

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, August 25, 1958

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Perdue, Porter, Price and Hanson. Absent 1, Humiston.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 1958 be approved as submitted. Motion carried on roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

PETITIONS:

William T. Kennedy: - Requesting reclassification of property at East 10th and Spokane Streets from an R-2 District to an R-3 District. (For referral to the City Planning Commission). X

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15456:

By ANDERSON:

Pledging full cooperation, effort and support to the World's Fair Commission, the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and all other bodies and persons concerned in the promotion and holding of a world's Fair in the City of Seattle, on the site selected by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and rescinding Resolution No. 15382.

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Mr. Anderson said he had a Resolution from the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce which he would like to read at this time.

"WHEREAS, this state in 1961 will play host to an estimated five million out-of-state visitors attracted here by the Century 21 Exposition, a great international event with major emphasis on the wonders of "space-age" science now being planned by some of the nation's outstanding scientists from industry, government, and research centers; and

WHEREAS, this exposition also will extend the hand of friendship to the Pacific nations that comprise this state's prime markets for its export products and will renew ties with our new sister state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Century 21 Exposition can become this state's outstanding promotional effort, displaying to the world Washington's great opportunities for recreational and industrial opportunities as well as showing new uses for its products, THEREFORE.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce go on record as pledging its full and enthusiastic support for the planning of the Century 21 Exposition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce and its various departments work closely with exposition planners and with other groups from throughout the state to insure the exposition is provided with a quality display of this state's potentialities in agriculture, industry and labor."

Mr. Anderson explained that there has been some controversy concerning the proposed site for the Worlds Fair from people in Pierce County and throughout the State. As a result of this controversy, he asked Mr. Jim Faber, who is Public Information Director for the Exposition, to appear before the Council in the event there were any questions that the Council would like to ask.

Mr. Faber explained that there were several points that should be stressed. First, he said the selection of the site did take some time. The site committee has worked on the selection of a site from 1955 to 1957. One of their problems was that $7\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars, that the State contributes, will not buy a "whole exposition", he added. On the present site that has been chosen, there are 4 buildings that will be suitable for the exposition namely: the Ice Arena, Civic Auditorium, Stadium and the State Armory. These buildings would cost about \$10,000,000 to build or replace and this would be a good start towards the needed buildings. The City of Seattle voted a $7\frac{1}{2}$ million dollar bond issue to be used for land acquisition and construction of facilities, all of which would become available to the exposition. Seattle is going to buy the largest parcel of land that is going to be used for the exposition. Seattle relied heavily on the recommendation of the University of Washington Department of Business Research and Stanford Research Institute, and these groups came to a unanimous decision on this site. He said another reason that this site was selected, was, that it is in the center of the largest geographical areas in the State, and estimated that 5 million people residing out of the State would come to the fair. A good portion of the revenue for this affair will have to come from people close at hand. The total estimate of people that will attend the exposition is approximately 12 million. This was estimated by the Stanford Research Institute and many will be "repeaters" from the area, he added. Another point Mr. Faber brought out was that the "Fair Legislation" passed by Congress last week is the first of its kind passed, since 1937, when Congress supported both the New York and San Francisco World's Fairs. He explained that in connection with the exposition, there will be numerous conventions and scientific conferences held and urged Tacoma to promote these conventions for the Tacoma area.

Mr. Anderson said he has heard many questions concerning the parking and accessibility of the site, and asked Mr. Faber to explain this.

Mr. Faber said they are working with the City Engineering Department and the Seattle Transit Company; on a relatively new type of transportation known as the "Monorail", to help the parking situation. The plans now, he said is for a three mile "Monorail" which would connect the Interbay parking area with the site, and also an extension running downtown to the hotels, etc., He said there are a considerable number of used car lots and felt they could and would be used for parking and also that rack parking devices are now being constructed in the Denny Regrade area.

Mr. Bratrud asked to whom these buildings would revert after the exposition is completed.

Mr. Faber replied that there would be a mixed ownership for a two year period until such time as the title is given to the City of Seattle. There are some buildings however, that are being built for State use, but it is the feeling of the Legislature that these should not be of a temporary nature but permanent buildings, which would have civic use for years to come. He suggested one use for the buildings, would be a permanent headquarters for the Washington State International Trade Fair, which has outgrown its present headquarters at the Armory. Another suggestion was for a combination convention and sports facility.

Mr. Easterday asked if Auburn, Midway, and Kent have changed their thinking as to the location of the Exposition.

Mr. Faber said that Mr. Stone, President of the Federal Way Shopping Center, has written, giving his full support of the Seattle site, and has had similar letters from various newspapers in Auburn. Mr. Faber said he did not know all of the groups who were in favor of the Midway Site, but there had been a lot of misrepresentation as to the site, he added.

