commercial.

Mr. Benson, Acting Planning Director, advised the property on Park Avenue was zoned commercial.

Mr. J. L. Rondeau of 7213 So. Park Avenue objected to the manner in which the City proceeded with the L I D.

Mayor Hanson said this was mishandled, but it has given the Council and opportunity to reevaluate and change the present policy so that hereafter, the Council will be notified if any additions are made to petitions before the Resolution is drawn creating a district.

These are matters which, Mayor Hanson explained, are constantly coming up and are a result of growth and improvement.

It was the opinion of the Council that the City proceed with L I D 4667 as previously planned.

PETITIONS:

Cecil A. Willis: Requesting rezoning of property located at So. 46th and Yakima Avenues from an R-s District to a C-1 District.
Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16139: (Postponed from meeting of May 31, 1960)

BY REQUEST OF CVITANICH:

Authorizing the Legal Department to study and report to the City Council the various legal problems and requirements in connection with the legality or possibility of the replacement of said Meter Maids with regular police officers or with physically handicapped persons.

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

Mayor Hanson stated before proceeding with the regular discussion on this Resolution, Mr. Chet Hansen, representing the City Employees, local 129 has requested to speak. There being no objections Mr. Chet Hansen was called upon to speak at this time.

Mr. Chet Hansen stated the meter maids should remain in their present status as they all took competitive examinations in order to obtain their positions and they have served their probationary periods and have received their permanent appointments. In all indications, from the standpoint of public relations and economy, the position of parking meter checkers should be maintained in its present status.

On a call from Mayor Hanson for questions, Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Chet Hansen, "How many people do you represent?"

Mr. Hansen replied that in the City of Tacoma approximately 100.

Mr. Cvitanich asked, "How many meter maids?"

Mr. Chet Hansen replied that at the present time, there are three meter maids in the union. 182

Mr. Steele stated that possibly Mr. Hansen had assumed something from the Resolution which isn't actually before the Council. The Resolution simply calls upon the Legal Department to report to the Council the legal requirements in the legality and possibility of replacing meter maids with police officers or handicapped persons. He also stated the ultimate result in the passage of this Resolution is simply to pass on to the Legal Department the request for an opinion in reference to these matters. Further action would then be dependent upon this decision.

Mayor Hanson stated this Resolution would not abolish the position of the meter maids. However, he said, he interpreted Mr. Chet Hansen's appeal to be in connection with the stability of their employment and the question of retaining their position with the City service. He felt the Council should affirm their position, so the meter maids would know they had a job in the future.

Mr. Porter said he believed if this Resolution were passed and the Legal opinion obtained, it would clear up the doubt as to the meter maid's status.

Mr. Bott said he felt this was the opportune time for the Council to determine whether they want the meter maids or if a change should be made.

Mr. Martland said he agreed with Mr. Bott, and that there would be no reason to pass this onto the Legal Department unless the Council believes there might be a change anticipated.

Mr. Murtland then asked Mr. Chet Hansen if there was a total of 6 meter maids why he didn't represent all 6.

Mr. Hansen stated that not all of them belonged to the union. However he was not only speaking for the three meter maids but for all City employees. This representation was to protect the civil service status of all union members.

Mr. Cvitanich stated this was the first opportunity he has had to present factual information in regard to the meter maid problem. The purpose of this Resolution was to study the meter maid problem and to determine the legality of replacing the meter maids with regular police officers or handicapped persons.

Mr. Cvitanich further stated he felt this could have been accomplished by a phone call to the City Attorney by any of the Council members; but due to the interest of the public and in all fairness to the Council and the meter maids, the entire matter should be handled as a formal Resolution. He said if the Resolution is passed the City Attorney will study the matter and provide the Council with a written legal opinion.

Mr. Cvitanich said his concern was the providing of the largest amount of police protection possible and to focus attention to the fact the Police Dept. is undermanned. He said on October 29, 1957, Mr. Bixel, Director of Personnel, stated in a letter to Mr. Gaisford that the three things worthy of thought in relation to the meter maid jobs were age, commissions and motor scooters.

On October 30, 1957, Mr. Allen Billett, Assistant City Attorney sent a notice to Mr. Gaisford in reference to Commissions for Parking Meter Checkers. He said he felt the Parking meter checkers should obtain a Special Officers Commission as provided in Chapter 7.10 of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma and suggested they assist in setting forth the duties, authority and regulations governing the appointment of employees as Special Police Officers for the issuing of parking citations.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Chief Kerr if he had provided Commissions for the meter maids.

Chief Kerr advised he had not.

Mr. Cvitanich then asked if they were working under a special police commission.

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Chief Kerr replied they were.

Mr. Cvitanich, continued, that, according to the Code, the Chief of Police will collect a \$2.00 fee and provide a \$1000 bond directly from his office for a special police commission.

Chief Kerr replied that this matter is handled directly from the City Manager's office, and that the Chief's office handles the issuing of badges.

Mr. Cvitanich quoted from DH 147 dated 1-27-58 regarding the "Jurisdiction of Parking Meter Checkers." It stated that meter maids will have jurisdiction over only standing violations within the area specifically assigned them. He also stated that they may police street intersections during an extreme emergency until properly relieved by regular Police Officers.

Mr. Cvitanich added that meter maids have been writing tickets for jay walking, which was out of their province according to this memorandum.

Mr. Cvitanich also quoted from an inter-departmental communication dated 2-3-58 from Mr. Rowlands to the City Attorney in regard to the "Legality of the Meter Maids." The communication stated "I believe you have informed us verbally in the past that the utilization of meter maids was proper, but due to the fact that we might have someone in Tacoma question the legality of this program it might be well for you to provide me with a legal opinion, clearly setting forth the reasons why we should and can, proceed."

Mr. Cvitanich said he spoke with Mr. McCormick on May 27, 1960 and was advised that Mr. McCormick had called Seattle and had no brief or opinion as to the meter maid legality.

Mr. Cvitanich further stated he could not understand why there should be any resistance to the adoption of his Resolution in view of the fact that there is a substantial question as to the legality of the use of meter maids.

Mr. Cvitanich said Seattle has a suit in process but the legality of the meter maids has not been established as yet.

He continued that these girls write jaywalking tickets and impound cars. He did not know if they were doing this today, but they have in the past. Even apart from the fact that it can be easily argued that placing the meter maids in the City Finance Department instead of the Police Department seems to suggest that the City is making money from renting the public street, there is also a substantial question as to whether a meter maid be termed "a special police officer." The definition of a special police officer is "any person acting as a patrolman, guard, watchman, merchant, patrolman, auxiliary law enforcement, private detective or any person engaged in any occupation the purpose of which afford police or fire protection. This is 7.10.020 of the Code.

Even if the meter maid can properly be classified as a special police officer, chapter 7.10 requires that such officers badges should be issued only by the Chief of Police/^{to those} who have paid all deposits, license fees required by licensing Ordinances and posted the bond as required. The Chief of Police should make the charge of \$2.00 per badge according to 7.10.060 of the Code.

Section 7.10.030 also requires in subsection "D" that "a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$1000 be furnished by each subject."

He added that Inspector Smith of the Police Department had reported to the Chief on August 23, 1959 that a crisis had developed in the Police operations of the City and that the men in the Patrol Division had been pushed, prodded, whipped, cajoled and intimidated into even greater efforts in an attempt to maintain a high level of service and they are rapidly becoming frustrated by their inability to adequately perform all the things they are asked to do." He said after much discussions with supervisory personnel, the only avenue open would be to cut service to the public as they have been to the "no patrol status" for some weeks. He asked Chief Kerr to explain the phrase "no patrol status."

Chief Kerr explained that due to the shortage of Police Officers, instead of patrolling to prevent crime, we are now operating on the basis that when a car has from one to 5 calls to answer, the most important or urgent request is handled first. 182

Mr. Cvitanich continued, Lt. Deskins, in a letter to Chief Kerr on August 27, 1959 stated that "one of the most important obligations of the City service is of necessity being largely overlooked." Lt. Deskins reported in the same letter "All things considered, it seems obvious curtailment in some type of police service must be made and the end result is obvious. Any type of curtailment will directly affect the public by whom and for whom we are employed. Certainly it is safe to say that there is no justification or satisfactory explanation that we can make no move, yet it is apparent something must be done." The Police Dept. Annual Report of 1959, page 33, shows that aggravated assaults, larcenies, and rapes have increased and are in excess of the average for the last ten years. In his report to the City Manager, the Chief of Police on August 31, 1959 stated, "However the fact remains that there are 16 less men working the streets than there were 15 months ago."