Mayor Hanson advised that he recognized the fact that the situation

has changed considerably since Council took their action several months ago. At that time, the figures involved in the acquisition of that site, he felt, was sufficient reason to reconsider another location. He said they have recognized the fact and have altered their plans accordingly. Whether the parking problems are solved or not, it will be a tremendous task to accomplish, he added.

Mr. Anderson said he was in favor of the Midway site, but as long as the site has been approved for Seattle, he thought that Tacoma should give their full support to the project, as Tacoma can receive a lot of benefit from the Fair.

Mr. Goering said that she believes Tacoma should adopt a Resolution similar to that of the Chamber of Commerce. Their Resolution, she said, did not mention the site, but merely endorsed the Fair and wished them well.

Mayor Hanson agreed with Mrs. Goering that Tacoma should adopt this type of a Resolution as they are in favor of a successful Fair and was very pleased in the planning and development that had been presented here today, as it shows that a lot of progress has been made in a very short time, he added.

Mr. Bratrud moved that this Resolution be postponed until September 2nd. Seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried on roll call. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Mr. Anderson requested that a Resolution be presented to Council next week supporting the World's Fair Exposition and recinding the previous action of the Council.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Baber for coming to present this information to Council.

Resolution No. 15457:

By EASTERDAY:

Authorizing agreement between the Public Works Department and the Light Division of the Department of Public Utilities for the construction and installation of betterments and improvements to the existing street lighting system of the City of Tacoma (1958 Street Lighting Bond Program).

Mr. Rowlands advised this Resolution was held over from last week so that the Utility Board could study it before it was adopted by the Council. He said they have now submitted a Resolution No. U-931 pertaining to the same subject and felt it would be more advantageous to the City Government to include this provision in the agreement of this Resolution No. 15447 which provides "Either party may periodically review the costs of rendering the service set forth in this agreement and reserves the right to terminate this agreement in the event the costs become inconsistent with the charges set forth herein."

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bratrud to include the above provision in the agreement attached to the Resolution. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 15472:

By BRATRUD:

Appropriating \$8,500.00 from Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay, M. and O. to the General Fund, Capital Outlay of the Police Department, for the purchase of necessary equipment for installation of an interoffice

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communication system in the new County-City Building for the Police Department.

Adopted Mr. Rowlands said he thought it would be better if this equipment were installed in the County City Building prior to moving into the building.

Adopted on roll call, August 25, 1958
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

Resolution No. 15473:

By ANDERSON:

Appropriating \$10,000.00 from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for New City Hall, for the purpose of purchasing and installing certain necessary cables for the intercommunication system of the Police Department.

Adopted on roll call, August 25, 1958
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

Resolution No. 15474:

By ANDERSON:

Approving that portion of the project of the plans entitled "Primary State Highway No. 1." on So. 72nd Street to So. 40th Street in Tacoma.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, to bring the Council up to date on whether these grades conform to the engineering plan. Mr. Schuster, advised that they had checked the grades and they conform to the grades that is desirable for these streets.

Adopted on roll call, August 25, 1958
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

Resolution No. 15475:

By REQUEST OF HANSON:

Approving the appointment of _____ to the Board of Adjustment for the unexpired term of Dutton Hayward, which terminates September 30, 1961.

Mayor Hanson advised that he would submit the name of Mr. Hugh C. Miller, a consulting engineer to fill the unexpired term of Dutton Hayward who has advised that he would accept the appointment.

It was then moved by Anderson, seconded by Bratrud that the name of Hugh C. Miller be inserted in the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

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Resolution No. 15476:

By REQUEST OF EASTERDAY:

Amending Rule 1 of Resolution No. 14836 (Council Rules) regarding meetings, and fixing Monday of each week at 7:30 P.M. as the regular time for said meetings. 352

Mr. Easterday advised that several people had contacted him regarding this Resolution and wanted to appear before Council and be heard. He said they were unable to attend tonight's meeting but could be here at the September 8th meeting.

It was then moved by Mr. Easterday, seconded by Mrs. Price to postpone Resolution 15476 to September 8th. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16177:

Amending the compensation plan to provide for cash reimbursement for meals or transportation resulting from work beyond the regular working hours. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands advised that there are occasions when City officials must take visiting dignitaries out to lunch etc., and they feel that they should not be required to bear this expense. He felt that this Ordinance would provide for payment on such occasions, and this practise would not be abused, he added. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16173:

Vacating the north 10 feet and the south 10 feet of North 47th Street between Mullen and Gove Streets, except alley entrances. Read by title. 341
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Roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

Ordinance No. 16174:

Appropriating the sum of \$16,000 from the General Fund to be transferred to the Police Relief and Pension Fund. Read by title.

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

Ordinance No. 16175:

Authorizing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the condemnation and acquisition of property for a fire station site at So. 56th and Warner Streets. Read by title.