In fact the same report shows that only 23% of the Class One offenses in 1958 were cleared. The same report indicates that "it has been necessary to practically eliminate all foot patrol action during the past several months." The shortage of police officers has forced the Police Dept. to work 6817 hours of overtime at a cost of \$18,433.11 in only six and one half months in 1959. This is approximately \$3000 per month.

In the same report the Chief of Police to the City Manager, dated August 31, 1959, Chief of Police stated, "With the advent of meter maids, the parking enforcement section of this division, traffic, has been reduced to five units assigned as follows: one man in the depot beat and vicinity; one man in the 6th Avenue and vicinity; one man in the 38th Street District; one man in the South Tacoma and vicinity; one man in Tacoma Avenue and vicinity."

The Police Department exercises practically no parking control over the "core area". The removal of the three wheelers from the core area coupled with our inability to place foot patrolmen in the area has for all practical purposes removed police protection from the streets. The only consistent enforcement effort in the core area is supplied by the wagon crew assigned to District #1. The main function of this unit is to clear the streets of drunks and to transport prisoners for patrol units.

Regular prowler-cars enter the area on call and leave when their assignment is completed. The entire downtown area is vulnerable to criminal attack and unless help is forthcoming we can do very little to prevent this. The life, safety and properties of the people of this City are being jeopardized because the Police Dept. does not have the necessary "man-power" to defend and protect them adequately.

The "core area" has been left virtually unprotected. The core area must be protected at all cost. I recommend that foot patrol officers and additional prowler car crews be provided to protect both the core area and the industrial area.

Mr. Cvitanich added that to his knowledge there is no legal opinion, that's binding, as to the validity or legality of meter maids.

Mr. Bott asked Chief Kerr if meter maids were still used to ticket jaywalkers.

Chief Kerr advised that on recommendation by the City Attorney, this practice was discontinued.

Mr. McCormick said insofar as the legality of the meter maids is concerned, every Resolution or Ordinance that the Legal Office draws is approved by an attorney as being legal. This was done when the Ordinance providing for the meter maids was initiated. The legal office has consistently held that the meter maids have no

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 authority or any power to make any arrests or issue any citations on any moving violations. The only authority they have is to do the mechanical act of marking these cars and checking the meter as to how long the car has been parked. Insofar as the right of arrest is concerned, the meter maids rights are the same as any private citizen. Every citizen has the right to make an arrest where a breach of peace is committed in his presence, etc. Actually all the meter maids are doing is checking cars. They are not police officers which specifically curtails their duties so that they do not come under the police pension system as police officers under our State Act.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out when this whole matter came about, there was a combination enforcement program and also a matter of trying to effect some economy at the time plus the fact the downtown merchants retail bureau and others thought the meter maids would do a job not only enforcing the meters but also the matter of answering questions of visitors, therefore the police officers were not being tied-up checking the meters. We do have a prowl-car in the downtown area plus other cars going into the area. We have a three wheeler patrolling the area certain times of the day.

Mr. Rowlands added that it is a certainty that it is desirable to add more personnel if economically possible to do so. Even though police personnel is sometimes spread thin during certain times of the year, the Department has a very fine record of accomplishment.

Mr. Cvitanich stated that by replacing meter maids with police officers it would give the downtown area four to six more patrolling units.

Mr. Steele asked Chief Kerr for statistics as to the number of times per day a meter maid calls to impound a car.

Chief Kerr stated that two to five calls per day are received for meter maid assistance.

Mr. Steele further stated that due to the fact a three wheeler is dispatched to assist in impounding an auto, this shows impairment of efficiency as far as the use of meter maids is concerned.

Mr. Bott stated that "the subject of meter maids is a political potato and has become too hot to handle and unfortunately has assumed proportions far beyond its original intent. There is a regular civil service classification of parking meter checker for which these women have taken the exams and qualified. Now to replace these girls would require an abandonment of the position which would be opposing the Civil Service principles." He added "to begin with, meter maids are no different in the duties they perform than water or light meter readers, except they are females and wear uniforms." They are not policemen. They perform no police duties. It is merely coincidental they have inherited one of the duties previously performed by Police Officers. They have not replaced regular Police Officers. They have merely freed some officers enabling them to perform the Police Duties for which they have been trained."

Mr. Bott suggested that the Council defeat the Resolution and go on record as supporting the classification of meter checkers.

Mr. Cvitanich rebutted that meter maids were different than light or water meter readers. Their action could result with incarceration in jail. The main point of this is, "increased downtown protection" and these girls can not provide any protection.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Cvitanich what type of protection he thought was needed in the downtown area.

Mr. Cvitanich stated that the greatest concentration of money and population at one time is in the downtown area and this calls for added protection. By putting meter maids on, we are taking men away from the downtown area and assigning them in the outlying districts.

Mr. Rowlands stated a program could possibly be worked out with Chief Kerr and his staff to have additional cars or three wheelers patrol the downtown area to augment the existing patrol car.

Mr. Easterday asked, how many full time men were on the Police force.

Chief Kerr replied "156"

Mr. Easterday inquired why it was necessary to employ more officers when the population has decreased.

Chief Kerr stated his main problem is the increase of services required of the men. He said that the new jail, increased court work, the new communications center and the 24 hour record bureau operation have made increasing demands on the department's manpower, which has remained about constant over the years.

He added that the department is responsible for the hub of a 300,000 person metropolitan area with a police force geared for a City of 125,000.

Mayor Hanson restated that the point of question before the Council is the requesting of a legal opinion on the replacement of meter maids and asked for a possible amendment to the Resolution to establish only the legality of the meter maids, as he wants the public to know very definitely that the operation of the meter maids is legal.

Mr. Cvitanich stated to date no one has been able to produce a legal opinion that meter maids are legal.

Mr. Bott said if all Mr. Cvitanich requires is a written legal opinion from the Legal Department that meter maids are legal he moved that the Resolution be amended to confine the legal question as to whether meter maids, in their present operation, are legal. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Porter stated it would be wise to have a legal opinion on all of the possibilities so as to know exactly where we stand, not only in relation to the meter maids, but in relation to any other classification that someone might want to sometime eliminate.

Voice vote was then taken on the amendment resulting in its defeat.

Mr. Stan Fleming representing principles of Civil Service and Local 129 said the meter maids, as stated before, did through public advertisement apply for and fulfill their part by taking an examination as set up by our personnel dept. They served a probationary period and took all the necessary training to perform their duties. Therefore, they should have the same amount of protection under Civil Service as any other person working for the City. In his opinion, in order to replace said meter maids, their position would have to be abolished and that position could not be filled by any other person in the City of Tacoma, and if such position has been filled within a period of two years, said meter maids could file in Superior Court against the City of Tacoma.

From all indications, the merchants in Tacoma seem to be well satisfied with the meter maids, Mr. Fleming added. The meter maids have fulfilled an unwritten contract and the City of Tacoma should consider that and fulfill its contract.

Mayor Hanson said he was interested only in a repeat of a previous opinion which Mr. McCormick issued, to be contained in the next agenda. Therefore he would vote against the Resolution and then ask Mr. McCormick for that opinion.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 4, Bott, Murtland, Olson and Hanson; Absent 0.
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16200a

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the State Highway Department for channelization of Wakefield Drive at "C" Street at an approximate cost of \$4,100.00.

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

Mr. Rowlands said the total amount of this improvement will be approximately \$29,000; \$24,900 of which will be paid by the State Highway Department. He said Mr. Schuster has discussed this particular project with the Highway personnel. It has been contemplated for some time that this would be a fine improvement for the City.

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. 16207:

Expressing intentions of the City Council to commit the City of Tacoma to participate in the Puget Sound Regional Transportation Study.