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

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Ordinance No. 16176 :

Authorizing the City Attorney to purchase or institute condemnation proceedings for the purpose of providing a site for the Mayfield Dam and reservoir areas for the Mayfield and Mossyrock Dams, and repealing Ordinance No. 15176. Read by title..

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, advised that by passing this Ordinance it would not necessarily mean that the City would be required to purchase this property, but merely gives the City the authority to proceed when they are ready.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Utilities presents the assessment rolls for the cost of the following Local Improvement Districts:

LID 5293 - Cast iron water mains in Alaska Street from South 64th Street to South 72nd Street.

LID 5295 - Cast iron water mains in North Fir and Cascade Streets from North 17th Street to the end of the Cul-de-sac and in No. 17th Street from Fir to Jiniper Streets.

LID 5296 - Cast iron water main in K Street from So. 68th Street to So. 72nd Street.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue and seconded by Mr. Anderson that September 23, 1958 be the date set for hearing on the assessment rolls. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

This is the date fixed by Council for hearing on the vacation of Hill Street and East N Street and the alley between north of East 38th Street.

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The notices were posted as required by law and the fee of \$100.00 was paid by the petitioner on April 29, 1958. The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the vacation subject to the following conditions.

(1) That the west half of East N Street be retained for future use as right-of-way for a watermain. (2) That a slope easement be provided by the petitioner over a portion of lot 20, Block 8, McKinley Park 4th Addition and the So. 25' of the E 1/2 of that portion of Hill Street to be vacated.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Anderson that the proper Ordinance be submitted, granting this vacation. Motion carried unanimously.

Copy of opinion from the City Attorney regarding Section 2.2 of the City Charter - Organized Reserve. (As requested at the Council meeting of August 18th.)

Mr. Rowlands explained that in the Attorneys opinion the term "Organized Reserve" includes and means any Organized Reserve of all branches of the Armed Services.

Copy of opinion from the City Attorney regarding Henry K. Carlbon and L I D No. 1243. 246

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the City is prohibited from collecting any assessments on this LID by the statute of limitations which barred any action for the collection of assessments since August 5, 1936, as the assessments became delinquent on August 5, 1926. The statute, reads as follows:

"Limitation of foreclosure action. An action to collect a local improvement assessment or any installment thereof or to enforce the lien thereof whether brought by the city or town, or by any person having the right to bring such action must be commenced within ten years after the assessment becomes delinquent, or within ten years after the last installment becomes delinquent, if the assessment is payable in installments."

NEW BUSINESS:

MC - 222 - Outline and Explanation of Examination Procedures currently in effect. X

Mrs. Goering said she had read the MC very carefully and believed it was well presented and answers the questions raised at the Study Session of August 18. The matter, she believes, to be unfortunate, is the fact that complaints, justified or not, can be made and receive publicity and stand in the public's mind; whereas only Council members received the reply to the accusations that were made publicly. She said MC-22 more than answers the accusations that were made and the people who were at the study session will probably never hear the reply to them.

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Tacoma Transit System - Report for July, 1958 X

Personnel Report for the month of July, 1958 X

Finance Department Report - July, 1958 X

Mr. Rowlands advised that the Air Space Committee will be meeting in Washington, D.C. on the 16th of September which is the hearing date for the Tacoma Airport site. 342
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Mayor Hanson advised that they had received an inquiry from the Democratic Headquarters requesting permission to place a banner across the street during the campaign.

Mr. Perdue asked if this were not up to the Manager to determine this matter.

Mr. Rowlands said that this was correct, and that was the reason it is being brought up at this time. He said in the past they have not been permitting this.

Mayor Hanson explained that this should only apply to the two parties and that we should not permit each and every candidate to string banners across the street

Mr. Perdue said that he believed the Council should let the Manager handle this situation and that the Council refrain from interfering in this matter.

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Mayor Hanson said he inquired of the Manager as to how to proceed on this matter and it was decided that it be presented to the Council for their opinion. He said he did not believe it would be fair to "put the Manager on the spot" of refusing the request. I believe, he said, that Council should take the responsibility of either granting the request or refusing it.

Mr. Anderson asked what the Mayor's opinion was on this matter.


Mayor Hanson said that he believed that their request should be allowed. not that it will set a precedent, any further than just allowing the main Headquarters to string one banner across the street. If they meet with the requirements of the Ordinances which means obtaining the consent of the property owner across the street placing the liability bond, etc.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Council instruct the Manager to allow the Republic and Democratic Headquarters to string one political banner at their Headquarters. Seconded by Easterday. Motion carried; Ayes 6; Nays 2, Goering, Perdue; Absent 1, Humiston.

There being no further business, or comments from the audience, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.


President of the City Council

Attest


City Clerk