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

Mr. Rowlands said information passed out to the Council indicates the proposed budget for the Puget Sound Regional Transportation Study. He added, in concurrence with the Puget Sound Governmental Conference there is also a Puget Sound Planning Conference at which Tacoma's Planning Staff is represented. These organizations are trying to solve some of the problems on an area wide basis through coordinated and cooperative efforts.

He called the Council's attention to the fact the Conference was able to secure State and Public Roads Administration Aid in the amount of \$525,000 which represents 75% of the total cost of the project. The remaining \$175,000 is itemized on the sheet which was distributed to the Council showing Seattle-King County's participation to be \$108,500 or 62% and Tacoma-Pierce County's to be \$40,250 or 23%, etc.

If the Tacoma City Council takes action similar to what was taken by the Board of County Commissioners last week, they will be indicating favor of this cost breakdown, with the understanding that before final approval is given, the City Council would be thoroughly familiarized with the project and the direction it is taking.

It is felt it will be very advantageous to the City of Tacoma as well as to Pierce County to participate in this program.

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.

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Resolution No. 16208:

Awarding contract to Dual Parking Meter Company for furnishing and installing parking meters in the total sum of \$63,461.45, plus sales tax. 254

Mr. Bott said this Resolution came as a surprise to him inasmuch as the Council was asked to examine the two different types of parking meters and then they were to give their opinion on which meter they approved. He felt this matter requires further study on behalf of the Council.

Mr. Steele said he thought it would be wise if the Council could meet with the representatives of the firms who have the meters so this matter can be discussed. He moved that at the next meeting of the Council, the representatives of the particular firms involved be present to display their merchandise so that the Council will have an opportunity to examine the respective meters and inquire as to the specifications, etc. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Porter said inasmuch as the new member of the Council has had little opportunity to become familiar with this matter and also that some members were not present at the demonstration of the two meters, he felt it would be wise to postpone the matter until July 26th.

Mr. Porter then moved that Mr. Steele's motion be amended to postpone the matter until July 26th. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mrs. Price suggested that this be discussed at a study session before the representatives are invited to demonstrate their merchandise.

Mayor Hanson said he thought a meeting could be arranged for 6:00 P.M. next Tuesday evening, July 12, 1960.

Mr. Cvitanich said, in the event these meters are purchased, complete changes will be required in loading zones, etc. He asked if Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, could be present at the meeting to enlighten the Council on these problems.

Mr. Easterday said he understands that the downtown merchants would object to the installation of ten cent meters in the downtown area unless meters are installed in the outlying areas. He said he had discussed this with the people in the 6th Avenue and the South Tacoma area and they are against having meters installed.

Mr. Easterday said he thought the City should proceed slowly on this matter. He thought letting a contract for the meters would be a little premature at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich said his personal feeling on the subject would be to expand the parking meter program in the outlying districts rather than increase it in the downtown area.

Voice vote was then taken on the motion to continue the Resolution to July 26th, 1960 resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16209:

Fixing Tuesday, August 9, 1960 at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the alley lying between Thompson Avenue and J Street from So. 38th to So. 39th Streets (Northwestern Homes, Inc.) 317

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

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.

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Resolution No. 16210:

Fixing Tuesday, August 9, 1960 at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the alley between Ainsworth and Cusman Avenues from Sixth Avenue to South 7th Street.

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

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16211:

Fixing Tuesday, August 9, 1960 at 7:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of Court A lying between Pacific Avenue and A Street from So. 21st Street to So. 22nd Street. (American Manufacturing Co. Inc.)

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

Mr. Cvitanich said he thought it would be well for the Council members to inspect this street as it is unpaved and felt that considering all the circumstances it did not justify being vacated.

Mr. Bott said inasmuch as he has received many complaints on this vacation and also on the two preceding ones, which might involve considerable discussion, he thought that hearing on this Resolution should be postponed until August 16th.

Mr. Bott then moved that the Resolution be amended changing the hearing date to August 16, 1960. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that the State Highway Department be contacted to ascertain the location of the proposed overpass planned for this area.

Mr. Rowlands said they have considerable information in regard to the overpass, but, he said, it had not been finalized as yet.

Voice vote on the amendment resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
as amended,

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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16608:

Vacating the west one half of North Pine Street between North 32nd Street and the alley between North 31st and North 32nd Street. (Petition of A. L. Waterbury)
Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16609:

Amending Chapter 9.16 of the Official Code of the City relating to the use of sidewalks, streets and alleys, for display or advertising purposes of goods, waters, merchandise, etc. Read by title.

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Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance is the recommendation of the Beautification Committee who appeared recently before the Council in this respect. He said they are starting this program to eliminate the large boards and tire racks which now exist on the walkways. He said the License Inspectors will be notified to eliminate the eye-scores which were reported to the Council several months ago.

Mr. Rowlands further added that from the point of an ideal situation it would be well to eliminate any displays, but from a standpoint of practicability, would it be feasible?

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the City Beautification Committee, stated this was a step towards the state wide beautification program for the Century 21 World's Fair and felt this Ordinance would help a great deal in furthering their recommendations.

Mayor Hanson recommended the Ordinance be studied and perhaps there will be further questions on its final passage. He added he felt it will be a great step forward as it confirms the requests of the Beautification Committee.

Mr. Albert Harvey residing at 837 So. Oakes Street asked to be heard on this matter.

Mayor Hanson asked that a short recess be held at this time. After the Council reconvened, Mr. Harvey was called upon to speak and Mayor Hanson was informed that he had left during the recess. The Clerk was then asked to notify Mr. Harvey that final reading of the Ordinance would take place at the next week's Council meeting and he was invited to speak at that time, if he so desired.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16610:

Amending the Official Code of the City by adding 9 sections known as Chapter 9.19.010 relating to street beautification and the planting, maintenance and protection of trees and shrubs, etc. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson explained that this Ordinance will help considerably in the beautification of the downtown area, and will establish rules for the placing of trees in front of business establishments.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if this will tie in with the future projected plans for the Broadway Mall.

Mayor Hanson said it did not necessarily, although it would compliment the approach to the downtown beautification.

Mr. Bott pointed out that on page 3 of the Ordinance under "D" it states "there shall be no advertising matter extolling the virtues of an area, group or business, and any such project shall be absolutely devoid of any advertising material imprinted thereon, and shall be constructed without placards or insignia designating any particular private enterprises." He asked if this would preclude the placing of benches for the use of persons waiting for busses, etc.

Mr. Rowlands said the policy to date has been to exclude the advertising on benches, but this policy could be changed.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Beautification Committee, said the Committee is considering to include the residential area as well as the downtown area in this regard, and is endeavoring to limit the types of trees to be placed on the parkings in the various areas.

Mr. Harmon of the Metropolitan Park Board, stated they have worked a great deal on this Ordinance, which will give the City control over types of trees planted in the residential areas.

Mr. Porter said consideration should be given on the location of the trees so that they will not interfere with the parking meter standards whereby they would have to be moved further from the curb and also the possible change in their location.

Mr. Rowlands stated he felt they should proceed with the planting as soon as possible. He further added they also anticipate changing the parking meter standards which would provide better placement for the plantings.

Mr. Easterday called attention to the damage to the sidewalk on the west side of Broadway between Division and 6th Avenue, and asked if these trees are to be excluded by this Ordinance.

Mayor Hanson advised they were to be excluded by this Ordinance.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Harmon for their efforts in the preparation of this Ordinance.

Mr. Cvitanich also thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Harmon for sponsoring the Fishing Derby at which a good time was had by all.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16611:

Amending the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning, and adding a new section known as Sec. 13.06.120 (15) to include property located at So. 38th Street between Thompson and J. Streets. (Petition of Northwestern Homes, Inc.) Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this Ordinance and the next Ordinance, No. 16612 rezones the property for a super market and is related to Resolutions Numbers 16209 and 16210 passed by the Council earlier on the agenda. Inasmuch as the Resolutions fix August 9, 1960 as the date for hearing for the vacation of alleys in these particular areas, he felt that Ordinances No. 16611 and 16612 should be postponed until August 9th also.

It was moved by Mrs. Price to postpone Ordinance No. 16611 until August 9, 1960. Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mrs. Price complained of the practice of these large concerns in exercising options for the purchase of homes in the area. She explained, for example, an option is placed on a home for an amount of \$1.00 with the expressed thought that the property will be used for a portion of the parking lot. When the time comes to purchase the property, after it has been rezoned and the streets vacated, the large concerns decide they do not need the property. This is misleading to the property owners as in the meantime some have purchased another home.

Mr. Bott asked if there were any way of preventing this practice.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney advised the property owners should contact their attorney for assistance in the matter.

The Ordinance was then continued to August 9, 1960.

Ordinance No. 16612:

Amending the Official Code of the City in reference to zoning and adding a new section known as Section 13.06.120 (16) to include property located at Sixth Avenue between Cushman and Ainsworth Avenues. (Petition of Northwestern Homes, Inc.) Read by title.

Mr. Porter moved to postpone Ordinance No. 16612 until August 9, 1960. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Rowlands asked that the recommendations from the Planning Commission which was submitted to the Council be checked very carefully as it points out clearly what is expected in regard to the screening and also some of the implications of what will happen if the zoning is not extended. He added the property owners have the right to build without the benefit of extra zoning and are permitted to go in under the present zoning.

Mr. Cvitanich said that the school population in this area is 397 children. He asked that the Council be provided with a map showing the routes taken to their school, and the areas from which they are drawn.

Mr. Murtland asked if it could be arranged in the future that all discussion on Ordinances be held at the time of the first reading. He said if this is done, then between first and second reading of the Ordinance the Council members will have an opportunity to check the areas or questions concerning the Ordinance before it is finally passed.

Mr. Rowlands said it has been the policy of the Council to hold discussions on an Ordinance at the time of the first reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16601:

Vacating North Steele Street between North 28th Street and the alley between North 28th and North 29th Streets. (Petition of A. J. Jellen, et al). Read by title and passed. 25

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16602:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2190 for cement concrete sidewalks on So. 72nd Street from So. D to Alaska, So. 74th from Wapato to So. Tacoma Way. Read by title and passed. 50 123

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16603:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5315 for cast iron water mains in So. 56th Street from Proctor to Tyler Streets, and in Monroe Street from So. 55th Street to South 56th Street. Read by title and passed. 50 384

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16604:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2315 for grading and oil mat surface on East 62nd Street from East I Street to East K Street, and storm drains on East 62nd Street from East I Street to East J Street. 193

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

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Ordinance No. 16605:

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2:80 Providing for the improvement of L I D 5321 for cast iron watermains in Manitou Way from So. 60th to So. 66th Streets, and in So. 62nd Street from Mason Avenue to Manitou Way. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16606:

184 Providing for the construction of L I D 5323 for cast iron water mains in the area bounded by No. 24th, North 17th, Hawthorne and Skyline Drive. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16607:

183 Providing for the improvement of L I D 6779 for installation of modern street lights on existing wooden poles at intersections, in the vicinity of North 30th and Baltimore Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

REPORTS:

MC-307 - Procedure for Assessing Vacated Property.

Placed on file in the City Clerk's Office.

MC-308 - Burning of Waste Materials by Incineration and Open Burning.

Placed on file in the City Clerk's Office.

DH-200 - 1961 Budget Preparation

Placed on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Transit Subcommittee of Citizens' Committee for Tacoma's Future Development

Mayor Hanson advised that a list of the Transit Subcommittee for Tacoma's Future Development had been distributed with the agendas and asked if there were any suggested additions to this Committee, that the Council members contact his office

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0:5 Mr. Rowlands stated, if a bond issue to pay for the City's acquisition of the Tacoma Transit System is to be put on the November ballot, it is very essential that action be taken by the Council this month, which is 90 days prior to the election. Also, he said, the proposition in regard to the Dock properties will be coming up again.

Mayor Hanson stated the Subcommittee's report on the Transit System will be available next week and will allow sufficient time for consideration by the Council.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Monthly Report - Tacoma Transit System - May, 1960

Monthly Report - Tacoma Police Dept. Traffic Div. - May, 1960.

Civic Auditorium Report.

Mayor Hanson said the Civic Auditorium Report certainly merits the Council's attention. He added if this report conforms with the Council's thinking, perhaps they could have a hearing and discussion on the matter at the next Council meeting. 280

Mr. Easterday said he had heard many comments that the entire Pierce County should participate in this project, and he wondered if the County Commissioners could be invited to attend the discussion.

Mayor Hanson said he thought the County Commissioners should be given an opportunity to look over the report, and then that possibility could be discussed with them.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands distributed a letter from the Tacoma Retail Trade Bureau in reference to the parking meters. He advised that the downtown merchants were very much in favor of the new time limits as recommended. 269
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Mayor Hanson pointed out that the subject of installing meters in other areas will be considered separately.

Mr. Porter said he had been contacted by merchants other than in the downtown area, who asked to have meters installed and he informed them to contact Mr. Rowlands, City Manager.

MC-309 which is a compilation of a study of the curb parking usage of the Central Business District and was distributed with the agenda to the Council members, was discussed at this time. It was pointed out that on more than 60% of the meters the average time consumed was less than one-half an hour.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this count was made on a week day between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, said this report was made over a two week period by a two man crew which covered an area every 15 minutes. This report covers only legal parkers in legal locations between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and includes all areas where parking meters have been installed, he added.

Mayor Hanson said the Tacoma parking practice was consistent with parking studies made in other cities, and will be further discussed at the study session next week and also at the Council meeting on July 26th.

Mr. Rowlands advised that next Monday, July 11th at 10:00 A.M. the Utility Board has invited the members of the City Council for a tour of the Cowlitz Dam.

Mr. Rowlands said that Mr. Buckley will be in the City during the week of July 11th to bring the new Council members up to date on the Airport proposition. He added that as soon as the exact date of Mr. Buckley's arrival is known, the Council will be notified.

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Mr. Rowlands stated that copies of the "Institute of Government" Program had been distributed to the Council members, and that tomorrow would be an ideal date for the Council to sit in on the revenue problem of "Basic Tax Policy" which has been arranged for the entire day. He asked how many would be able to attend so that reservations could be made.

Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Price both stated they would like to attend on Thursday.

Mayor Hanson said if any other Council member could attend, he should contact Mr. Rowlands for reservations and transportation.

Mayor Hanson stated there were a number of appointments to Boards which are forthcoming, and said he would contact the various Council members with the hope of taking the proper action at next week's meeting.

Mayor Hanson explained at the time of the resignation of Dr. Humiston, who was elected Deputy Mayor, Mr. Porter was elected to fill out the unexpired term. Now Mr. Porter's term has expired, which will require a new election.

Mr. Bott said he felt that Mr. Porter has done an excellent job as Deputy Mayor. He would like to show his appreciation by submitting his name for the re-appointment as Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Bott then moved that Mr. Porter be appointed Deputy Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent

Mr. Porter thanked the Council for this appointment and said he appreciated the confidence placed in him and hoped when officiating he would meet with the approval of the Council.

Mr. Rowlands asked the opinion of the City Council as to the time for possible meetings with the Planning Commission, and other Boards, etc. In the discussion, it was the consensus that evening meetings were suitable, or possibly dinner meetings could be held.

Mr. Cvitanich asked that a letter be sent to the Park Board Commissioner thanking them for the courtesy extended the Council members on behalf of the recent fishing trip.

Mr. Claude Munsey, member of the Naches Pass Tunnel Association said a meeting is to be held in Tacoma the last week in July in reference to the report to be submitted by the Engineering Firm to the State Highway Department. He asked that as many of the members of the City Council be present as possible.

He further asked that the L. I. D. Committee of the Council and the committee concerned with the Regional Transportation Study meet with him in the near future.

Mayor Hanson informed him he could contact Mr. Easterday, Chairman of the L. I. D. Committee on this matter. Mayor Hanson also suggested that he would meet with Mr. Munsey on Thursday at 11 A.M. on the matter.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned, at 10:25 P.M.


Ben Hanson
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Barbara DeRousseau
Deputy City Clerk